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Band membership is open to all area musicians. Woodwind, Brass and Percussion players are invited to join the Sharon Concert Band.

There is no formal audition required to play, but the members are expected to make a serious commitment to rehearse and perform a challenging repertoire.

The Roy Scott Big Band is a limited-membership ensemble. When positions become available preference is given to Concert Band Musicians.

For more information, contact Jim via email: or (508) 740-1144; or contact Alan (781) 784-6585

Rehearsal Information

Schedule

Sharon Concert Band: Thursdays, 7:15 - 8:45 p.m.

Roy Scott Big Band: Thursdays, 8:45 - 10:00 p.m.

Ensembles

Sharon Concert Band

The 50+ member Sharon Concert Band plays a wide variety of music from the symphonic band repertoire. Our Summer concerts are fun for the entire family, including stirring marches, show tunes, familiar favorites, "kid stuff", and patriotic melodies.

Roy Scott Big Band

The repertoire of the Roy Scott Big Band covers over 60 years of great music from the original classics of the Swing Era to the current hits of the Swing Revival. Our Summer concerts feature a wide range of favorites - swing, jazz, rock, pop, "cool" jazz, funk, bebop, blues, and Latin. Enjoy the full rich sound only a fully instrumented 19-piece big band can provide.

A Message from the President

Thanks for being a part of the Sharon Bands' 2010/2011 season. We appreciate your support and hope you enjoy listening to the concert as much as we enjoy preparing and performing. Our musicians come from all around the southern metro area, and we perform at venues across the same region. This is our 23rd season and follows our busiest summer ever with over a dozen performances.

We can't do it alone. The band would like to thank all of those who have helped us along the way; our families who provide support and put up with our practicing, our audiences who make it all worthwhile, and our sponsors who help provide the financial support necessary. Please make the circle complete by patronizing our wonderful sponsors.

If you enjoy the show please tell others and remember you can always get a schedule of our concerts at www.sharonbands.org.

Thanks for coming, and enjoy the show.

Mike Benjamin
President, Sharon Bands

About the Bands

The Sharon Bands were founded in 1988 by the late Roy Scott, under the auspices of the Sharon Recreation Department. They have grown from a handful of Sharon residents to over 50 musicians from many area communities ranging in age from early teens to eighties. Our members include developing students; adults who have picked up their instruments after many years; musicians with professional training and experience; and music teachers.

They come together because this organization offers one of the best opportunities in the area to make quality music in a collegial atmosphere.

The **Sharon Concert Band**, which plays the symphonic band repertoire, and the **Roy Scott Big Band**, specializing in swing, jazz, and dance music.

Sharon Bands in the Community



As a community arts organization, the Sharon Bands are committed to bringing a quality live music experience to Sharon and the surrounding communities. The Bands produce a variety of innovative indoor concerts during the fall and winter months. During the summer, you will find the bands performing summer concerts at a number of band stands throughout the region. Membership in the band is open to everyone, from talented youth to senior citizens and all musicians in between.

The Sharon Bands also support local and charitable organizations by performing at reduced rates or in some cases performing for free. An essential part of our mission is to give back to the community to the extent allowed by our limited finances. Your financial support will enable us to continue and even expand this vital activity

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Steve Bell - Conductor/Music Director

Stephen Bell is entering his fourth year as the musical and artistic director for the Sharon Concert Band and the Roy Scott Big Band. During these past three years both groups have performed at high levels in a wide variety of concert venues. These memorable performances have included notable professional guest artists, local singers, dancers and narrators.

For the past 10 years Mr. Bell has also been the Director of Instrumental Music at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy where he directs the ENC Symphonic Winds, the 4 O'clock Jazz Band and instructs various instrumental methods classes. Mr. Bell also maintains a private teaching schedule with the Pembroke Public Schools. A former music educator with the Rockland Public Schools for 34 years, Mr. Bell is a recipient of the Lowell Mason Award presented by the Massachusetts Music Educators Association. Mr. Bell has studied conducting with John Paynter, Malcolm Rowell and Frank Battisti and has served as the guest conductor for the Southeast Massachusetts School Bandmasters Association, SEMSBA, on numerous occasions.



Rich Reynolds - Assistant Conductor

Richard, a former conducting student of Aaron Copland and Leonard Bernstein, has an extensive background in both classical and jazz music. Besides conducting, Rich has performed as trumpeter with many professional ensembles, including Boston Pops, the Chicago Civic Orchestra, the National Symphony, and the Lawrence Welk Orchestra. A noted lecturer and educator he has also made recordings for A & M, Non Such, and London Records.

Rich attended Hartt College of Music at the University of Hartford, and Syracuse University. Rich served as conductor of the Sharon Community Concert Band and it's sister ensemble, the Roy Scott Big Band for over eight years.

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Concert Schedule



Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 5, 2010

Our 23rd season kicks off with a program featuring symphonic and jazz renditions of familiar seasonal songs. Special guest jazz vocalist and recording artist Amanda Carr accompanies both bands for a truly gleeful concert.

Jazzy Valentine

Friday, February 11th, 2011

The Roy Scott Big Band will perform a nostalgic “Jazzy Valentine” concert in a lively ballroom dancehall setting, with songs from a by-gone era.

World Tour of Dance

Saturday, March 12, 2011

Sharon Concert band will be joined by local dance studios in a joint performance showcasing various dance styles from around the globe.

Pops Concert

Saturday, May 7, 2011

Our ever popular annual rite of Spring, the bands present a wide range of popular standards and newer compositions. Table service of light refreshments is provided.

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