



90th
Annual Summer
Concert Series

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A HISTORY OF THE MUNICIPAL BAND



The Charlottesville Fire Department with Band and Drum Corps - 1921

The Municipal Band of Charlottesville is a nonprofit organization of 90 volunteers dedicated to excellence in the performance of free high quality band and ensemble music. Members are local residents of all ages and from all walks of life, who dedicate over 12,000 volunteer hours a year to their mission. In continuous operation since 1922, the Band serves the communities of Charlottesville and Albemarle and surrounding counties, providing musical entertainment and education, and representing the City of Charlottesville at civic and other special events. The Municipal Band is maintained by the dedication of its members and the support of Charlottesville and Albemarle government, local businesses, individuals, and area foundations.

As Charlottesville's official band, it performs at numerous civic and ceremonial events for the City, including Independence celebrations, recognition concerts for the Armed Forces, local dedications, and Piedmont Virginia Community College commencements. The Band has represented Charlottesville before many visiting dignitaries, including seven sitting U.S. Presidents, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and at least 16 Virginia governors and lieutenant governors, and regularly performs at the Naturalization Ceremony for new U.S. citizens held at Monticello every July 4th. The Band's six ensembles perform as many as 30 free performances for community youth and senior citizens, in schools, churches, retirement homes, and at various other community festivals and functions.

The full band performs about 14 concerts each year, and small ensembles from the organization are called upon to play events around central Virginia. During the performance season, the band and ensembles perform 45-50 free concerts, reaching

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