

Gem City Band Currently Accepting Applications for the Position of Jazz Ensemble Music Director

Announcement date: Friday, May 17, 2019

BACKGROUND

Gem City Band (GCB) consists of two musical groups: Gem City Concert Band, which performs wind ensemble repertoire such as symphonic overtures, show tunes, traditional concert band literature and march favorites; and the Gem City Jazz Ensemble, specializing in swing, jazz, funk, and big band charts. GCB is comprised of 50+ members from Erie County.

GCB is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization offering area musicians of all ages and backgrounds a fun-filled, yet disciplined, environment to share the joy of music. Members include experienced professionals, music educators, and dedicated amateurs who enjoy the opportunity to perform and entertain throughout the community. Membership in this all-volunteer group is open to anyone with sufficient music proficiency, discipline, and commitment to GCB.

ACTIVITIES

GCB's season is year-round, with weekly rehearsals on Tuesday evenings from 6:15 to 9:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church. Jazz Ensemble meets from 6:15 until 7:45 p.m. and the Concert Band rehearses from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

GCB typically performs five concerts for St. John's Lutheran Church, including a spring, summer, and Christmas concert by the Concert Band, and a winter and summer concert by the Jazz Ensemble. GCB is also actively involved in local and senior entertainment, usually performing 20+ concerts at various community events and celebrations throughout Erie County, as well as numerous nursing homes and retirement communities.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

- Select the Jazz Ensemble musical repertoire
- Select and order new music within budgetary guidelines
- Conduct and coordinate the content, activities, and structure of weekly jazz rehearsals
- Determine and conduct jazz concert programming
- Serve on Board of Directors
- Arrange for substitute director when unavailable for rehearsals or concerts
- Recruit new members

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Strong musical background in jazz and jazz ensembles
- Ability to motivate and elicit the best efforts of band members in a serious and challenging, yet fun, environment
- Ability to communicate and work well with band members who possess a wide range of experiences
- Strong and enthusiastic commitment to community music and service
- Commitment to the continued growth, success, and longevity of GCB

COMPENSATION

This is an unpaid, volunteer position, although a small yearly stipend will be offered. Benefits include the satisfaction of conducting enthusiastic and dedicated musicians who come together each week because they share the love of making quality music. You will also enjoy developing individual skills and talents, and providing entertainment for the Erie community. Most importantly, you will enjoy and relish the new friendships you form, because GCB is more than people meeting in a rehearsal room each week; GCB is a family who supports and encourages one another in all things music and beyond.

SUBMISSION

To be considered for this position, please submit a cover letter and resume, including recent conducting experience and references, to GCB at tristan.mccray@gmail.com or via mail at:

Music Director Search Committee
Gem City Bands
12550 Ormsbee Rd
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Email (PDF or MSWord) submissions preferred.

ADDITIONAL INFO

For additional information on GCB, visit online at www.gemcitybands.org.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

Please have submission completed no later than June 30, 2019.