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UPCOMING EVENTS

2018 MSU ALUMNI BAND FALL REUNION

Saturday, October 6, 2018 vs. Northwestern
Game Time: 12:00 p.m. (Homecoming!)

https://msu_alumni_band_2018_fall_reunion.eventbrite.com/ Available mid-August

- 7-7:45 a.m. Check-in
(Band Hall in Dem Hall)
- 7:45 a.m. Indoor music rehearsal starts
- 9:00 a.m. Drill rehearsal
(SMB Turf Field at Munn,
NW corner of Chestnut & Shaw)
- 10:15 a.m. LUNCH
- 11:00 a.m. Meet at Adams Field
(formerly Landon Field)
- 11:10 a.m. March to the stadium
(Uniform is Alumni Band T-Shirt)
- 11:20 a.m. Enter stadium with wristband
and turn in name tag (go to seats)
- 12:00 p.m. Kickoff: MSU vs. Northwestern

Postgame: Form on field to play + march to Dem Field. After halt, break to cheer on SMB, then join SMB for postgame comments and sing *Shadows*.

NEW postgame reception — donuts & cider w/ SMB.

Public parking information:

<https://gameday.msu.edu/Parking.html>

2018 MSU ALUMNI BAND GOLF OUTING

Friday, October 5, 2018
9:00 a.m. at Oak Lane Golf Course

Please see insert for details

HOMECOMING PARADE: October 5, 2018

Parade info is available on the Eventbrite Reunion registration site link above.

2019 MSU ALUMNI BAND CONCERT REUNION
Sunday, May 5, 2019

a Message from the President



Photo by Mark Hansen

First, and most important, most impressive, most worthy of celebration: the long-awaited expansion and renovation of our music facilities is happening! The new Music Pavilion was officially started with an announcement celebration on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 in the Cook Recital Hall. I attended for the alumni and heard Dean Forger preside for a group of speakers that included Interim Pres. Engler, Trustee Byrum, Campaign Chair Dee Cook, and current student (and SMB Drum Major) Nicole Sanford. It was fun, impressive, emotional, and the best example of “Spartans Will” ever for music. Dee Cook deviated from her prepared remarks entirely and has been widely quoted for what she said, “I feel just like a little girl on Christmas Eve.” If you are local, take a drive around West Circle; trees are down, fencing is up, equipment is spotted. I never thought this would happen in my lifetime.

Our spring reunion went well, numbers were up. Many thanks to Dave Catron, Kevin Sedatole, David Thornton, and the students who volunteered to play to ensure we had a quality ensemble.

Just preceding the Pavilion celebration, your alumni band went on its first ever cruise ship tour of Athens, Corinth, and Santorini, Greece; Kotor, Montenegro; Taormina, Sicily; Naples and the Amalfi coast, Italy; and Barcelona, Spain. The 850-seat, first-quality auditorium on board the Crown Princess provided a fabulous venue that produced large and appreciative audiences who hailed from all over the world. Many thanks to Kevin Sedatole, David Thornton, and Simon Holoweiko for their talents and participation. Very special praise for Stacie Detgen and Jack Nelson who put the whole thing together for us. The story is told through photos and commentary in subsequent pages of this edition of the *Encore*.

Next up, an outstanding football season and our fall reunion Saturday, October 6, 2018 — Homecoming, and vs. Northwestern. See everyone then. Go Green!

Greg Pell, President, MSU Alumni Band Association

- ➔ See more of the Music Pavilion at <http://music.msu.edu/pavilion> or contact Rebecca Surian, senior director of development for the College of Music at surian@msu.edu.

ONLINE REGISTRATION BEGINS IN EARLY AUGUST!

The link to register is: https://msu_alumni_band_2018_fall_reunion.eventbrite.com/. Read through the instructions (scroll down to see all of them) and fill out the information thoroughly. You may pay your annual dues, register for the reunion, select a lunch option, and sign up to participate in the Homecoming Parade and the golf outing. It's a secure site that accepts credit card information and speeds up the process for everyone. You still have the option to pay by check (as shown on the web site). Music will be posted online. If you have any questions, please contact us at alumband@msu.edu.

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MSU to Construct New Music Pavilion



Courtesy MSU College of Music.

It's happening! MSU has begun construction on a 27,000 square-foot Music Pavilion! The project, which includes 8,500 square feet of renovated space, will increase the total facility space by more than 40 percent. An announcement and celebration took place June 27, 2018 at Cook Recital Hall on the MSU campus. The long-planned project was cemented last summer thanks to lead gifts from donors that totaled more than \$7 million. More than \$11 million in private support has been secured toward a \$17.5 million fundraising goal.

The new facility will extend west and south toward West Circle Drive and attach to the façade of the current music building. College of Music Dean James Forger stated, "New and renovated spaces facilitate student learning in leading-edge programs, attract and retain talent, and further strengthen the college's position on national and world stages." \$6.3 million in gifts are still needed to fund the project in full.

➔ To learn more, visit the Music Pavilion campaign website at <https://givingto.msu.edu/music-facility.cfm> or contact Rebecca Surian, senior director of development for the College of Music at surian@msu.edu.

Dr. Arris Golden returns to MSU

Congratulations and welcome back to Dr. Arris Golden who returns to MSU as assistant director of bands and associate director of the Spartan Marching Band!

Golden comes to MSU from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, having served as the assistant director of University Bands. She was the music director of the Marching Tar Heels, director of the Women's Basketball Pep Band, conductor of the Symphony Band, and guest conductor with the Wind Ensemble. She also taught courses in music education.

Prior to her appointment at UNC-Chapel Hill, Golden was director of athletic bands at Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC. (2008–2009). In addition, Golden served eight years as the director of bands at Gravelly Hill Middle School in Elfand, North Carolina, where she conducted an internationally recognized middle school concert band.

"Arris brings creativity as a conductor and over 20 years of experience as an award-winning music educator in North Carolina, where her artistry in the concert hall, the classroom, and on the marching band field has been clearly seen," says Dean James Forger.

"Our students are going to love Arris Golden's energy and enthusiasm for her job," says David Thornton. "Her teaching experience and knowledge of our program will allow her to have an immediate impact."

Golden holds degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill, and UNC-Greensboro. She recently completed the doctor of musical arts in wind conducting from MSU and is a 2014 recipient of an MSU Distinguished Fellowship.

Alumni Band Football Tailgates – Join Us!

The Alumni Band will again be hosting tailgate parties prior to each home game this season, excluding the first Friday night game. Look for us on the north side of Adams Field in front of Landon Hall. Note that this may change due to construction of the new Music Pavilion. Check the MSU Alumni Band Facebook and Twitter pages for updates. Tents, chairs, coolers, corn hole, and grill will be provided. Please bring your own food, drinks, and Spartan spirit! If you have questions, please feel free to contact Whitney Lorenz at lorenzwhitney@gmail.com.

Beryl's Beat *summer* 2018

Barry, Jim ('73, *Trumpet*) shares that son Mark, ('06, *Jazz Studies*) is the drummer in Lord Huron. Their song, "The Night We Met" was certified platinum by the RIAA. Go Green & Platinum!

Book, Steven ('10, *Trumpet*) is in his 7th year teaching social studies and theatre at Stoney Creek High School. He directed six musical theatre productions working part of "The Series" into the choreography for each and every show. Married to a fellow Spartan with a baby girl, Breslyn!

Carl, Carrie ('94, *Mellophone*) has taught middle school science for 23 years.

Draeger, Tim ('86, *Tuba/Big Ten flag*) and **Rachel's** ('88, *Color Guard*) daughter #1 enrolled at MSU! A backup snare for the Strolling Spartans, she was too busy as a student manager for women's basketball to play in the SMB. Daughter #3 is the Lake Fenton HS marching band's senior drum major under the direction of SMB alums Ryan Gonder and Sean Spicer.

Fisk, Al ('78, *Trombone*) is a happily retired choir teacher. He sings with the Grand Rapids Barber-shop Chorus. He finished a week-long mission trip to Nicaragua and a bicycle ride up the west coast of Michigan.

Gillette, Tom ('80, *Baritone*) enjoys conducting the fabulous musicians of the Meridian Community Band, Okemos, MI. They're a very forgiving group!

Harvey, Robert ('85, *Percussion*) has lived in Sterling Heights since 1995 with wife Jennifer and daughters Meghan and Erin. Meghan is a sophomore at MSU.

Hogan, Melissa ('88, *Alto Sax*) is in her 28th year in education. After 20 years in school counseling she is now in a HS ELA classroom full time. Her near-12-year-old daughter is beginning her band experience in the brass section at school!

Hunter, George ('94, *Trumpet*) shares that work keeps him busy. He volunteers as a referee for Flat Track Roller Derby (men's, women's and youth leagues.) He and his wife foster/rescue Siberian huskies for the Hairy Houdini Siberian Husky Rescue.

Kelly, Jack ('86, *Big Tens*) shares that son, Ross, is a sophomore snare in the MSU Drumline.

Kressler, Jeff ('69, *Trombone*) keeps busy in retirement and enjoys making music as much as ever.

Kressler, Dave (*Trumpet*) visited Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar (Burma) and Laos last February. Visited Iceland last August.

Kressler, Peter ('65, *Trombone*) had the privilege of being 75!!

Lovoll, Rhonda ('84, *Trumpet*) is a critical care nurse at Sparrow Hospital and a nursing supervisor at HGB. She is married with two children, Molly (22) and Jordan (19), a junior at MSU. She traveled with husband Les to Switzerland, Austria, Norway, Germany and Italy.

Markwick, Jack ('70, *Trumpet*) and Janet are fully retired and moved to Delavan, WI to be near their sailboats as they race a Flying Scot. He is in the first year of two as commodore of the Delavan Lake Yacht Club. They continue to watch three grandchildren two days a week.

McAndrews, Parker ('16, *Percussion*) recently obtained a doctorate!

McDaniel, Arlene ('84, *Alto Sax*) completed her 5th year as an adjunct music instructor at Hillsdale College. She teaches private jazz piano, performs with the faculty jazz ensemble The Hillcats, and performs with jazz ensembles and as a solo jazz pianist all around the state of Michigan. She and John plan to celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary in Barcelona, Spain at the end of the Alumni Band Mediterranean Tour in June.

McLeese, Shannon ('09, *Color Guard*) is a nature preschool teacher at the Kalamazoo Nature Center, and working on a Master of Arts in Teaching in Biological Sciences through Miami University.

Navarro, Gus ('14, *Percussion*) is a graduate student at Wayne State in Detroit, and works at Detroit's public radio station.

Nelson, Henry ('47, *Piccolo-Flute*) has 16 family and close relatives who are MSU (4, MSC) alumni, nine of whom have played in an MSU (or MSC) band. He makes 10! He plays tuba in the Asbury Brass Quintet; flute and piccolo with the MSU Alumni Band and the Scottville Clown Band; and has soloed on piccolo and tuba the past three years with the SMB at the annual SMB/Sparrow Hospital Concert for Kids. His biggest project these days is arranging for the various ensembles, all of which "help keep him out of the saloons!" He was also the first president of the MSU Alumni Band, and is now 95 years old.

Outman, Richard J. (*Trumpet*) participates in the Scottville Clown Band.

Perry, Dennis ('70, *Trombone*) traveled to see the total eclipse in Nebraska.

Phillips, Dan ('76, *French Horn*) is finishing up his 19th year as associate professor of horn at the

University of Memphis (not that OTHER U of M). He plays in the Memphis Brass Quintet, the Memphis Woodwind Quintet, the Memphis Symphony, and freelances extensively.

Prange, Larry ('92, *Trombone*) moved to Grand Rapids, where he is an attorney for Gordon Food Service. He is married to Suzanne Knecht (unfortunately, a U of M graduate), and has two kids, Patrick (12), and Sophia, (7). He is an avid cyclist and antique car buff.

Reeves, Jodi ('85, *Mellophone*) after 27 years at Sparrow Hospital as an emergency department nurse, took early retirement to search for a new challenge. Still in nursing, still full time, but different and with better hours! The twins are now 13 (almost 14) and Hope is a freshman in high school. Faith is in 8th grade as a special education student and is obsessed with Scooby-Doo!

Sams, Ronald ('72, *Trombone*) and family were featured in the summer 2017 issue of *MSU Alumni Magazine* for their contributions to the MSU Bands and MSU.

Schemm, Bonnie ('68, *Alto Sax*) works as a publications associate at The Roeper School, owns a publications layout business, has MSU season football tickets, and loves the SMB. Go Green!

Sisco, Keith (*Tuba*) is a retired State Police trooper; toured with Windiana Concert Band (playing Pearl Harbor this past New Year). He is also part of the North Oakland Concert Band — board of directors, low brass section leader; Genesee Wind Symphony; North Oakland Dixieland Band; and Genesee Valley Concert Band. Former Principal Musician 5th Michigan Regiment Band (Civil War reenactment band).

Stehouwer, Christy ('96, *Big Tens*) made it into academic advising at MSU! Spartans WILL meet their advisor!

Thoma, August ('75, *Alto Sax*) is associate conductor of the Sanibel (FL) Big Arts Concert Band and tour director for Brightspark Travel (student travel company).

vanSchagen, John ('83, *Trombone*) is director of medical education at Mercy Health in Grand Rapids, and senior vice chair for MSU Dept. of Family Medicine.

White, Bill ('75, *Percussion*) was named Banker of the Year in 2017 by the Michigan Bankers Association.

Zeltzer, Paul ('14, *Tuba*) works in Kent, OH for Land O'Lakes.

TO VIEW UPCOMING MSU BANDS CONCERTS VISIT:

<http://music.msu.edu/event-listing/by-category/tag/bands>

SELECTED CONCERTS ARE ARCHIVED AT:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MusicMSU>

SHARE + PRESERVE YOUR MSU BAND STORIES

We would like to compile our members' MSU Band stories. You've told them, now share them! If you could help, please jot down any stories you remember from your days in the MSU Bands. Email them to Bob Rice, Alumni Band historian, at rrice10325@sbcglobal.net. With your permission, we would like to use them as part of our 50th reunion celebration.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS HONORED



President Greg Pell and Director of Bands Kevin Sedatole with this year's recipients. (Photo credit: Jim Barry)

Outstanding musicians Tyler Austin and Sydney Robinson were presented the Kenneth G. Bloomquist and John L. Whitwell Scholarships at the alumni band spring reunion on April 29. Your donations during the reunion registration process at both fall and spring reunions make these scholarships possible. Thank you!

The Alumni Band gets Social

You can find us on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. Follow us for the latest news and information on alumni band happenings and events, as well as live coverage of performances at the reunions, Pentwater, holiday bands, and more!

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Mediterranean Music:

The MSU Alumni Tour Band returned from a wonderful Mediterranean cruise, having experienced the trip of a lifetime! Tour band coordinators Stacie Detgen and Jack Nelson teamed up to make this epic tour a success. The group's 70-member entourage arrived in Athens on June 11 and sailed on the Crown Princess, arriving in Barcelona on June 23. Many enjoyed an eye-opening three-day extension in Barcelona.



Barcelona, Spain: Friends gather to enjoy the beauty of the Summer Solstice Festival.



Dinner at sea: The Mackey family enjoys formal dining aboard the Crown Princess.



Amalfi, Italy: Amalfi hugs the mountainside coastline.



Jack Nelson's baritone saxophone rated its own seat.



(Top): Pompeii, Italy: This colonnade withstood the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius.
(Left): Kotor, Montenegro: The Crown Princess anchored in the breathtaking harbor.



A Santorini special: Beef Stifado — beef with pearl onions, vegetables, spices and fried potatoes.



Corinth, Greece: local musicians making both music and smiles.



Concert time: The band performs in the Crown Princess auditorium.



Barcelona, Spain: Parc Güell, one of Gaudi's unique masterpieces.

Alumni Tour Band Sails

MSU Directors Kevin Sedatole, David Thornton, and Simon Holoweiko helped the well-instrumented ensemble make beautiful music during the tour. Reflecting on the experience, Jack Nelson said, "The trip was wonderful, with great scenery and wonderful sights. But, it was so much more because of tour traveling companions with a common interest in making music together and representing MSU." The photos here capture some of their incredible experiences!



Aboard the Crown Princess: Lanie and Bob Rice tuned and ready.



Athens, Greece: Two travelers on the Acropolis before the Erechtheion — a temple dedicated to Athena and Poseidon (or on that day to Nancy and Jack Nelson?).

Since *our* Last Issue

Scenes *from the* 2018 MSU Alumni Concert Band Reunion

Photo credit: Jim Barry

Our annual spring concert brought out the largest number of musicians since 2012: 67 musicians on stage. Graduation years for participants ranged from 1947 to 1998, typical for most spring concerts. We want to encourage our recent graduates and

young alumni to join us, boosting the 1990s–2000s group! We're grateful for everyone's participation — including our three student percussionists who filled in our ranks. Join us next year on Sunday, May 5, 2019 for a day of fun, camaraderie, and music!



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