



Southshore Concert Band  
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### **From our Director:**

Spring is just around the corner, and it's time to make sure your calendar is marked so you don't miss the Southshore Concert Band's program on the Mendel Mainstage. It's scheduled for Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please make note of the earlier start time for this concert.

The music for this concert will get your Spring energy flowing with lively pops selections, marches, jazzy medleys and a couple of very beautiful ballads just to make sure things don't get too rowdy.

The program includes a medley of Henry Mancini hits, arranged by Berrien County's own Rich Bressler from Dowagiac; a medley of jazz/rock hits from Tower of Power; two classic marches: *Them Basses* and *The Klaxon*; a jazzy composition entitled *Scootin' On Hardrock*; and a few other very pleasant and entertaining selections.

It's been a busy and successful season for Southshore, and it's hard to believe we're half way through already. The band accepted several new members this year as we continue to grow. Please be sure to be in the attendance on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. to welcome those new members with the warm reception of our Southshore audience.

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**Southshore Concert Band**  
*In residence at Lake Michigan College*

### **From Our Board President:**

I was recently able to listen to several area school bands and orchestras play at our district band and orchestral festival. The festival involved each group playing three songs and receiving scores and comments back from the judges. As I sat there listening to the selections, I found myself amazed and delighted at the number of young people committing to music, and how much they were able to achieve after only a few years of being introduced to their instruments. The process of learning the names of the notes, the rhythms, the fingerings and then coming together as a whole is such a magical experience – and I don't know if they understand quite yet the amazing opportunities ahead of them as they start along this musical path.

Having been in band for more years than these students have been alive, I am constantly so grateful to the schools and teachers who first put that instrument in my hands. Playing the flute has

brought years of joy and enrichment to my life in a way that is hard to put into words.

Sadly, many people who play an instrument are unable to find a group to continue playing with after school or college. I owe a debt of gratitude to the several adult musicians who had the idea to form a community band in the southwest Michigan area over 26 years ago and made it happen.

So, I simply want to say thank you to everyone. Thank you to the teachers who started this process, thank you to passionate musicians who have kept it going, and thank YOU for the enthusiastic support you give to our band – we love to perform for you. This is a great community!

**Joelle Regovich, President**



## ***Annual Spring Concert***

***“Spring is in  
the Air”***

***Sunday, April 22, 2018***  
**1:00 p.m. – earlier time**  
***Mendel Center Mainstage – Free***

This concert is sponsored in part by:  
Henry's Hamburgers, Taylor Rental, Woodhams Ford of South Haven and Quinlan and Fabish of Stevensville.

### **Summer Concert Series:**

**Thursday, June 7** – The Common  
Buchanan, 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, June 16** – Dewey Cannon Park,  
Three Oaks, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, June 28** – Ely Park,  
Hartford, 7:00 p.m.

### **Honorary Members:**

The band sincerely appreciates the generous support of all of our Honorary Members in helping us fulfill our mission of sharing “The Joy of Music”. This is a grateful “Thank You” from all of us.