

# Sharon Bands March 2020 Newsletter

## Upcoming Rehearsals

Thursday, March 12th - SCB only at Brockton High School (7:15-9:00)

Thursday, March 19th - Both Bands at SMS\*\* Steve is requesting that concert band folks be ready to play at **7:00**. As this will be our dress rehearsal for the 3/22 SCB concert, this could be turned in to an SCB only rehearsal. A decision will be made at the conclusion of rehearsal this week.

Thursday, March 26th - Both Bands

We have a couple of conflicts in mid May with the middle school. The board is working on a rehearsal schedule for May.

## Upcoming Performances

SCB - March 22nd at Victory Church

SCB - March 29th at East Weymouth Congregational Church

RSBB - April 5th possible concert at Eastern Nazarene - email with more info/survey to come

SCB/RSBB - May 3rd Pops Concert @ TBD

Please check the members page for more information about our summer performances. More performances will be added over the next couple of months.

## Coronavirus Concerns

In regard to the current concerns around the coronavirus, the Sharon Bands continues to plan to play our performances over the next few weeks, unless advised to do otherwise by the Town or the State. Please note that we are closely monitoring the situation, and are taking our cues from local authorities as well as the Sharon Public Schools and other area community groups

We are in contact with the venues for the two SCB concerts on March 22nd and March 29th to put contingency plans in place. We are also monitoring all recommendations from the CDC and local public health officials. **With the concerns about communal food at this time, we are asking for individually wrapped food items only for the concert reception on March 22nd.**

If you have not done so already, please familiarize yourself with the following information from the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/share-facts.html>

The board recognizes that there is a certain level of anxiety related to this, and that members have varying levels of reservations about performing or rehearsing at this time. Our attendance policy will be flexible during this time. If you feel

uncomfortable attending a rehearsal or performance, you need to do what works for you. Please contact the personnel managers if you intend to miss a rehearsal or performance.

In the midst of all of this, the buzz around our upcoming performances is still very positive. We are continuing social media promotion and flyers and truly appreciate your sharing, liking, etc. If there are those in the organization who have thoughts and concerns for themselves, the band, the audience – please feel free to let the board know.

### **Chart Donations**

There are a number of new pieces that both bands are preparing available if you are interested in donating a chart. Please see the attached document for an email that Laura sent out a few days ago about chart donations. Each donation goes a long way in allowing the bands to play fresh repertoire.

### **Irene Scott Award Nominations**

The board is accepting nominations for the 2020 Irene Scott Award. If you have somebody that you would like to nominate, please email the Board with your nomination. Below is a description of the award:

The Sharon Bands created the Irene Scott Community Spirit Award to recognize an individual or organization associated with the bands who, like Irene, demonstrates outstanding community spirit in his or her support of the Bands. Irene's great legacy was her loving, welcoming demeanor, and her passion to support and nurture the Band. She accepted all, regardless of background, age, or ability who loved music and were willing to make the effort to thrive and grow with the group. Irene taught us all that the real meaning of joining the band was not simply to make music, instead it was to join together weekly in a congenial, community atmosphere to pursue our passion for music.

A spirit of community and selfless volunteerism is essential to the success of our group. Given the diverse and voluntary nature of the membership, it is incumbent for all members to assist others, be welcoming in both spirit and deed, and be tolerant of the wide range of talents and abilities represented in this community-based organization. And without the extensive efforts of many volunteers, the Bands could not function and survive. Although she never played an instrument, a member's first introduction to the Sharon Community Band "family" was the welcoming smile of Irene Scott, our band "mother". Her spirit of caring and support serve as a shining example for all to follow.

The Irene Scott Community Spirit Award is awarded at most annually to an individual or organization who, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, embodies a strong spirit of community and selfless volunteerism as exhibited by Irene. This award is not limited to just current or former band members, but can also include anyone from the community at large whose efforts have helped further the mission of the Bands. Nominations for this award can be made by any active Band member.

Thanks,  
Matthew Leftin

Hi All,

Sorry for the late distribution of this list. There are some newly purchased charts for the upcoming concert and some new charts recently purchased for the Big Band. It would be great to have these covered for the upcoming concert. Get together with some people from your section or donate on your own.

As always chart donations will be accepted "first come first served" basis. Let me know your choice(s) by return email and you can bring me a check/cash at any rehearsal. When requesting a chart please let me know the name of the chart, and what you would like written on the label. In order to be in the program for the upcoming **Classic Band and Broadway Concert** your chart must be claimed by **March 15**. The list of available charts and their cost appears below. If you would like to sponsor a chart that you do not see on this list or that we played another time please let me know and we can work together to make it happen.

Chart	cost
<b>Concert Band</b>	
Third Suite	\$87.00
Joy	\$90.00
English Folk Song Suite	Donated
Blue and Gray	\$100.00
<b>Big Band</b>	
Overjoyed	\$55.00
Boogie on Reggae Woman	\$50.00
Getaway	\$50.00
Hard to Handle	\$50.00
Hold On I'm Coming	\$50.00
Pick Up the Pieces	\$52.00
Thriller	\$55.00

As always there is also a general band chart fund that will go towards new music for this season covering the cost of charts that are not donated and future music for the band. See you at Brockton next week for a long rehearsal!

Thanks for your support,  
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