

Our History

In 1922 Salvadore Coangel organized Shippensburg Town Band. Since its inception, the Town Band has marched in the Memorial Day Parade and other parades in addition to performing at other local and regional events.

The current director of the band is Carl Sponenberg, a highly respected, retired music educator from Big Spring.

Each year the Town Band presents their annual Spring Concert in March or April and an annual Fall Concert in November, drawing a responsive audience from the community.

Fans can watch the band perform at more than 25 events each year which may include:

- Concerts in the Park (Gettysburg, Chambersburg, Shippensburg, surrounding Communities)
- Civil War Re-enactment Concert
- Memorial Day Service at Middle Spring Presbyterian Church
- Summer reading program kick-off at Shippensburg Library
- Fourth of July celebrations
- Shippensburg Fair Vesper Services
- Corn Festival
- Many nursing homes and health care facilities throughout the area

Doctor, lawyer, Indian chief...

The Shippensburg Band doesn't really have an Indian chief (yet) but among the diverse members are students, teens, doctors, lawyers, retired musicians, teachers, senior citizens, and people from all walks of life who simply enjoy playing music. The music is as diverse as the members of the band - marches, classics, pops, movie themes, musical scores, traditional modern hits, and old favorites. There is something for everyone, both the audience and the players.



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The Mission of the Shippensburg Band:

- ♪ Provide entertainment for the community
- ♪ Provide a musical community for people of all ages to continue to play their instruments
- ♪ Encourage members to continue to grow in their musicianship
- ♪ Provide a nurturing environment for young band players



Big Band (Jazz Band)

The *Jazz Band* or *Big Band* which was formed in 1992 by Ron Garman and is now under the direction of Keith Davis. This 18 piece group plays swing and jazz music.

They especially enjoy playing the classic jazz style pieces like *In the Mood* although they showcase a variety of other musical styles and arrangements.



If your group would like to put on their dancing shoes or just relax and listen to those old well-loved, well remembered favorites, the *Jazz Band* would love to entertain you. The *Jazz Band* has played for *Music Under the Stars*, dances, parties, and many retirement and health care facilities.

For further information, Contact Kurt Richter at krichter@innernet.net or call 717-532-7215.



The Annual Spring and Annual Fall Concerts are presented free of charge although donations are gratefully received to help offset expenses. The Shippensburg Band is supported by funds from the United Way and through the generosity of the Shippensburg community.

The Band rehearses all year round on **Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.** in the **Shippensburg Area Senior High bandroom.**

We are always looking for new members, so if you are looking for a group to join, please stop by. All interested musicians are welcome!

If you would like to have one of our bands play for your function contact:

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If you are interested in being on the Shippensburg Band's mailing list, please contact Kurt Richter.



German Band

Pretend you're back in 1810, in a Bierstube or small pub, in a village surrounded by the Tyrolean Alps.

Listen to your favorite beer hall tunes, dance to the Alpine folk songs, relax, clap your hands and sing along, but most of all, enjoy!



The German Band was organized in 1985 so that we could entertain as a typical German brass band. We're all volunteers dedicated to bringing you good music, good fun and *Gemütlichkeit*.

The band plays mainly in the styles of Egerland, Bohemia, Bavaria, and Tirol, with an authentic sound of the best known German and Austrian *Blasmusik* Bands. These are the bands that play regularly at various Oktoberfests -- and the Shippensburg German Band plays the same loved tunes: rollicking beer-drinking songs, traditional melodies, and lively polkas and waltzes.

This is the type of music that gets you to clap your hands, sing along, and dance to the traditional folk tunes usually presented at German festivals -- Music that lifts the soul and defines *Gemütlichkeit*!



Contact: Kurt Richter for further information. We'd love to entertain at your function! *Ich spreche auch Deutsch.*