

MACUNGIE BAND – MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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Thank you for your interest in the Macungie Band. Our band has a long and proud history of performing quality music. Anyone wishing to play band music in a setting of camaraderie and acceptance is welcome to sit in our rehearsals. Musical abilities suitable for a community concert band are expected. Seating and access to the music is at the discretion of the members of the instrument section, the librarian and the executive board.

Rehearsals are held most Tuesday evenings from 8:00 – 9:30 PM at the Church of the Good Shepherd UCC 135 Quarry Rd # 1, Alburtis, PA 18011. If you have on-going interest in playing with us please familiarize yourself with the following policies.

Becoming a Member

Members of Macungie Band enjoy the privileges of common courtesy and volunteer spirit among all members. Members are expected to have the courtesy of attending weekly rehearsals as often as possible. When personal situations prevent regular rehearsal attendance, communication with other members is an important expected courtesy. The business manager and director appreciate the courtesy of prompt responses to performance availability communications. It is considered common courtesy to voluntarily refrain from a performance if unable to attend at least one rehearsal prior to that performance. Members that do not attend at least one rehearsal prior to a performance may be removed from that job.

In order to be considered for *Membership* a musician must:

- attend a minimum of 10 rehearsals
- be approved for nomination consideration by the Executive Board
- be approved by the director
- understand the expectations regarding regular attendance
- understand the importance of courtesy and communication with other members

Qualifying musicians are nominated and voted for membership by the entire band at one of the monthly band meetings.

The Macungie band is a member organization of the American Federation of Musicians (AFM) local 45. In order to play concerts, band members must join the union and pay dues. Band members are paid for most concerts. Contact information for joining the union is found at www.afml45.org

Playing Concerts

All **members** are typically afforded the opportunity to perform at all concerts. However, there may be situations where there are personnel limitations, in which case seniority of membership and other amicable agreements among members are typically made.

In order to be considered for participation in a concert, a *non-member* must:

- attend a minimum of 3 rehearsals (within a reasonably short time frame)
- be approved by the director
- be an AFM Union member