

# History of the Cambridge Concert Band

---

Formed in the late 1800's, the ensemble was first known as the Preston Silver Band. Following the return of our veterans from the World War II it was renamed the Preston Legion Citizen's Band in 1946 and became the **Cambridge Concert Band** in 1973 with the incorporation of Preston, Galt and Hespeler into the City of Cambridge.

Over the years, membership has grown from ten musicians (all men!) to current levels of 40 to 45 men and women of all ages. The Cambridge Concert Band has had an extensive history of success in band competitions at the CNE, Ontario Place, the Waterloo Tattoo and Kiwanis Music Festivals. It was one of three Ontario Bands invited to play at Queen's Park, Parliament Buildings for Ontario's Bi-Centennial by the Government of Ontario in 1986. We have played in support of many community projects including the Cambridge Memorial Hospital Fund, the Preston Memorial Auditorium and the Kinsmen Club. Ongoing performances include a series of free summer concerts in community parks, Remembrance Day services, the Hespeler Santa Claus Parade, Cambridge Canada Day Parade and performances for residents of extended-care homes. In 2004 and 2005, and 2011 the ensemble also had the privilege of performing in the Mayor's Celebration of the Arts.

The Cambridge Concert Band is a non-profit charitable organization, and gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the **City of Cambridge**, the **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 126 (Preston)**, and individual donors.



## Information 2016

---

[www.cambridgeconcertband.ca](http://www.cambridgeconcertband.ca)

## INTRO FOR NEW MEMBERS:

### *Welcome to the Cambridge Concert Band!*

We hope you have a long and happy stay with us. All of us have joined the band for the opportunity to maintain and develop our musical talents through group and solo playing. We enjoy the sociability and friendships gained by interacting with other musicians with similar interests and a love of music.

While we are an independent organization, the CCB has a close association with Branch 126 (Preston) of the Royal Canadian Legion. The Legion has sponsored this band from the very beginning. They grant us free use of their hall for rehearsals and provide a storage room for our music library and equipment. On occasion, we receive financial support from the Legion for special purposes. In return, we perform at several important Legion functions every year, including a Memorial Service at the Preston cemetery on the last Sunday in June and the Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph in Central Park on November 11. Band members are strongly urged to participate in these events to honour our Veterans and to fulfill our commitments to the Legion.

### MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS:

Any person who would like to join the Cambridge Concert Band and is capable of playing at a level found acceptable by the Conductor may become a member. At the discretion of the Conductor, an audition may be required. No member will act in any manner which is detrimental to the interests of the Band.

### REHEARSALS:

- Weekly rehearsals are on Monday evenings, starting at 7:30 p.m. sharp. There are no rehearsals on statutory holidays unless otherwise announced in advance.
- Come at least 15 minutes ahead of time to get set up and ready to play.
- Help arrange chairs in a three-tier semi-circle.
  1. Set up your own music stand - more than one if you have time.
  2. Get your music folder from the black cases.  
Keep the music in your folder in alphabetical order. This avoids wasting the director's and band's time waiting for you to locate a part and saves the librarian's time when removing entire scores from folders.
  3. After practice, return your folder to the music cases and return your stand to the grey boxes. If your instrument has watered on the floor, please wipe it up. Help put away the director's stand, podium and the bulletin board and put garbage into the can in the kitchen.
  4. If you are taking music home to practice, let your section leader know and make sure that the Band President or Secretary have your telephone number and email address. It is your responsibility to have that music back by the next practice or concert!

### ATTENDANCE:

Members are expected to attend all scheduled rehearsals and performances, within reason. If you can't attend a scheduled event, please inform your section leader or Conductor in advance. Should your attendance become irregular, you may be asked to take a temporary leave of absence until you are able to participate in Band functions on a more consistent basis.

### PARTICIPATION:

The CCB is a volunteer organization and Members are expected to participate in fulfilling the various tasks involved in maintaining the band and the organization and set-up of various concert events.

### CONCERTS:

- 1) Sign-up attendance sheets are in the rehearsal hall in advance of all scheduled concerts. Please fill them in. The director and section leaders need to know in advance whether you will or won't participate in each event, so that replacement musicians can be recruited if necessary.
- 2) Arrive at least 1/2 an hour before scheduled starting time to set up and warm up in plenty of time before the downbeat.
- 3) Unless advised otherwise, bring your own music stand to all concerts as we do not normally transport our black stands to these. For outdoor concerts, also bring your own clothespins or something else to keep your music from blowing off your stand.
- 4) Please dress according to instructions given by the President prior to each event. Full dress uniform is a white shirt, black pants and dark footwear.
- 5) During a concert, make sure your seat is in a position where you can see the Director. Audible talking amongst yourselves and foot-tapping should be avoided. Arise as a group for applause when the Director gives the signal.
- 6) When the concert is over, please return music folders to their containers and help stack chairs.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & CONTACT INFORMATION:

The Cambridge Concert Band is a volunteer organization. No Executive Committee Member gets paid for the many functions they perform behind the scenes. Please give them your full co-operation by adhering to the guidelines described in this brochure.

Current 2016 Executive members are:

Rob Valli	President
J.P. Assadourian	Vice President
Karin Wood-Lamont	Treasurer
Julia Kahn	Secretary
Daniela Switzer	Member at Large
Rebekah Derle	Member at Large
Terry Gillespie	Member at Large
Jennifer Mahar	Member at Large

[www.cambridgeconcertband.ca](http://www.cambridgeconcertband.ca)