



Cary Town Band

101 Dry Avenue
Cary, NC 27511-3312

To: Cary-area music teachers, band directors, and parents of student musicians:

The Cary Town Band will present its fifth concert of the 2015-2016 season on Friday April 08, 2016 in the theater at the Cary Arts Center at 7:30 PM. The theme for this concert is "*Play with the Band II*". You can see a description and some of the music being considered for inclusion at the band's web site, www.carytownband.org.

For this very special concert, we are extending an invitation to young wind/percussion instrumental students with limited years of playing experience to sit in with the band for a series of rehearsals and the formal concert in the Cary Arts Center Theater – a "Play with the Adult Non-Pros" community band experience. While any student musician in the greater Cary area may be nominated to play, we especially would like to include those students who only take private lessons, are home schooled, or attend a school with a limited or without a formal band program.

The music will include selections drawn from the band's normal fare of "marches, circus music, waltzes, rags, polkas, famous overtures, and other "pops" classical music of the 1860's to 1920's with an occasional nod to more modern fare" – a repertoire that will be very new and hopefully exciting to most students. Selections will start off with easier grade 1-2 pieces and get progressively more challenging, perhaps all the way up to grade 5-6, depending on the makeup of the full band.

Student participants will have their own music and, where possible, sit beside adults playing the same instruments and parts, with the adults serving as mentors. We envision the students will play in those pieces with which they are comfortable or slightly challenged. As the pieces get harder and the less experienced students feel the challenge is too great, they may simply listen to others play while they remain seated within the band (or optionally leave the stage to listen from the audience).

Local school music directors and private teachers can "nominate" students they feel are advanced enough to enjoy and grow from this experience. We will also entertain requests from parents with children they feel are ready for such a challenge. Who knows – perhaps some may be invited to participate with the band in future concerts.

The Cary Town Band rehearses at the Cary Arts Center, 101 Dry Ave. in downtown Cary on Thursday evenings from 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM with a 10-minute break around 8:30 PM. There will be seven (7) Thursday evening rehearsals for this concert: 25-Feb, 03-Mar, 10-Mar, 17-Mar, and 24-Mar, 31-Mar, and 07-Apr (Dress Rehearsal).

While attendance at all seven rehearsals would be best, it will be required that all student participants attend at least three rehearsals – two regular rehearsals plus the dress

rehearsal. Sponsors or parents are expected to provide transportation to and from the Cary Arts Center for rehearsals and the concert. Participants music will be distributed to them at the first rehearsal they attend.

For logistic and rehearsal space reasons, we must limit the number of student participants to about 30, selected based on instrument played, age and experience, and then pretty much on a first-come-first-serve basis. If you would like to nominate one or more students to participate in this Cary Town Band event, please gather the following information about each nominee:

Student Participant Nominee:

Instrument: _____
 First Name: _____ Last Name _____
 Age: _____ School Grade: _____ Years played: _____
 School: _____ In a Formal Band Program? Yes / No
 Resident of City/Town: _____
 Student Email Address (if any) _____

Student Sponsor Contact Information:

Sponsor type (Teacher, Director, Parent) _____
 Name: _____
 Email Address: _____ Phone # _____

Please forward this information, by email preferred, to director@carytownband.org, or you may nominate by phone by calling 919-847-8806. Nominations should be made by 20-Feb-16. If you have any questions about the event or the selection process, you may contact us at the above email address or phone number. Initial selection of participants will be made by 23-Feb-16. First nominees and sponsors will be notified one way or the other by email no later than 24-Feb-16. Later nominations will be notified no later than 07-Mar-16. When nominating a student, please assure that the student and parents are aware of the rehearsal and transportation requirements.

We look forward to receiving your student nominations and then embarking on what we hope will be an exciting musical experiment and experience for all involved. Thank you,

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 919-847-8806