



## Greetings from the Southern Maryland Concert Band

Author Hans Christian Anderson once remarked, "Where words fail, music speaks."

Thanks to the vision of our founder, Charles Armstrong, the Southern Maryland Concert Band has been "speaking" for the past thirty-five years. The "Community Concert Band" was incorporated in early 1984 in Charles County, largely comprised of former students from his quarter-century of teaching. The following year, the name was changed to "Southern Maryland Concert Band" to reflect the wide geographic diversity of the band's membership and public performance locations.

In the great town band tradition, which dates back to the turn of the 20th Century, our membership is comprised of amateur musicians who seek no reward, other than the joy of making music and serving the community with our gift of music. Continuing a partnership with the College of Southern Maryland, we include student musicians, furthering our community outreach and cultivating the arts throughout Southern Maryland.

Our thirty-sixth season will include two formal concerts at the College of Southern Maryland's Fine Arts Theatre as well as performances at a variety of community venues in the tri-county area, including our annual end-of-summer concert on the steps of La Plata's Town Hall, part of the La Plata Summer Concert Series. Financial support from our partners and friends is vitally important. It enables our all-volunteer band to further its commitment to continued development of quality programming.

As this new season begins, we solicit your support as a business partner or individual contributor. Business sponsors receive a professionally designed advertisement in our printed concert programs, distributed at both of our formal concerts. All levels of support include complimentary tickets, which you can use for yourself, enjoy with friends or family, or donate back to the band for distribution to deserving music students in our area schools. For those considering a contribution for the first time, thank you in advance for your generosity. We sincerely appreciate those of you who have shown us your generous support in the past, and look forward to your continued patronage. Please visit our website located at [www.somdconcertband.org](http://www.somdconcertband.org) for additional information about the band, our performance schedule, and to make secure online payment for your business or individual sponsorship. If you prefer to mail a check, complete and mail the 2nd page of this letter. We look forward to seeing you at one or more of our performances!

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