



# The Definitive Ear

The Official Newsletter of the Spartanburg Community Band – A Non-Profit 501(c)(3) Organization  
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## Letter from the Editor

By: Sharon Laye

Spring is here!!!! We are so happy to kick off our new season with more fantastic music and fun. I am sure all will agree that our last concert "Fling into Spring" was a great start to a new year! We really worked hard to play some challenging pieces and it paid off. I am very proud to be a part of such a great group of musicians.

In order to maintain the level of excellence desired we must remember to practice, come to our weekly rehearsals and stay focused during the short time we have together to play as a group. It is up to each and every one of us to do our part in the rehearsal hall and at home to be able to provide quality music to Spartanburg. By joining the community band we have all made a commitment to be at as many practice sessions as possible. This is key to our success and I am sure we all will do our best to honor that commitment!

As you all know, we are a group of volunteers who come together to spread the joy of music. I would like to challenge each one of you to step in and volunteer to help the band in any way needed. If you have some extra time, help may be needed to coordinate the concerts, help with advertising, sort music, and many other "behind the scene" tasks you may not be aware of. Please ask our President Colleen Felty, Vice President Rich Meehan or any board member if you would like to assist. Any help is appreciated as it takes quite a bit of time and effort to run the band.

Our Summer Ice Cream Sunday concert series is upon us. We are very excited to play at our new venue at Converse College and will welcome back Brusters Ice Cream and Mellow Mushroom Pizza.

Beer and Wine sales will also be available. Everyone practice, come to rehearsal, and get ready for a great Summer!

## Fling into Spring Concert



## Ice Cream Sunday Concert Series

**Ice Cream Sundays**

*It's music made a little sweeter*

**The Spartanburg Community Band**  
Summer Concert Series  
2017

- May 28  
Memorial Day-SCB
- June 4  
Summer Jazz-SJE
- June 11  
Wind Jammers
- June 18  
Dad's Concert-SCB
- June 25  
Summer Jazz-SJE
- July 2  
Red, White and Boom  
- at Barnet Park

Starts at 7:00 PM  
Converse College-Blackman Hall  
(Please look for Spartanburg Community Band signs)  
**Free Admission**  
#9001 (bring your own seating)

**The Spartanburg Jazz Ensemble**

Spartanburg Community Band  
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## **Band Website Gets New Look**

### **By Sharon Free**

Need concert dates to avoid scheduling conflicts or to extend concert invitations to friends? Wondering if rehearsal is still on when the weather is just awful? Well, get the answers to these questions plus more information from the Spartanburg Community Band website.

The website is still accessed from either [www.scband.org](http://www.scband.org) or [www.spartanburgcommunityband.org](http://www.spartanburgcommunityband.org) but the look is all new. Sharon Laye and Sharon Free have updated the site with new information and photos to enhance the site's three major goals:

- Provide up to date information regarding concert dates and rehearsal times
- Attract new members and provide information on how to join the band
- Educate the public about the band in order to encourage concert attendance and sponsorship

Check out the home page for a quick summary of upcoming events and rehearsal announcements. Last minute information about concert or rehearsal cancellations due to weather will be posted here. If the phone tree and email messages don't reach you, check the home page's Rehearsal Announcements section.

For more details about the season's concerts, click on the Concert Schedule tab. Want to know more about the Community Band, the Jazz Ensemble or our conductors? There are pages providing history and background information on these topics too. Never miss reading the Definitive Ear, our band newsletter. Copies are posted on the Newsletter page. And shopping is still easy. Links to Smile.Amazon (the band receives 0.5% of your purchase payment) and the CafePress store for band swag (shirts, hats, mugs and more) can still be easily accessed on the Shop page. While you are cruising the site, don't forget to check out our Sponsors page. We recognize the importance of our sponsors and appreciate the support they provide to the band.

Speaking of appreciation, Sharon Laye and Sharon Free thank Rick Meehan for creating the original site and for providing assistance in getting the new site up and running. Remember the site is there to serve the band and our audience. If you have suggestions for improvements or would like to submit photographs, please contact Sharon Laye or Sharon Free.

# Calendar of Events

## Ice Cream Sunday Concert Series

### \* Change of Venue for Ice Cream Sunday Concert Series \*

The Ice Cream Sunday Concerts will be held at Converse College, Spartanburg, SC this year instead of USC Upstate. (Downbeat is at 7 pm)

May 28<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day) SCB Band

June 4<sup>th</sup> Summer Jazz – SJE

June 11<sup>th</sup> Wind Jammers

June 18<sup>th</sup> (Father's Day) SCB Band

June 25<sup>th</sup> Summer Jazz – SJE

July 4<sup>th</sup> Red, White & Boom – SCB Band at Barnet Park, Spartanburg, SC

**Please remember to wear our official band uniform for the Ice Cream Sunday Concert Series. This uniform includes the band logo shirt and khaki shorts or long khaki pants. If you need a shirt, please see Rick Meehan.**

# DONATIONS

Friends of the bands may utilize PayPal to make donations through this button on the band website.



## FACEBOOK

**Our Facebook page has quickly become one of our most utilized forms of advertisement. Thank you Ben Stanfield and Samantha Lee for all your time and hard work to keep our facebook up to date and keeping the word out about our fabulous band! Keep liking and sharing as this helps more people see our posts!**



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