



# FAQ

*(frequently asked questions)*

*Season 11 – 2017-18*

BGACB is a 100% volunteer organization with musicians from Bowling Green and the surrounding area. Members represent a wide-range of professions, - from education to law, medicine to business, government to engineering. Some are retired. All appreciate the opportunity to share their musical gifts! The “*tie that binds*” is our love for music and for bands. We rehearse weekly. A schedule of events is available at the start of each concert season.

## **WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?**

ADULTS who have successfully participated in high school or college bands can apply for membership. We wish to be as *welcoming* as possible, and typically perform with as many as 70+ players. In sections where interest exceeds our capacity, names of new applicants will be placed on a “wait list” until a vacancy occurs. Members are to rehearse regularly with the band. Exceptions are handled with the conductor on a *case-by-case* basis, preferably in advance. Communication is key. Members often *exceed* expectations, and we continue to enjoy a thriving *esprit de corps*.

## **IS THERE A FEE OR DUES?**

Our operational model is a well-functioning *family*, expecting each member to “pitch-in” for everyone’s benefit. There is need for help with publicity, art, handling property & equipment, and managing our music library; also, with social media, social events or receptions, and financial development. In 2015, we became an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization (a “non-profit”), so donations to BGACB are tax-deductible to the extent of the law. So while there is no fee to participate, when members can support the band financially, it is warmly *appreciated*. Donations of any \$ amount will be welcomed. (Please check-out our “Patron” program”)

## **MUST I PROVIDE MY OWN INSTRUMENT?**

Our agreement with the BG Schools and understanding with the BG Band Program allows us to use rehearsal space and large percussion instruments. Otherwise, members provide instruments for themselves. If you have a special need, *please* contact the conductor!

## **WHAT IS CONCERT ATTIRE?**

**Fall-Winter-Spring:** “Concert Black”

Women: black skirt or slacks, black top (or black dress), black shoes

Men: black sports coats and slacks, white shirt, black tie, black shoes, black socks

**Summer:** white band shirts (ordered periodically as needed), black slacks, black shoes, black socks

## **WHERE ARE REHEARSALS HELD?**

Concert Band rehearsals are held on Mondays from 7:15 -8:45 PM in the High School Band room.

## **WHAT ABOUT JAZZ AND *BiG Band BG?***

For more information, please contact William Lake, director: 419-601-3941, or [wlake@bgsu.edu](mailto:wlake@bgsu.edu)