



*The Classic City Band*

*Spring Romance*

**7:00 p.m.**

**April 6, 2014**

**Cedar Shoals High School Auditorium**



# About Us

The Classic City Band of Athens, Georgia is the oldest continuously functioning community band in Georgia. Founded in 1976 for the purposes of preserving the rich cultural heritage of the American concert band, this non-profit organization gives free concerts throughout the year in Athens, Georgia and surrounding communities. The band's repertoire includes all types of music: marches, jazz, pop, show tunes, excerpts from operas and musicals, as well as traditional and classical selections.

You may have heard our band play on the Fourth of July celebration at Bishop Park in Athens or at a holiday concert at the Georgia State Botanical Gardens. We have performed for the Watkinsville Spring and Fall Festivals, the Madison Cultural Center, and at the Spring Festival in Greensboro, Georgia.

On September 7, 2006, Athens Mayor Heidi Davison and the Athens-Clarke County Commission issued a proclamation declaring the Classic City Band "the official municipal band of Athens, Georgia."

## *Classic City Band Ensembles*

**Classic City Swing** is an 18-member band formed in the summer of 2006. It schedules independently of the Classic City Band. Our original mission was to make the music of the '40s Big Band Era available for local retirement homes and senior citizen groups. The Classic City Swing is also available for weddings, dance clubs, banquets, and other private events. The donation required is set depending on the length of the program and the location of the venue.

The **Classic City Dixiedawgs**, directed by Ed Bush, are an ensemble of 10 who play New Orleans-style dixieland music. The Dixiedawgs were founded in the spring of 2012 and have played all over the Athens area, particularly for church groups, in retirement homes and at Athens Academy. The dixieland band includes two clarinets, two trumpets, two trombones, alto and tenor sax, banjo, piano, drums, and a singer.

The **German Polka Band**, founded by Dr. Jim Heyl in 2007, performs fast waltzes and polkas, and features comedy as part of their entertainment. The ensemble is composed of 8 to 12 musicians and plays for church groups, Oktoberfest parties, and civic functions. It features a banjo and a long mountain horn. Dr. Heyl is a retired UGA professor who joined the CCB in 1977.

For more information about scheduling one of these ensembles for your event, please contact Herb Meyer at 706-380-3878.





# Conductor



**Michael Brewer** is a lifelong Classic City resident; he was born in Athens and has lived in or near the area his entire life, playing in the Classic City Band while he was in high school. Mr. Brewer is currently employed as an Application Programmer at the University of Georgia and is also a board member and secretary of the US PostgreSQL Association. A Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude graduate of UGA, with degrees in music and mathematics, Mr. Brewer was a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia professional music fraternity. He has played trombone for the Athens Symphony for more than 20 years; he also directs the Athens Brass Choir, a community brass ensemble he founded in 2002.

He has studied instrumental conducting with Albert Ligotti, H. Dwight Satterwhite, and Mark Parker. A member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), his compositions have been performed at UGA, Brevard Music Center, and the Interlochen Arts Camp; his arrangement *A Christmas Carol Sing Along* was performed by the Athens Symphony on their Christmas concerts for many years; and he recently composed, orchestrated the score, and directed the pit orchestra for a one-act musical drama, *Song of a Child*.

# Soloist



**Bryan Agan** is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year as the Director of Bands at South Effingham Middle School in Guyton, GA. Prior to his appointment at SEMS, he was the director of the award winning Oconee County Middle School band program in Watkinsville, GA for 14 years and resident of the Athens area for 24 years. He is in regular demand as a guest conductor and clinician for beginning and middle school honor bands in Georgia and South Carolina and serves regularly as an adjudicator for band festivals and performance evaluations in both states as well. In addition to his duties as band director, he is also an active freelance musician in the Savannah, GA and Hilton Head, SC areas and is a member of Savannah Winds. Prior to moving to the Savannah area, Mr. Agan was principal trumpet of the Athens Symphony Orchestra for 14 years. He is in demand as a private trumpet teacher and trumpet instructor at various music camps across the state and has performed as soloist with the Athens Symphony Orchestra, the Athens Brass Choir, and performed the Haydn Concerto with the Classic City Band. Mr.

Agan was recently appointed as adjunct professor of trumpet at Armstrong State University in Savannah, beginning with the Fall 2014. With degrees in trumpet performance from the University of Georgia and the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, he studied trumpet with Edward Sandor, Alan Siebert, Albert Ligotti and Fred Mills. He is a member of the National Association of Music Educators, the Georgia Music Educators Association, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. He currently resides in Rincon, GA and is the proud dad of his two sons, Paul and Daniel.

# Personnel

## **Flute**

Beth Baile  
Lee Carmon  
Chelsea Clark  
Cathy Hancock Hicks  
Marty Tanner Hughes  
Annette Hynes  
Leslie Palacios  
Briana Ransom  
Sylvia Schaefer  
Rachel Schnepel  
Katie Swafford

## **Piccolo**

Lee Carmon

## **Oboe**

Heidi Nibbelink  
Anita Panagiotou

## **English Horn**

Holly Lyn Blanchette

## **Clarinet**

Michael Berejikian  
Marco Cestaro  
Tom Cooper  
Cathy Duncan  
Angie Manous  
Bob Matthews  
Herb Meyer  
Alison Moore  
Ken Reid  
Francis Rizner  
Braxton Thompson  
Harry Thompson  
Jennifer Tsang  
Audrey Veal

## **Bass Clarinet**

Olin Parker  
David Robinson

## **Bassoon**

Nathan Pillsbury  
Bob Placek  
Elizebeth Tong

## **Saxophone**

Walter Allen  
Laura Eckhardt  
Elizabeth Hansen  
Elizabeth Howells  
Don Palsgaard  
Jarasen D. Peneguy  
Paul Prenovitz  
Jeff Rakowski  
Beth Shaw  
Susan Svendsen  
Doug Tiller

## **French Horn**

James Barlament  
Karen Castleberry  
David Hill  
Kim Goldbach  
Chris Herring  
Justin Jones  
Duncan Robertson

## **Trumpet**

Kelly Bussell  
Amelia Butler  
Ed Bush  
Jim Crews  
Steve Cumblidge  
Mac Fry  
Alex Garcia  
Todd Gillespie  
Gus Gunter  
Rhonda Herring  
Logan May  
Don McCreary  
Danny Popov\*  
Ben Robinson  
Preston Stanfield\*  
Bruce Taylor  
Thomas Thornton  
Gary Walker

## **Trombone**

George Cone  
Charlie Doyle  
Jeanne Nadenicek  
William Pogue  
Carter Stanfield  
Jaryl Thomas  
Hilario Triana

## **Bass Trombone**

Ed Schwartz

## **Euphonium**

Abbie Abouhamdan  
Matthew Crouse  
David K. Stone

## **Tuba**

Meg Abouhamdan  
Bryan Andrews  
Tom Hodges  
Brett Herring

## **Percussion**

Mary Sue Brewer  
David Dicus  
Barbara Reid  
Dawn Swehla  
Christopher Young

## **Cello**

David Hill  
Beth Shaw  
Rob Sutherland  
Will Taylor

## **Bass**

Kim Neidlinger

## **Keyboard**

Rebekah Healan

# Thank You!

The Classic City Band wishes to extend its most sincere thanks to Mayor Nancy Denson for her Mayoral Grant. We also thank Dr. Walter Allen for his work on behalf of the band. Special thanks to St. Mary's Highland Hills, Iris Place, Arbor Terrace, Athens Homeless Shelter, and the Monroe Dance Club for their support of the work of the band.



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