

Posting - Music Director/Conductor, Meridian Community Band – Okemos, Michigan

The Meridian Community Band is seeking a permanent Music Director, commencing with the 2023-2024 concert season.

About the Band

For nearly 50 years, the Meridian Community Band (MCB) has provided opportunities for community musicians to come together in an enjoyable and cooperative atmosphere to perform concerts in the American town band tradition for the benefit of the greater community and to promote cultural enhancement. Approximately 80 musicians from high-school age through retirement ages make up the membership. While the MCB is a non-audition band, members must have at least high-school level playing experience/ability.

The MCB's annual season runs from Labor Day to the Fourth of July and is divided into five sessions: Autumn, Holiday, Festival, Spring, and Summer. Each session has its own focus concert or concerts. In addition to concerts designed for the enjoyment of our community, the MCB performs outreach concerts at area assisted living facilities and nursing homes, as well as community service concerts for commencement ceremonies and other civic functions in the Greater Lansing metropolitan area.

Position Description

The Music Director conducts and is responsible for all rehearsals and performances of the band. He/she selects the musical literature to be rehearsed and performed by the band. The Music Director has control over artistic decisions, considering the history/traditions of the Meridian Community Band, and will be open to suggestions from the Board of Directors and band members.

The Music Director is a non-voting ex-officio member of the Board of Directors and is expected to attend monthly board meetings, providing input into the direction and administration of the Band.

The position includes a rehearsal and concert stipend.

Qualifications/Skills

- Bachelor's degree in music education
- Experience as a band director/conductor
- Performance and/or conducting experience in an adult community band
- Knowledge of band literature appropriate to the diverse skill levels in an adult community band.
- The ability to work with adult musicians of all skill levels
- Excellent verbal, written, and interpersonal communication skills
- Excellent organizational skills

A full job description of the position is listed here at [MCB Conductor Duties and Responsibilities](#).

Application

To apply for this position, please send a letter of interest, resume, reference list, and any other relevant materials (i.e., past programs, videos) to admin@meridiancommunityband.org All application materials must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. on June 1, 2023, to be considered for audition.

Selection Process

Interviews with the Conductor Search Committee will begin in mid-June and run through July. Finalists will be invited to audition with the band in July for the Fall concert season.

Further information about the band is available at www.meridiancommunityband.org.