

Flint Symphonic Wind Ensemble

Flint, Michigan – Chris Anderson, Conductor

11:00 a.m.

Program

The Free Lance March	John Philip Sousa
Awakenings	Kimberly Archer
Emperata Overture	Claude T. Smith
March Bou Shu	Satoshi Yagisawa

History

The mission of the Flint Symphonic Wind Ensemble (FSWE) is to provide musical access to both practice and performance for adult musicians, and to provide music education and entertainment for the community. In 1966, Don Clough founded the Flint Civic Wind Ensemble sponsored by the Flint Community Music Association. The original group was 33 skilled professional and amateur musicians. The band was renamed to the Flint Symphonic Wind Ensemble in 1984 and received non-profit status in 1999. The band has had many well-known conductors over the years, including George Cavender, Dr. William Revelli, James Curnow, and James D. Lee.

The all-volunteer band is composed of members from the Flint community and surrounding areas. Membership is open to anyone age 19 years or older, and our current membership includes everyone from college students to retirees. The group performs 4-6 concerts annually and shares musicians with many other area bands, including the Genesee Wind Symphony, Flint Concert Band, Lansing Concert Band, North Oakland Concert Band, and the Flint New Horizons Band.

Accomplishments of the group include playing the first public concert in the Whiting Auditorium, serving as the official band for President Jimmy Carter during his trip to Flint, performing at multiple community band festivals, and commissioning several new works for concert band. Recent commissions include "A New Tomorrow" by Robert Longfield, and "Legacy" by Catherine McMichael. This year the band celebrates its 56th season.

Webpage

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