

# Royal Oak Concert Band

***Royal Oak, Michigan – Kevin R. Czarnik, Director***

**3:15 p.m.**

## Program

The Corcoran Cadets .....	John Philip Sousa
An Irish Rhapsody .....	Clare Grundman
Tha Mi Sgith .....	Brian Beck
J. S. Jig .....	Brant Karrick
Irish Tune from County Derry .....	Percy Aldridge Grainger
Molly on the Shore .....	Percy Aldridge Grainger

## History

Organized in the fall of 1963 under the original name “The South Oakland Concert Band,” The Royal Oak Concert Band serves the communities of southern Oakland County. The ROCB was founded by Mr. Russell Peters, who was the Coordinator of Instrumental Music for the Royal Oak Schools. The original purpose of the band was to provide an educational band experience for students in the area who had graduated from high school. Dr. Harry Began, former Director of Bands at Cass Technical High School in Detroit, Wayne State University, Michigan State University and The University of Illinois, was the first Director of the Royal Oak Concert Band.

Over the years, the ROCB’s lively musical spirit and camaraderie of its members has enabled the group to steadily grow in membership and musicianship. The ROCB is now in its’ 60<sup>th</sup> year and is directed by Mr. Kevin Czarnik. The ROCB has a membership of 80 members and performs a minimum of 6 concerts annually. In addition to the Concert Band, the ROCB also has a 20-piece jazz ensemble, The Woodward Avenue Jazz Orchestra, directed by Mr. Jim Cann. The ROCB is delighted to have the opportunity to participate in the Red Cedar Festival. We look forward to performing and celebrating community bands!