

The Concert Band of Cobourg

Background :

The Concert Band of Cobourg has existed as a part of the fabric of Cobourg since the 1840s.

The Band is a registered non-profit charitable organization. The Band has a formal affiliation with Royal Marines Association of Ontario. The Band is nevertheless first and foremost the Band of the Town of Cobourg. As such the Band is required to perform at the annual Santa Claus Parade, two Christmas concerts, the Mayor's Levee, the Town's annual Civic Awards Ceremony, the Canada Day Parade, and the summer concert series at Victoria Park. The Band also performs many times in the region as well as in the U.S.A. in any given year.

The Band performs and rehearses on a full year basis. It is a volunteer band drawing its membership from the population at large. The ages of the members vary from young adolescent to senior citizen

For High School Students:

Community Involvement Activities

The Band provides an ideal setting for students to fulfill this requirement for graduation.

Any new Band member is required to attend rehearsals, show reasonable competence on an instrument (normally a six month period), and play at Band engagements before becoming a permanent member of the Band. Within the passing of one calendar year students would have become full Band members and exceeded several times over the minimum forty hour requirement, given the Band's busy schedule.

Arts and Culture High Skills Major

As a complement to this Ministry initiative senior student membership in the Band would provide an excellent insight into the world of musical performance and involvement in the band would count as **“Experiential Activities”**.

The Band offers varied settings for these students to refine their musical skills so that they may make more informed choices regarding possible careers in music.

The Band membership is comprised of ex-professional, semi-professional and successful veteran amateur players as well as experienced younger members. The opportunity for sound advice and unique on-going extensive personal counseling for senior students is considerable.

For further information or to sign up for this event, contact:

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