

The Colt Chronicle

The Troy Colt Bands Information Source

December 2015

Wednesday, December 2	Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal, THS Auditorium CANCELLED
Thursday, December 3	Winter Concert, 7pm, THS Auditorium Students report in full concert uniform by 6:30pm
Friday, December 4	SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Brass Band of Battle Creek & Troy High <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ FREE master classes and clinics, 2:45-4:30pm, THS❖ "Sleigh Bells & Brass" Concert, 7pm, THS Auditorium
Thursday, December 17	The Big Salad Fundraiser, 10:30-8pm, 738 E. Big Beaver Rd.
Saturday, December 19	"Bowling for the Band!", Jake Effect Scholarship fundraiser, 12:30pm, Five Star Lanes, Troy (see flyer)

Key Notes

Dear Band Parents,

We have been presented with a unique opportunity to raise funds for our band program. An anonymous grant donor has presented us with a challenge in the month of December. The donor has pledged up to \$3500 in funds to our band program through a dollar matching program. For every \$2 that we raise in the month of December, the donor will match \$1. If we raise \$7000, the donor will grant us the maximum of \$3500, for a total of \$10,500!

Will you help us meet our goal of raising \$7000 and make this matching grant a reality? There are many ways to support the band program and help us reach our goal; purchase a poinsettia or drop off a donation at the Winter Concert, make a purchase at the holiday bake sale at the BBBC Concert, and/or write a check to the band boosters. Please consider the Troy High Band Boosters as you are looking at charitable organizations to donate to at the end of the year. The THBB is a 501(c)3 and can provide you with a receipt for tax purposes.

If you are able to help us meet our goal, please make a check out to Troy High Band Boosters (or THBB) and either mail it to Troy High School, c/o Sue Balamucki, Troy High Band Boosters, 4777 Northfield Parkway, Troy, 48098 or have your son or daughter drop it into the black filing cabinet in the band room. Please make the note "December donation" on the memo line and indicate if you require a receipt for tax purposes. All mailed checks must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2015. All checks dropped into the black filing cabinet must be delivered by Friday, December 18, 2015. Thank you for your support of the Troy High band program!

Brian P. Nutting

“GLAD TIDINGS” – We hope to see you at our Winter Concert, on Thursday, December 3rd at 7pm in the THS auditorium!

HOLIDAY PLANT SALE – Looking for the perfect plant to usher loads of holiday spirit into your home? The THS Bands are selling PURE WHITE poinsettias used to “deck the halls” of the auditorium for the Winter Concert. They will then take up residence at the homes of supportive band families and patrons. The full, healthy specimens will be sold at the concert conclusion for \$20 each.

WINTER CONCERT GOODIES – As a tradition we serve cookies during intermission of our winter concert. Band families with the last name beginning with letters **A through L** are asked to send in 2 dozen cookies (on a disposable plate) with your student to school on the morning of Wednesday, December 2nd. Cookies can be dropped off in the band room.

CONCERT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (no experience necessary) – Parent volunteer help is needed to prepare for the winter concert, from decorating the auditorium, to serving refreshments, to assisting with fundraising. Help is needed on both December 3rd and 4th. Please visit this [Sign Up](#), password thbb2015, to see how you can assist! Thank you for your support!

WELCOME BRASS BAND OF BATTLE CREEK FOR MASTER CLASS AND HOLIDAY CONCERT - On Friday, December 4th high school musicians in Troy and the surrounding communities are being offered an extraordinary opportunity to participate with and enjoy performances by the *Brass Band of Battle Creek*. This renowned band, comprised of elite brass and percussion performers from around the United States and Europe, has hand-picked Troy High School to host a **FREE Master Class Clinic** for high school brass and percussionists on December 4th, from 2:45 – 4:30 pm. (register [online](#)) Later that evening, they will perform holiday favorites for their concert **“Sleigh Bells & Brass”** at the Troy High Performing Arts Center. Tickets for the concert can be purchased at Marshall Music (4052 Rochester Rd, Troy, MI 48085) or at the Brass Band of Battle Creek [website](#) (service fee applies to online purchases). For student rate enter coupon code: TROYSTUDENT (students only).

BBBC CONCERT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – We are excited to host the BBBC on Friday, Dec. 4, for a special holiday concert. With a portion of proceeds going back to the Troy Bands, this concert also has the potential to be a big fundraiser! We are looking for a few volunteers to help make this event a success. Please consider helping with concession sales, tickets sales, coat check, or the bake sale, by signing up at [BBBC Volunteers](#) or [BBBC Baked Goods](#) password for both: thbb2015.

BOWLING FOR THE BAND - “The Jake Effect” was established by the Love family in memory of their son (former band student) Jacob Love (1991-2009). Jake exemplified a lifestyle of “quiet courage, inspiration, and the need to live, laugh and love every day.” The Jacob Love band scholarship is given to a deserving band student at the yearly band banquet. Please support this most worthwhile cause by attending the annual “Bowling for the Band” fundraiser on Saturday, December 19, 2015. See the [flyer](#) for details.

HO HO HO-LD ONTO YOUR HATS! For the first time ever the Troy High Band Boosters will be sponsoring a **50/50 Raffle** at the Winter Concert on December 3rd. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each, and the winning ticket could win up to \$500.00!! Look for our friendly raffle ticket sellers before the concert and during intermission so you don't miss out on this opportunity to support the band *and* maybe come out a big winner!

EAT OUT AT THE BIG SALAD AND SUPPORT THE BAND. On Thursday, December 17th the band will be holding a fundraising event at The Big Salad at 738 East Big Beaver Road, Troy. Come out and support this Troy business and they will donate 20% of sales to those presenting a fundraising flyer to the bands. (Flyer to follow.)

STUDENTS: NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE – Each student is required, as part of their grade, to fulfill 2 volunteer hours between now and the end of the school year. Signing up is easy with our [Student Sign Up Genius](#). Don't wait until the end of the year to get your volunteer hours in.

PRIMETIME PERFORMANCE AT THE PISTONS! On **Monday, February 8, 2016**, the Troy Colt Bands' Color Guard and Drumline will be performing during the pregame show at the Detroit Pistons v. Toronto Raptors basketball game at the Palace of Auburn Hills. This will be a great opportunity to showcase the amazing talents of the Color Guard and Drumline, and will also serve as a fundraiser since the Troy Colt Bands will receive \$5.00 back from every ticket purchased by our group. The Pistons have reserved blocks of seats for us in the \$17 and \$37 price ranges for tickets. Whether or not your student is in Color Guard or Drumline, we hope that many Troy Colt Band families and friends will come to watch this exciting event. See this [flyer](#) for more information on how to order tickets.

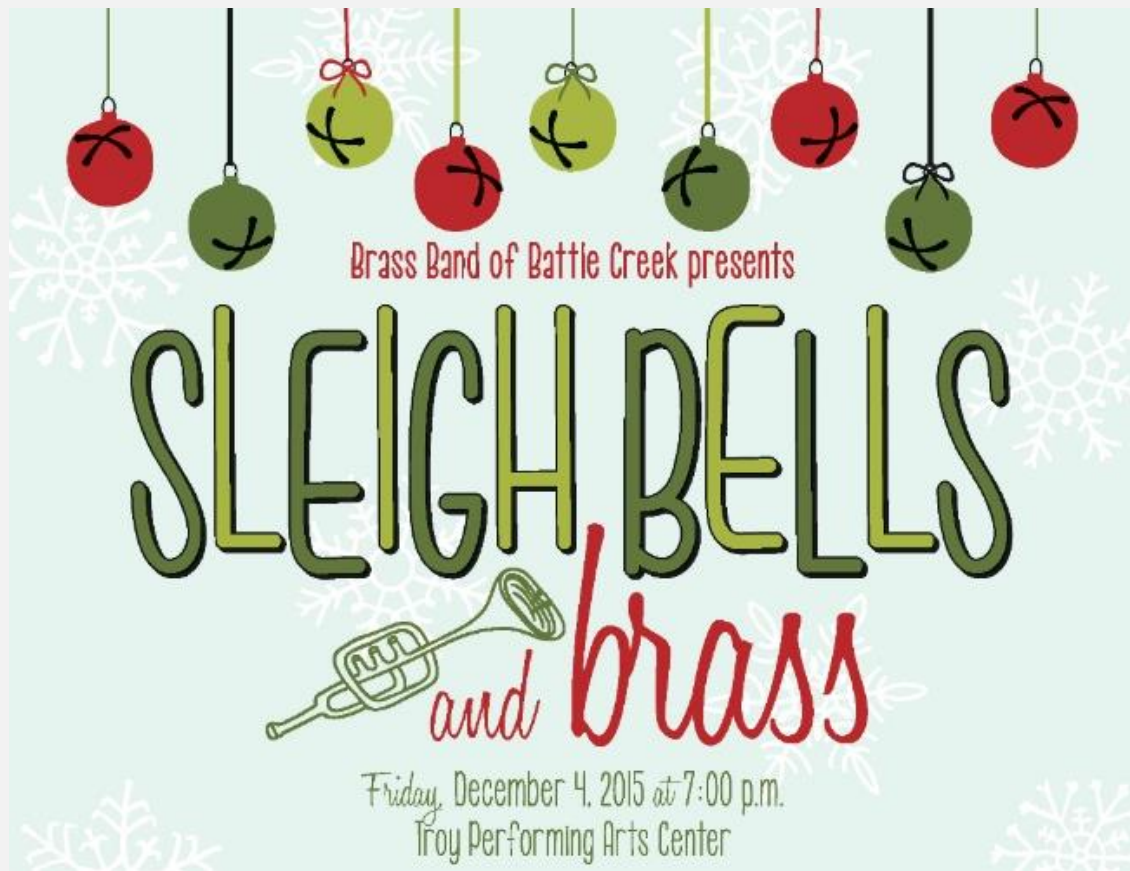
JAZZ IT UP! (Early Bird Special) The 2016 Colt Celebration is approaching soon! Join us for the annual Jazz Ensemble Dinner Dance on Friday, March 11 at the Marriott Centerpoint for a fabulous evening of dinner, dining, silent auction, and of course your own Troy High School Jazz Ensemble. This is a sophisticated (and very fun!) evening you will not want to miss. It is not necessary to have a student in the Jazz Ensemble to enjoy this wonderful getaway. For your dining pleasure, we've secured three exceptional meal options. Finally, there will be a silent auction with a wide array of prizes. Mark your calendars now and join us in March for an evening to remember. Tickets will be on sale in the lobby at the Winter Concert on December 3rd or by completing and returning the [Colt Celebration order form](#). Purchase tickets prior to January 1st for early bird prices!

TROY HIGH BAND BOOSTER MEETINGS – Our next Band Booster meetings are scheduled for January 27 and April 13 (Board Elections meeting) at 7pm. You can stay informed between meetings via our electronic newsletters, mass emails, [band website](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). As always, if you have ideas, questions, concerns, or want to become involved, please feel free to contact Director [Brian Nutting](#), Band Booster President [Sue Balamucki](#), or any Band Booster officer. An officer listing is available on the website. The Executive Board will continue to meet monthly to assist in band operations.

Please visit www.troycoltbands.org for pertinent, up-to-date information on all band activities.

Worthy of Note

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| January 16 | MSBOA District Chamber Ensemble Festival |
| January 23 | San Antonio Spring Trip Payment Due |
| January 27 | Troy High Band Boosters Meeting |
| January 30 | MSBOA District Solo and Ensemble Festival |






Internationally renowned musicians gather in Troy, Michigan for **ONE NIGHT ONLY!**

Broadway. The opening ceremony for the Winter Olympics. The White House. Carnegie Hall. Royal Albert Hall in England. This is a very short list of the places the internationally renowned musicians that comprise the Brass Band of Battle Creek have appeared. These musicians perform with some of the most prestigious ensembles in the world and are gathering, for one night only, at Troy High School for a holiday concert you won't want to miss!

Mark your calendars for **Friday, December 4th at 7 p.m. in the Troy High School Performing Arts Center.**

Join conductor Michael J. Garasi as he takes the podium for a program full of holiday classics and songs sure to be new favorites!! Be dazzled by international euphonium sensation Steven Mead as he performs a moving arrangement of O' Holy Night. Englishman Steven Mead needs no introduction to brass enthusiasts around the world as his playing and teaching have become known to virtually all who have a love for the instrument known as the euphonium. As a soloist his career as a professional solo performer continues to break new ground. With over 75 solo performances a year his



relentless schedule sees him touring almost constantly. This remarkable solo career followed on from the successes he achieved as a member of several of the UK's leading brass bands. Nowadays he travels constantly and performs regularly with some of the finest brass, wind and symphonic ensembles in the world. He has played solo concerti with symphony orchestras in Norway (Trondheim Symphony Orchestra), Finland (Lahti Symphony Orchestra cond. Osmo Vänskä, and Helsinki Philharmonic cond. Elgar Howarth), Poland (Capella Cracoviensis), USA (Minneapolis Pops Orchestra), Canada, Italy, Germany (Stuttgart Philharmonic) Japan (Japan Chamber Orchestra), and Lithuania. As a soloist he has played with most of the leading brass and military bands in the world including Band of the Garde Republicaine (Paris, France) The Central Band of the RAF (London, UK) The Italian Police, Carabinieri, and Army Bands (Rome, Italy), The Dutch Marine Band (Rotterdam, Netherlands) The US Army Band (Washington DC, USA).

A BBBC concert wouldn't be the same without some swing! Try and stay in your seat for "*When It's Christmas Time Down South*" featuring Jens Lindemann. Jens is hailed as one of the most celebrated soloists in his instrument's history and was recently named "International Brass Personality of the Year" (Brass Herald). Jens has played in every major concert venue in the world: from the Philharmonics of New York, Los Angeles, London, and Berlin to Tokyo's Suntory Hall and even the Great wall of China. His career has ranged from appearing internationally as an orchestral soloist, performing at London's 'Last Night of the Proms', recording with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir to playing lead trumpet with the renowned Canadian Brass and a solo Command Performance for the Queen of England. Jens has also won major awards ranging from Grammy and Juno nominations to winning the prestigious Echo Klassik in Germany as well as receiving an honorary doctorate.

Don't wait! You do not want to miss your chance to see this superstar line up perform right here in Michigan!

**The concert will be held at Troy High School on
December 4, 2015 and will begin at 7 p.m.**

Get your tickets for this amazing holiday concert today!

Tickets can be purchased at **Marshall Music in Troy**
or online at www.bbhc.net.

Student tickets are only \$15!

**A portion of the evening's gate receipts will be donated to the
Troy High School Band Boosters!**

**To learn more about the Brass Band of Battle Creek visit our website: www.bbhc.net
or follow us on Facebook and Twitter! You can listen on iTunes or watch the band
on YouTube!**

The Brass Band of Battle Creek, "Where the World's Top Brass come to play!"



The 31-member Brass Band of Battle Creek has been described as an All-Star band of the brass and percussion world's elite, attracting great musicians from around the United States and Europe to play two annual concerts in Battle Creek as well as a limited number of other engagements in handpicked locations in the U.S. and abroad. Though rooted in the British brass band tradition characterized by larger ensembles of strictly brass and percussion, (no reed instruments or strings) the BBBC also weaves in American elements such as jazz improvisation, pops and swing, resulting in a hybrid style that makes the BBBC truly unique among brass bands.

Created in 1989 by brothers Jim and Bill Gray, podiatrists and amateur brass players from Battle Creek, MI, the BBBC has grown to cult status in Battle Creek, where BBBC concerts are regularly sold out and waiting lists are created weeks in advance. Trumpet legend Doc Severinsen, who has twice appeared with the band, says of the BBBC, "This band represents the beginnings of a new music movement in America. It's one of the most accomplished groups I've ever worked with in my entire career."

BBBC members come from American and European orchestras, colleges and universities, and U.S. service bands based in Washington, D.C. Most have impressive international solo careers. The band's rotating roster includes some of the finest musicians in the world: [Tim Morrison](#), former principal trumpet for the Boston Pops, favorite soloist of composer John Williams, and a former member of Empire Brass; [Jens Lindemann](#), former member of the Canadian Brass and faculty member at UCLA; [Woodrow English](#), trumpet soloist for U.S. Army Band, its elite U.S. Army Band Quintet, National Symphony Orchestra and Washington Opera, [Wycliffe Gordon](#), former trombonist for Wynton Marsalis Septet and Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, Juilliard professor; [Scott Hartman](#), trombone, Yale Brass Trio, former Empire Brass member, renowned soloist; and [Steven Mead](#), euphonium, internationally renowned soloist and Boosey & Hawkes touring artist. In addition to its all-star lineup of world-renowned players, the BBBC has performed at several prestigious venues, including England's Royal Albert Hall as the first non-British band to ever perform at the National Brass Band festival there. Following this event, the band toured UK, performing concerts in Wales, Birmingham and Manchester. The BBBC has also performed at the International Trumpet Guild's Brassfest in Bloomington, IN., the International, as guest artist on the University of Kentucky's Artist Series, and at the Interlochen Arts Society Series. The band was the first brass band to perform on The University of Michigan's Musical Society Series. Following the performance in the 4,200-seat Hill Auditorium, the band set a record for CD sales in a Society sponsored event.

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