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Warren Concert Band spring show has Mother's Day theme

High school honors band will join WCB for second half of the show



The Warren Concert Band (WCB) presents "Spring Concert", the fourth concert of its 2024-2025 season at 3 p.m. on Sunday May 11th at the Warren Woods Middle School Auditorium. (PHOTO BY NICK HAGEN)



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This year's Warren Concert Band spring show falls on Mother's Day for the first time in several years, and music director Jeremy Duby says selected works will have a definite theme centered on moms.

"We have pieces that have mother in the title or that are geared towards moms and spring," said Duby.

Selected music includes "A Mother's Hymn," "Heart of Gold March," and "Scenes from the Louvre."

All mothers in attendance will receive a flower in honor of Mother's Day.

The May 11, 3 p.m. concert at Warren Woods Middle School is also special because for the second half of the performance, the WCB will be joined onstage by the high school honor band. Warren high school band directors can nominate students to perform with the WCB. Musicians are selected based on their experience and the needs of the WCB.

"The young musicians join us for four rehearsals and then they perform with us during the last part of the show," said Duby. "We invite them back to play with us in the summer; this is a great way to let them know that when they graduate, they can still keep making music."

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“We are very fortunate to have so many high-quality music programs right in our backyard.” said Robert Christie, Warren Concert Band board member and Chairman of the High School Honor Band committee. “We have had honor band participants who have gone on and become band directors and some of the participants have even come back and joined our band.”

Honor band musicians come from the Warren Consolidated, Warren Woods, Fitzgerald, Van Dyke and Center Line districts.

“The side-by-side concert is a great way for the WCB to give back to our community by sharing our music making with area students,” said Duby, who has been the band’s music director since 2011. “These students always bring a great deal of energy to our space, and we are able to offer musical growth to them to take back and share with their home programs.”

The WCB includes 75 volunteer musicians and performs four regular concerts each year as well as three summer concerts. It is a non-profit organization.

The Warren Woods Middle School Auditorium is located at 13400 12 Mile Road in Warren. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and children accompanied by a paying adult. Tickets are available at the door; cash or check accepted only.

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