# UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN BAND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

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## WELCOME DEAN DWORKIN

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I am writing to announce that <u>Aaron Dworkin</u>, founder and president of the world-renowned <u>Sphinx</u> <u>Organization</u>, will become my successor as dean effective July 20, 2015.

As many of you know, Aaron is an alumnus of SMTD, earning both his bachelor's and master's degrees in violin performance here. He is recognized internationally for his leadership and advocacy of diversity in the performing arts, and is the recipient of many awards and honors including a MacArthur Fellowship and a National Governors Award. Aaron was a member of the



Obama National Arts Policy Committee, was President Obama's first appointee to the National Council on the Arts, and is Governor Rick Snyder's appointee to the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

A major focus during my tenure has been the development of programs and curriculum to help our students become artist-citizens who see in their art the capacity to contribute to their communities and to the human condition. Aaron is a shining example of this kind of 21st century artist. Through his remarkable achievements, he has proven himself a singular leader in the performing arts, with a deep commitment to fostering the next generation of leaders in the field.

Please join me in welcoming Aaron and wishing him the very best. I encourage you to read <a href="http://www.music.umich.edu/about/faculty-news.php">http://www.music.umich.edu/about/faculty-news.php</a> about this exciting new appointment, and, as always, I want to thank you for the wonderful support you have provided to me during my time as dean, and to our incomparable School.

Best regards,

#### Christopher

Christopher Kendall, Dean Paul Boylan Collegiate Professor of Music School of Music, Theatre & Dance

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The Purpose of the Association:

To render service and financial support to the University of Michigan Bands.

To encourage respect for the high standards which the Michigan Bands strive to uphold.

To promote goodwill and fellowship among current and former members and friends of the Michigan Bands.

To stimulate interest in the Michigan Bands among qualified potential students of the University of Michigan.

To participate actively in preserving the history of the University of Michigan Bands.

To accumulate funds, primarily from member contributions and dues, for scholarship awards to deserving Michigan Band members, and for other projects for the benefit of the Michigan Bands and the Association.

Stay an UMBAA "Member in Good Standing" by logging in to www.umbaa.org and going to the membership application umbaa-webmaster@umich.edu

## **SPRING EVENTS ON CAMPUS**





DEAN CHRISTOPHER KENDALL, UMBAA'S NEWEST SPECIAL CITATION AWARDEE WITH DIRECTOR OF BANDS MICHAEL HATIHCOCK AND UMBAA PRESIDENT KIRSTEN BENZ PENNEY

# 60,000 ATTEND UM SPRING FOOTBALL GAME — COACH JIM HARBAUGH'S RETURN TO THE BIG HOUSE



Dr. Brown and Dr. Pasquale with Jeff Okala in his final performance



A rare "casual day" for the MMB at the Big House



Dr. Pasquale on the ladder



Coach Harbaugh



MMB Staff with MMB Trucker Steve

CAMPUS BAND CHAMBER WINDS, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF ANDREA BROWN PRESENTS FIRST EVER CAMPUS BAND CHAMBER CONCERT AT REVELLI HALL





# 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL UMBAA GOLF OUTING SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2015 Registration Opens May 1

You are invited to the 2015 UMBAA Golf Outing with net proceeds benefitting The University of Michigan Band Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. This outing is open to Michigan Band Alumni Association Members, Family and Friends.

**Location:** University Of Michigan Golf Course 500 E. Stadium Blvd. Ann Arbor, MI 48104

#### **SCHEDULE & HIGHLIGHTS**

- 8:30 AM Registration—Light breakfast during registration
- 10 AM Shot Gun Start Scramble Format
- Beverages throughout the event
- BBQ meal to follow
- Commemorative Gift Bag

#### **PRIZES**

- Door Prizes
- Silent Auction
- 50 / 50 Raffle Tickets
- Lowest & Highest Team Score
- Skins

#### **BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**BECOME A SPONSOR: Your Donation Makes A Difference** 

The Golf Outing is the primary fundraiser for the UMBAA Scholarship Fund which has provided financial support to more than two hundred members of the Michigan Bands in the past ten years. We will use your donated merchandise and gift certificates as prizes in a Silent Auction, a Raffle, and for Golf Awards. Monetary donations directly defray the costs of the UMBA Golf Outing. Do you have a business or product you want to promote? Contact umbaa-golf@umich.edu!

#### REGISTRATION

Registration is limited to 120 golfers. Register online at www.umbaa.org/golf

#### **EARLY REGISTRATION RAFFLE**

Register before May 22 for a chance to win 2 golf passes at the University of Michigan Course. Must be used before August 3. Each pass includes one greens fee and half cart.

#### **FEES**

\$110 per person \$30 per person for dinner only

After June 27 registration is \$130 per golfer. Registration and payment must be postmarked or submitted online by August 1.

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Contact Mike Kardasz at 586-907-4152 or Contact <u>umbaa-golf@umich.edu</u> for more information.



## **2015 ALUMNI SOFTBALL BAND**

The Ann Arbor Alumni Pep Band (AAAPB) will be playing for some softball and baseball games this spring. If you are interested in joining the Alumni Pep Band, please contact Pete Dalton at umbaa-pepband@umich.edu.

#### The Schedule

April 21	Tuesday	Softball	7:00 pm	vs. Michigan State
May 1	Friday	Softball	6:00 pm	vs Penn State
May 3	Sunday	Softball	1:00 pm	vs. Penn State
May 9	Saturday	Baseball	12:00 noon	vs Northwestern
May 15-17	Fri-Sun	Potential NCAA REGIONAL GAMES		
May 22-24	Fri-Sun	Potential NCAA SUPER REGIONAL GAMES		

As usual, Pete Dalton will send a message to the group a week or so before a game. As always, he appreciates knowing who will be coming.

#### **OTHER NOTES:**

#### For all

- o Wear your maize uniform shirt (although they may be covered by a jacket as necessary)
- o The teams will make every effort to play even if the weather is cruddy. We'll be under the roof at baseball and can take shelter in the Oosterbarn at softball.
- o Times shown are game times. Be in our seats ready to go no less than 30 minutes before the game so we can play before things get going.
- o We don't get any free food, so bring some \$\$ if you need to eat or drink.
- o As with basketball and hockey, you'll need to buy tickets for any friends or family that come to the games with you. Band members only in the band section please.

#### Softball

- o Our seats will be in the grandstand on the 3<sup>rd</sup> base side of Alumni Field
- o Depending on what else is going on, parking can be somewhat of a challenge. You can try to park behind Revelli and then enter Alumni Field on the sidewalk that goes between the Indoor Track Building and the outfield wall of baseball. You can also usually park in the Crisler lot and follow the path across the railroad tracks, up the west side of the Oosterbarn, and enter Alumni Field from the home plate side.

#### Baseball

- o Our seats will be in the grandstand on the 3<sup>rd</sup> base side of Fisher Stadium. Please enter the stadium at the gate on the 3<sup>rd</sup> base (Yost) side.
- o Ditto above on parking.



## PRESIDENT PENNEY'S PAGE

If you're like me, then music has always been a big part of your life. *The Victors* was my school fight song for grade school, high school, and all but two years of college. Most of my college memories are from band: events, games, concerts and especially the people. During my undergrad years, I made the difficult decision to leave behind the college I had been attending for two years to transfer to the University of Michigan. I had made many friends in the music program and TBS/KKY at Ohio Northern that I knew would be hard to leave behind. Several of us traveled to a TBS/KKY Block Meeting in Ann Arbor during my last few months at ONU. When I told the Michigan TBS/KKY members that I was transferring, they were all very excited and welcoming. That Fall, those same people welcomed me to campus and helped make a difficult transition easier.

These days, I still find myself enjoying the company of band people! Only now, as an alum, not only am I renewing friendships from my college years, but I'm meeting new people I wasn't fortunate enough to know because we were all at Michigan at different times. But we all share a passion for music and Michigan. I meet these people at rehearsals for the UMBAA Concert Band. I work beside them at Homecoming, the new member lunch, the annual golf outing and other UMBAA events. Some things never change. Specifically, how welcoming everyone is. In fact, UMBAA would like to reach out to more of our alumni. There are so many ways to get involved, rekindle old friendships, make new friends and help the students.

Follow us on our website, Facebook or Twitter. Or email me. Don't live in Ann Arbor? No problem! We can help you connect with other alumni wherever you are. Just be sure to keep your contact information current on our website!

Keep the music alive and Go Blue!

President Penney Big House Selfie



## Kristy Benz Penney

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You'll never forget your first Pregame Experience. You can feel a dull roar reverberating through your whole being. Rumbles and vibrations of sound come from above you, around you --- everywhere. In the tunnel you stand, one behind the other, looking through plumes toward the light, anticipating the controlled chaos of the Big House. Both fear and excitement well up in your body as you wait for the cue. Stepping forward into the mouth of the tunnel, suddenly the only thing you can hear was the sound of your own heart pounding in your chest. There is a split second of silence, suddenly cut short by the four quick tweets of the whistle. You run into a wave of over 114,000 fans cheering to our cadence, in our colors: Maize and Blue. Folding out into the **BLOCK M** formation, you take a deep breath and play the opening chord of the **M** Fanfare. The sight of each person, raising their fist into the air to symbolize the Victor, solidifies that there is no place you'd rather be. You are ho**M**e.

Being a member of the **MMB** is a cherished experience that with your help will remain available for generations of young band members to come. Our goal is to ensure that each spot in the **BLOCK M**, each member of our ensemble, will be provided with the instruments required to perform what John Philip Sousa called "the greatest fight song of all time."

Replacing the instruments is a never ending process. We ask you to support the **MMB BLOCK**M Initiative. For a gift of \$2,500, payable \$500 per year, to the Instrument Endowment, you will be able to sponsor your spot in the Pregame Performance Block. As a sponsor, your name will be displayed prominently in Revelli Hall and on our website.

With your gift, we will be one step closer to completing the Instrument Endowment and ensuring we have the best possible instruments for years to come!

Reserve your place today in the **BLOCK M** by contacting Kimberly Baumgartner at (734) 764-6525 or at <a href="mailto:elbelclub@gmail.com">elbelclub@gmail.com</a>.

Be a Victor for the **MMB**!

Kimberly Baumgartner

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## UMBAA CONCERT BAND

The 2014/15 Edition of the UMBAA Concert Band closed out the 2014/15 season with an expansive program conducted by Joshua Roach.

The program featured Funeral March of a Marionette, Gounod, Great Themes from Great Italian Movies, Cacavas, Spartacus: A Symphonic Scenario, North, The Syncopated Clock, Anderson, A Trumpeter's Lullaby, Anderson, Bugler's Holiday, Anderson, "Space Music" Suite: Main title—Apollo 13, Horner, Star Trek: First Contact, Goldsmith, Symphonic Suite from Star Trek, Giacchino, Courage, Overture Dodeca, Roach, and The Victors, Elbel.



2014/15 UMBAA CONCERT BAND on stage at their Spring Concert, Huron High School, Ann Arbor

The UMBAA Concert Band is a volunteer organization committed to providing a place for University of Michigan Band Alumni of all ages and abilities to gather, make music, and socialize.

Joshua Roach leads a multi-faceted career as conductor, pedagogue, and composer. In 2013/14, Roach marked his fourth and final year as the music director of the Pacific Symphony Youth Wind Ensemble in Orange County, California. During that fall, he also served as the interim director of bands at California Lutheran University. Over the years, Roach has made artistic connections throughout Southern California as an assistant/cover conductor for Pacific Symphony, Downey Symphony, Young Musicians Foundation Debut Orchestra, and the University of Southern California (USC) Thornton Symphony. Additionally, Roach was co-conductor of the USC Thornton Concert Orchestra from 2011 to 2012, and during the same period, guest conducted the Thornton Chamber Orchestra and the Los Angeles Winds. Since 2011, he has taught for the Idyllwild Summer Arts music program, working as an assistant conductor, large ensemble coach and trumpet teacher for the



Joshua Roach

Idyllwild Festival High School Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and Chamberfest Chamber Orchestra. In 2011, Roach was the assistant music director for the Pacific Symphony Youth Orchestra's debut tour to Bulgaria. Later that same summer, he returned to the podium to perform with the Youth Orchestra in the widely publicized Rock Symphony performances with the Steve Miller band in Corona and Temecula, California. Joshua has performed internationally with the Irvine Young Concert Artists in Korea and China, and he has served as assistant conductor for the Landesjugendorchester of Baden-Württemberg, a highly selective youth orchestra in Southern Germany.

During his time in Los Angeles, Roach worked as a freelance instrumentalist and composer for companies such as Turner Classic Films, DreamWorks Pictures, Fox, PBS, USA Network and various recording studio orchestras in the area.

An alumnus of the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music, Joshua holds a bachelor's degree in performance, graduate certificate in scoring for motion picture and television, and master's degree in instrumental conducting. In the fall of 2014, he began his doctoral work in conducting at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor



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News items of current activities are welcomed for *MFanfare*. **DEADLINES**: Materials must be received by July 15 for FALL/BLAST Issue, November 15 for WINTER ISSUE, February 15 for SPRING Issue, April 15 for SUMMER Issue.

Submit online, via email or mail.
Tell us what you've been up to so the rest of us know ...promotions, awards, positions, births, family, publications).
Please be specific but brief.

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JUNE 17 7 PM UMBAA BOARD MEETING REVELLI HALL

AUGUST 9 10TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING UM GOLF COURSE

AUGUST 26 NEW MEMBER LUNCH REVELLI HALL

SEPTEMBER 167 PM UMBAA BOARD MEETING REVELLI HALL

OCTOBER 9-10 HOMECOMING WEEKEND VARIOUS

NOVEMBER 18 7 PM UMBAA BOARD MEETING REVELLI HALL

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