

GLASGOW COMMUNITY BAND HISTORY

Formed in November, 1999 with 5 members meeting at Dr. Jeff Wilson's office. Jeff Wilson, Joe Donald Taylor. H.B. Steen, Ken Holbrook and his wife, Peggy Holbrook.

Later, Randy Certain, who moved here from California, joined the band, along with Charlie Honeycutt.

1st performance was Memorial Day, 2000 and 1st Concert was on the square in the summer of 2000. By this time the band was around 18-20 members.

The band rode in the Lions Club float for the Christmas Parade in Glasgow for 3 years.

H.B. Steen and Charlie Honeycutt were co-directors of the band.

The Community Band performed in the gazebo for a Summer Concert and had a Christmas Concert in the Plaza for 2 years, 2001- 2002

Bill Brogan's wife, Betty bought him a clarinet for Christmas 2003 and he joined the band after not having played for 30 years. Bill & Charlie became co-directors and in February 2003, the Barrens Big Band was formed. They played music from the past, featuring the "Big Band" sound from Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Duke Ellington and etc.

The Barrens Big Band played for a dance at Barren River Lodge in May 2003 called the "Spring Fling". 175 people attended and the band raised \$4200 to benefit the restoration of the Plaza Theatre. This was a project that Charlie Honeycutt was very instrumental, while Mayor of Glasgow.

In July 2003 the Barrens Big Band met in the Plaza Theatre and made the 1st C.D. recording. The Big Band played for many events including: Democratic meeting at Cave City Convention center, Rogers Wells Wedding Reception, Valentines's Day Dance at the Convention Center, Doctors Party put on by the hospital board at Christmas, etc.

In all, the band raised over \$20,000 for the restoration of the Plaza and a plaque was presented to the band at the dedication Concert in April 2004.⁵

The Community Band has played for the Veterans Banquet each year at the armory prior to the Veterans Day Parade and each year ever since "Concert On The Square", St. Helen's Ice Cream Social, Cedar Grove Community Concert at Joe Donald Taylors, and Christmas Concerts.

A Christmas Concert at Liberty Street Gym in 2003, and the Dedication Concert and Grand Opening of the Plaza Theatre in April 2005. In the summer of 2004, the

Concert on the square was rained out and since the Louisville Orchestra was on strike, the Community Band played the July 4th Concert on the Square.

In the summer of 2005 the Community Band played a Concert On the Square for around 400-500 people. After a short break the band played for St. Helen's 40th Annual Ice Cream Social in August and Cedar Grove Community Concert and Potluck the same night.

On Sept 3rd 2005 the band played for the Global Fest. The band also played for the Sept. 11th called "Liberty" along with the Community Choir, MS and HS Choirs led by Todd Woodward, along with elementary students.

Barrens Big Band played at Highland Ridge Assisted Living in Sept and Democratic Meeting at Cave City Convention in Cave City in Sept.

Every year for the past 10 years the band has played for the Veterans Day Banquet and Veterans Parade and Annual Christmas Concert in December at the Plaza.

The Community has approximately 40-50 members and consists of 6 band directors, 2 pharmacists, 2 attorneys, several teachers and many business people from all professions. Ages range from 14 to the mid 80's.

In the past several years the band has continued to grow and now incorporates members from the local high school bands from Glasgow and Barren Co, along with other players from neighboring towns such as Scottsville, Bowling Green, Edmonton, Horse Cave and Cave City. The bands are funding by the City of Glasgow, which provides music, equipment, recording concerts, and Official Band Shirts which the band wears for all public appearances.

The Barrens Big Band, which is the dance band consists of approximately 20 members continues to perform for various functions, such as the Glasgow-Barren Co. Chamber of Commerce Awards banquet. This past year was the 6th year that the band has played for the Awards Banquet, held each year at the Cave City Convention Center.

The Glasgow Community Band continues to perform each year at the Veteran's Day Banquet and Veterans Day Parade, Concerts on the Square, and Christmas Concerts in the Plaza each year. With the passing of Charles Honeycutt in 2004, Bill Brogan took over as director and John Scalise, as co-director.

There are no auditions to become a member of the Glasgow Community Band, and we have members with college degrees, along with local high school band members. The band meets in the basement of City Hall each Monday night at 7:00 P.M., and usually rehearses 1 ½ to 2 hours. Seating is usually left up to the individual members, and this has really worked out very well. The main function of the band is for entertainment purposes and plays music that is very enjoyable and easy to listen to. Occasionally, members join the band after moving to Glasgow or surrounding areas, that have played in high school or college bands.

For additional information, please feel free to contact Bill Brogan, 109 Clarksdale Circle, Glasgow, Ky or 270-678-5636 or Cell 270-646-7044. There is no charge for music, shirts, equipment, etc. as these are furnished by the band. Any band instrument is welcomed, and in a few cases, instruments are provided by the band, especially percussion, Tubas, baritones, etc.

Sincerely,

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