



Our Sounds

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Great Falls Municipal Band

2026 Summer Concerts

133rd Season Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
Gibson Park Bandshell

Sousa, Sousa, Sousa

What's a summer band series without celebrating the music of John Philip Sousa? Known as "The March King", he was born on November 6, 1854, in Washington, D.C., and died on March 6, 1932, in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Known for his mastery of the military march form, of which he wrote over 130, he also wrote 15 operettas, 5 overtures, 11 suites, 24 dances, 28 fantasies, and countless arrangements of nineteenth-century Romantic-era Western European symphonic works.



This July, the Great Falls Municipal Band will be playing his Fugue on Yankee Doodle, Review, Stars and Stripes Forever, King Cotton, Mystic Shrine, and other works.

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OUR CONDUCTORS FOR JULY

Dusty Molyneaux is the Music and Art Supervisor for the Great Falls Public Schools. In this position, he oversees 40 teachers who deliver art and music instruction to over 10,000 students across 20 buildings in the Great Falls school system. Before taking on this position, he was the band director at Great Falls High School and the Shepherd Public Schools.



Jeff Skogley has taught in Cascade Schools since the fall of 1992, mostly band, but also general and choral music. He is active in several professional organizations, including MGMTA, MBA, and MMEA, and has served as State Manager/Treasurer for MMEA and President of MBA. In 2013, he was chosen as Montana's selection for "50 Directors Who Make A Difference" by School Band & Orchestra magazine.

Originally from Butte, Fred Wenger graduated from Montana State University, moving to Great Falls in 1980 when he married his wife, Lauree. That year, he joined the Great Falls Public School music staff, the Great Falls Symphony, and the Municipal Band. Fred retired from the school district in 2016. He continues to teach music lessons to dozens of students from the Great Falls area, as well as performing throughout the area.





Christopher Kloker is the Director of Bands at Charles M. Russell High School. Prior to his time at CMR, he taught band at Beaverhead County High School in Dillon and K-12 Music in Nashua. Mr. Kloker is an Anaconda native and a proud graduate of the University of Montana. Chris enjoys playing clarinet with the Great Falls Municipal Band and Community Band when he can. He has played in the musical pits for several productions, both CMR and GFH. Mr. Kloker is the current State Manager for the Montana Music Educators Association.

Lisa Sundquist is currently serving as director of bands at Great Falls High School in Great Falls, Montana



YOU CAN HELP

A lot of time, effort, and financial resources are needed to make this activity exciting for our community. Expenses and commitments can only be met with contributions from you, our audiences.

Muni Band Donations



OUR 133RD SEASON



July 1	Dusty Molyneaux, Conducting
July 8	Jeff Skogley, Conducting
July 15	Fred Wenger, Conducting
July 22	Chris Kloker, Conducting
July 29	Lisa Sundquist, Conducting
August 5	Gordon Johnson, Conducting
August 12	Dennis Granlie, Conducting



The Great Falls Municipal Band was originally known as the Black Eagle Band. Sponsored in its infancy by the Boston and Montana Smelter Company, the band reorganized in 1905 and acquired its current name. Over the years, the Municipal Band has been in demand to play for assorted dignitaries, special events, and dedication ceremonies. In the late 1930s, the band played at the dedication of Fort Peck Dam, which was attended by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Dedication ceremonies in Great Falls have included the dams on the Missouri River, the Warden Bridge, and both the old and new airports. The band also performed for the visits of John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan.

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