

# ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR

## Position Profile

### The Organization

The Lansing Concert Band is a highly acclaimed 80-piece community band with a history that goes back to 1946. Winner of the coveted Sudler Scroll from the John Philip Sousa Foundation, the band's yearly performance schedule includes a wide range of concerts: holiday, children's, city-wide July 4th, college and university commencements, festivals, a series of formal concerts in venues throughout the local area and various private gigs for education and non-profit organizations. The LCB rehearses once a week for 2.5 hours, currently on Monday evenings, and concerts often occur on weekends.

The LCB is made up of amateur musicians, ages 17-95, more than 30% of whom have music degrees or professional performance experience. The band is proud of the title "Official Band of the City of Lansing" and is run by an enthusiastic group of volunteers.

The LCB was a national VFW award-winning band and traveled to New York, Miami, Minneapolis, New Orleans, and Dallas.

### The Opportunity

Through the years, the LCB's Artistic Director and Conductor position has been held by many fine conductors. Kenneth Bloomquist, John Madden, Richard Suddendorf, Gary Sullivan, and Samuel McIlhagga are the most recent. While community bands have become more and more popular (five in the Lansing area alone), the LCB has always taken pride in its consistently high level of musicianship and performance standards. Admission to the ensemble is by audition only, and it plays a wide variety of music including marches, showtunes, transcriptions, traditional band repertoire, contemporary literature, and original works commissioned by the band.

The LCB is looking for a mature and experienced conductor who feels comfortable with adults of varying musical skills and who can take the group to an ever higher level of excellence. This is an opportunity for a well-rounded conductor to experience the full scope of what a fine community band can do for its audience and musicians. A conductor with an excellent reputation for leading accomplished bands will find this to be a new, fresh, and challenging experience.

The successful candidate will be an individual who has high musical standards and can achieve performances of outstanding quality. At the same time, the Artistic Director/Conductor must understand the audiences and program music that will be both entertaining while providing challenge and reward to the musicians. The goal is to take a thriving musical organization and lift it to a higher level in terms of performance excellence and audience size.

### Qualifications

The new Artistic Director and Conductor will have exceptional musical and conducting skills that will help the LCB to achieve exceptional performance levels. Specific requirements include:

- Bachelor's degree in music or music education required, advanced degrees preferred
- Strong leadership skills
- 10 years minimum experience in conducting and leading outstanding bands, preferably with some conducting experience at the university level
- In-depth knowledge of concert band literature, both traditional and contemporary
- Awareness of composers currently creating new works for concert band
- Some knowledge of adult bands

### Responsibilities

The Artistic Director and Conductor will work closely with and report to the LCB Board of Directors. He/she will plan the programs and conduct the group for all concerts. This person will work to make the band an important member of Lansing's arts community, build larger audiences, and develop creative approaches to performances.

- Lead the shaping of the strategic direction of the band
- Plan, working with the assistant director and Board of Directors, the concert season
- Rehearse the band and conduct concerts
- Develop ideas for commissions, guest artists, recording, and participation in festivals and other out-of-town performances
- Play a role in recruiting new members
- Assist in designing fund raising activities
- Become knowledgeable about the local community

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Name:		
Street Address:		
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Available Start Date:		
<b>EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE</b> • Separate sheets may be attached if necessary.		
School:	Years Attended:	Degree Received:
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Please describe your previous conducting experience:		
<b>PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES</b>		
Name:		
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<b>OTHER INFORMATION</b> • Please attach three sample programs: 1) a holiday program you have conducted; 2) other program you have conducted; 3) a sample program you'd suggest for the Lansing Concert Band		
Signature:		
Printed Name:		Date:
<b>Your application must be received no later than April 29, 2024.</b>		
<b>Please email your completed application, attachments and resume to: <a href="mailto:president@lansingconcertband.org">president@lansingconcertband.org</a></b>		
<b>OR mail materials to:</b> Joy Rimpau, LCB President 5998 Everett Lane East Lansing, MI 48823	Please confirm receipt of materials and direct questions to Joy Rimpau: <a href="mailto:president@lansingconcertband.org">president@lansingconcertband.org</a> • 517-230-6329	