

Peninsula Symphonic Band Summary

Number of employees: One part time Musical Director (nominal stipend)

Number of volunteers: 80 (members of the Peninsula Symphonic Band and the Swingin' Door Big Band)

What is your Mission Statement?

To provide instrumental musicians in Door County with the opportunity to continue to make music for a lifetime.

What is the main source of your funding and what percent of your funding does that source provide?

Nearly all funding is from donations accepted as free will offering at each of the ensembles' performances. The organization has received small grants from the Door County Community Foundation, the Raibrook Foundation and the Wisconsin Public Service Foundation.

What is the geographic scope of your services throughout Door County?

Our musicians come from as far South as Luxemburg and Kewanee and as far North as Gills Rock. The band performs concerts throughout the County from Sturgeon Bay to Baileys Harbor to Sister Bay. This summer, we will perform a concert at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church in Ellison Bay.

Explanation of how you serve Door County including primary programs your organization offers to the community.

The ensembles perform concerts throughout the County including but not limited to Sturgeon Bay, Baileys Harbor and Sister Bay. The Peninsula Symphonic Band was invited to participate in December 2021's holiday concert at Sturgeon Bay High School and is providing some musicians to assist with the Memorial Day Observance in Sister Bay while the Symphonic Band performs for the Memorial Day Observance in Sturgeon Bay. The Peninsula Symphonic Band began issuing summer band camp scholarships this year with the first recipients from Gibraltar and Southern Door High Schools.

How would you define the impact your organization is making in Door County?

The Peninsula Symphonic Band provides the opportunity to learn and perform music beyond high school or college. Music is a life-long endeavor even for non-professional musicians. In recent years, the band has attracted current high school students who desire additional playing opportunities outside of school. We currently have ten high school students including both of our summer band camp scholarship recipients. We play varied programs that provide enjoyment for young and not-so-young audience members. It's always so rewarding when our veterans tell us how much they appreciate our annual Veteran's Day Concert. This Fall, the band will be performing the World Premiere of a new work by renowned composer Randall Standridge. The band commissioned this new work in honor of its 30th

anniversary and through the generous contributions in memory of members and supporters of the band.

What is your annual budget?

The band has limited expenses that total less than \$2,000/year. Being a small organization, there has not been the need for a formalized budget. However, the BOD is currently working on an actual budget for next year as the organization is growing substantially. When I assumed the position of Music Director in June 2018, the band had 35 members. Today, our members total over 70.

If you were to receive a donation from 100+WWC, how would that donation be used?

The band has two major needs at present: 1) a sound system for the Swingin' Door Big Band and 2) replacing percussion equipment.