

The Calder City Concert Band [www.calderband.org](http://www.calderband.org) and on facebook

### *Influences & Style*

The **CCCB** is influenced by the rich and enormous tradition of [Concert Bands](#).

1. The formation of Concert Bands in America was based on European traditions and military bands that played instrumental music. Modern Concert Bands evolved from professional concert bands such as composer/conductor [John Philip Sousa's](#) group, [The President's Own Marine Band](#) and the famous [Goldman Band](#), founded by composer and bandmaster [Edwin Franko Goldman](#).

2. More recently, Concert Bands, particularly the **Calder City Concert Band**, have been influenced and shaped by the traditions of [National Band Association Hall of Fame](#) members from Michigan:

- ✓ [Dr. William Rivelli](#), University of Michigan
- ✓ [Dr. Leonard Falcone](#) Michigan State University
- ✓ [Frederick Fennell](#) Interlochen

### *Programming*

The **Calder City Concert Band** follows traditional Concert Band programming, including: original compositions for concert band, orchestral transcriptions for concert band, and "light music" selections, including Big Band swing, Patriotic melodies, Broadway show tunes and of course, marches.

### *Instruments*

The **Calder City Concert Band** plays instrumental music on standard Concert Band instrumentation: woodwinds, brass and percussion instruments, and occasionally the electric bass guitar.

### *Performances*

The **Calder City Concert Band** performs at Grand Rapids area public venues, such as the East Grand Rapids' Summer Concerts in the Park series and Sparta's Summer Concerts. The Calder City Concert Band also volunteers to perform in private venues, such as area Senior Centers and local communities for seniors, including Beacon Hill, Clark Community, Porter Hills, Covenant Village of the Great Lakes and Breton Woods & Raybrook of Holland Homes.

Additionally, the Calder City Concert Band has participated in the Bands on the Grand Festival and outreach concerts at local Public Schools.

### *Members*

The **Calder City Concert Band** is comprised of volunteers from the Grand Rapids area. With an average age of about 75 years, most players are retirees from all walks of life, including ministers, physicians & nurses, engineers and business professionals and many music professors and school music teachers, and the average age is about 75 years. The conductors are also volunteers: Nick Valenziano, PhD and Jack Martinez, MA, who are both retired music teachers.

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