



# ALL-AMERICAN ALUMNI BAND



*To inspire and instill a love of music by celebrating our musical gifts.*

## Letter from the President

### At Long Last

After our very firm plans to be in Columbus two years ago, a very nice virtual re-union that same year and then a potential gathering last year....I'm confident we WILL be in (well...near) Columbus this Memorial Day Weekend!

It'll be great to see familiar faces as well as new ones and play music together with our esteemed conductor, Russel Mikkelson and soloist Wycliffe Gordon! A huge thanks to Carl Trevathan and his on-the-ground team, especially Bryan Corbett, for their unwavering help and resources.

Meanwhile...I need to practice so see you soon!

Kim Scharnberg

AAAB President, '77, Trombone, Iowa

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## *The All-American Alumni Band*

*Invites you to an evening of Jazz and American favorites*

*For the whole family*

*Sunday, May 29th at 7:00 PM*

*Worthington, Ohio Village Green*

*Featured Artist: Wycliffe Gordon*

*Renowned Musician, Composer, Conductor,  
Arranger and All-American Alumnus Member*



*Guest Conductor:*

*Russel C. Mikkelsen*

*Director of Bands*

*The Ohio State University*



*Special Appearance by the Thomas Worthington High School Jazz Band*

*About the All-American Alumni Band: Each year from 1967 until 1992, two of the best high school musicians from every state were selected to take part in the famed McDonald's All-American High School Band. Alumni from this beloved program have reunited as the All-American Alumni Band.*

*Join us for an exciting evening of music featuring alumni member and Jazz trombonist, Wycliffe Gordon as we share our passion for music with the next generation.....and you!*

[www.AllAmericanAlumniBand.org](http://www.AllAmericanAlumniBand.org)





## The All-American Alumni Band Reunion Event

May 26 – 30, 2022

Columbus, OH

### Hotels

Fairfield Inns and Suites

1722 Buckeye Place

Grove City, OH 43123

(614) 808-8200

Courtyard by Marriott

1668 Buckeye Place

Grove City, OH 43123

(614) 782-8292

### **Thursday, May 26**

Band members travel to Columbus, OH

4:00 – 6:00pm - Check in at First Baptist Church Grove City, OH

3301 Orders Road

Grove City, OH 43123

- Pick up welcome packet, nametag, polo shirt, hat, sash
- Meet and Greet

6:00 – 9:00pm - Orientation Meeting and Rehearsal #1 – First Baptist Church

- Welcome from the All-American Alumni Band Board of Directors
- Introduction of special guests (Karen Golin, Pat Healy (if she is coming), Mayor Richard "Ike" Stage
- Overview of Weekend
- Introduction of our guest conductor, Russell Mikkelsen
- BRIEF introductions: Name, state represented, year marched, where you live now
- Play some

### **Friday, May 27**

9:00am -12:00 - Rehearsal #2 – First Baptist Church

Lunch Break

1:30 - 5:30pm - Rehearsal #3 – First Baptist Church

Dinner on your own – free time

## **Saturday, May 28**

9:00am -12:00 - Rehearsal #4 – First Baptist Church

Lunch Break

1:30 – 2:30pm - Marching Rehearsal – First Baptist Church

2:45 – 5:00pm – Rehearsal #5 – First Baptist Church

- Includes rehearsal with Wycliffe Gordon

5:00pm – Break down rehearsal room, load equipment, everyone helps

5:00 – 5:30pm – Jazz Septet Combo rehearsal w/Wycliffe

5:30 - 7:00pm - Pizza dinner with Band members and families – First Baptist Church

- Special guest Karen Golin in attendance
- Group photo shoot – Thalassa Naylor, photographer
- Paper Plate Awards

Cleanup and breakdown room afterwards, everyone helps

## **Sunday, May 29**

3:00 – 4:00pm – Equipment crew set up at the concert venue site

2:30 – 4:00pm - Thomas Worthington HS Jazz Band Masterclass and Rehearsal with Wycliffe – Thomas Worthington High School

4:30pm – 5:30pm - Technical Rehearsal – Village Green, Worthington, OH

Dinner on your own

7:00pm – CONCERT at the VILLAGE GREEN, WORTHINGTON, OH

- Featured Artist: Wycliffe Gordon
- Guest Conductor: Russel C. Mikkelsen, Director of Bands, The Ohio State University
- Collaboration with Thomas Worthington High School Jazz Band

Need help loading equipment after the concert

## **Monday, May 30**

8:00 am - Bus leaves from hotel to go to the parade staging area (check out before we leave if you are leaving on Monday)

10:00 am – WORTHINGTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Load bus at parade termination location

Uniform for parade: White Polo Shirt, Ball Cap, Black Pants, Black shoes/tennis shoes, sash

1:00 pm - Bus returns to hotel

High fives and hugs all-around



## American Alumni Band Memory



Having the opportunity to meet fellow musicians that experienced some of the same joy that I did in the 1983 McDonalds All American Band was one of life's moments that never leaves you. The entire weekend was packed with music and making friendships with special people across the country that I would otherwise never have met. The moment that really stays with me more than any other is when Donna directed our first run through of America the Beautiful. None of us knew what to expect. Would we still sound good? What if we didn't? How would we pull off a concert? From the first note to the last, I had chills and tears in my eyes. I felt transported to another time and place, as if I were 17 again! We all instantly connected with one another through that song. I'll never forget how we cheered at the end. We all knew it was going to be a success, and I know I'm not the only one who cried tears of sheer joy. I will always be grateful to the Mc8 for putting in the work to pull that experience off, and I look forward to playing together again in the future.

God Bless!

Cindy Hainchek

1983 Louisiana French Horn

They still have their  
Merch!!!!!!

Bring your memorabilia to Columbus for  
Show and Tell!



## Music: A Lifetime Adventure By David Lang 1983 Euphonium Iowa

In May of 2021, I waved my baton for the last time as director of bands at Independence High School (Iowa). I knew I wanted to be a teacher since I joined the band in eighth grade. I had strong mentors and directors through my high school and college years, who encouraged me to a path of music education. As I grew through my teaching career, I saw that I was able to impart that same encouragement and mentorship to many of my students. This has been one of the many joys of my life.

My wife, Lisa is also a retired band director. We taught together in the same school district for most of our careers. She was the elementary director and I was the high school director. We devoted over three decades helping students to be the best musicians and humans they could be. We built a strong family atmosphere in our band and many students needed that more than they needed the music. We implemented a leadership program for our students to develop the skills necessary to be good role models, have a servant mindset and be able to build relationships with their peers. We felt these skills helped us have a successful band and also carry into other activities and life.

Thinking back on my experience of being part of the McDonald's All-American Band, I realized it cemented my desire to be a music educator. Coming together with students from all over the United States, rehearsing, expecting excellence and a high level of performance, instilled a pattern of work ethic in my music that I still have today. Now that I am retired, I have re-



turned to the same habits that I developed back then with practicing, performing, and learning new music. The week after my retirement, I joined an area British style brass band that rehearses once a week year round. While I absolutely loved teaching, I am now again realizing why I love music so much. Making music gives me joy and happiness. I can spend hours on end just playing my euphonium

### News

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#### Yamaha Awards Instrument to Member of McDonald's All-American High School Band

David Allen Lang, a senior at Dubuque High School, Dubuque, IA, has been awarded a new musical instrument from Yamaha Musical Products.

David, the son of Eugene Lang, plays the euphonium in the Dubuque High School Band under the direction of Floyd G. Rundle.

The All-American Band, sponsored by McDonald's restaurants to recognize the achievements of outstanding high school musicians, is composed of two students from each state and the District of Columbia, plus one member each from the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. David performed with the 104-member musical unit in the nationally televised Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City; the Fiesta Bowl Parade on December 31 in Phoenix, AZ; and the Tournament of Roses Parade January 2 in Pasadena, CA.



David's instrument was awarded by James Herendeen, Educational Director for Yamaha Musical Products, in recognition of his outstanding musical achievements as a member of the All-American Band.

Yamaha supplies background brass and marching percussion for the marching band and combo instruments for the jazz band. ♪

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and writing and arranging music. I have also learned a new skill with audio and visual production that I use to share my music.

In 1988, the year after graduating from the University of Iowa, my wife and I were asked to be on the staff of the Iowa's Ambassadors of Music European tour. We did this trip biennially for 20 years. My favorite country to visit was Switzerland. It is a beautiful country, with wonderful scenery, kind and generous people, and the alphorn! On our trips through Switzerland, I heard the local Swiss folklore groups and was very much enthralled with the beautiful sound of the alphorn. I eventually purchased my own Swiss-made alphorn, but had little time to practice it during my teaching career. Now that I am retired, I have devoted much time to further hone my skills on this beautiful and unique instrument.

In 2019, I was given the opportunity to participate in the first AAB reunion in St. Louis. We had an awesome time making music together. I heard from several people who said they hadn't touched their instrument since high school and some that haven't stopped playing. I highly recommend this experience to ALL alumni to help reinvigorate your love of making music.

I have attached a few video links highlighting both my career as a band director and my retirement euphonium and alphorn recording projects. My hope is that you will enjoy listening to these projects as much as I enjoyed making them!

**Video links:**

**Independence HS Band Highlights**  
[Article about the Indee band program](#)

[Dynastic Programs – Indee Band – CarlMartinNelsonMedia](#)

[2019 Independence HS Concert Band](#)

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[2014 Independence HS Jazz Orchestra \(State Champions\)](#)

[2019 Independence Mustang Marching BOA Grand Nationals](#)

**David Lang in Retirement**  
[Playing euphonium with Iowa Brass](#)

[Alphorn/Euphonium arranging/recording project](#)

## AAAB Board Meeting in Pensacola

In February, AAAB Board members met in Pensacola, FL graciously hosted by Carl and Angelia Trevathan.. During our full day retreat, we were able to iron out many details for our Columbus event as well as planning for our St. Louis event over Labor Day.

In addition, the Board fine tuned our organizations initiatives to focus on our stated goals, performance and the longevity of our organization so the legacy continues for decades to come. These initiatives are as follows:

1. Music for Life—Promoting the concept that the benefits of music lasts a lifetime.
2. Music for Health—Enhancing health and quality of life by sharing our passion for music
3. Music for All—Creating avenues to make instrumental music accessible to all regardless of environment or opportunities.

Following up on our virtual reunion call in 2021 the board worked on creating a structure of committees utilizing group members to advance our initiatives, plan for events, promote the program and pursue fundraising options. More information regarding these committees and opportunities for people to join in will be presented in Columbus and will be disseminated to those who were unable to attend that event. We are looking for broad involvement from members to take our initiatives to the next level.

The Board also reviewed and updated the website. The updated version is now live with more information. Check it out at [www.allamericanalumiband.org](http://www.allamericanalumiband.org).

Lots of great ideas, great food and even better camaraderie was had by all. There are lots of things in the works.

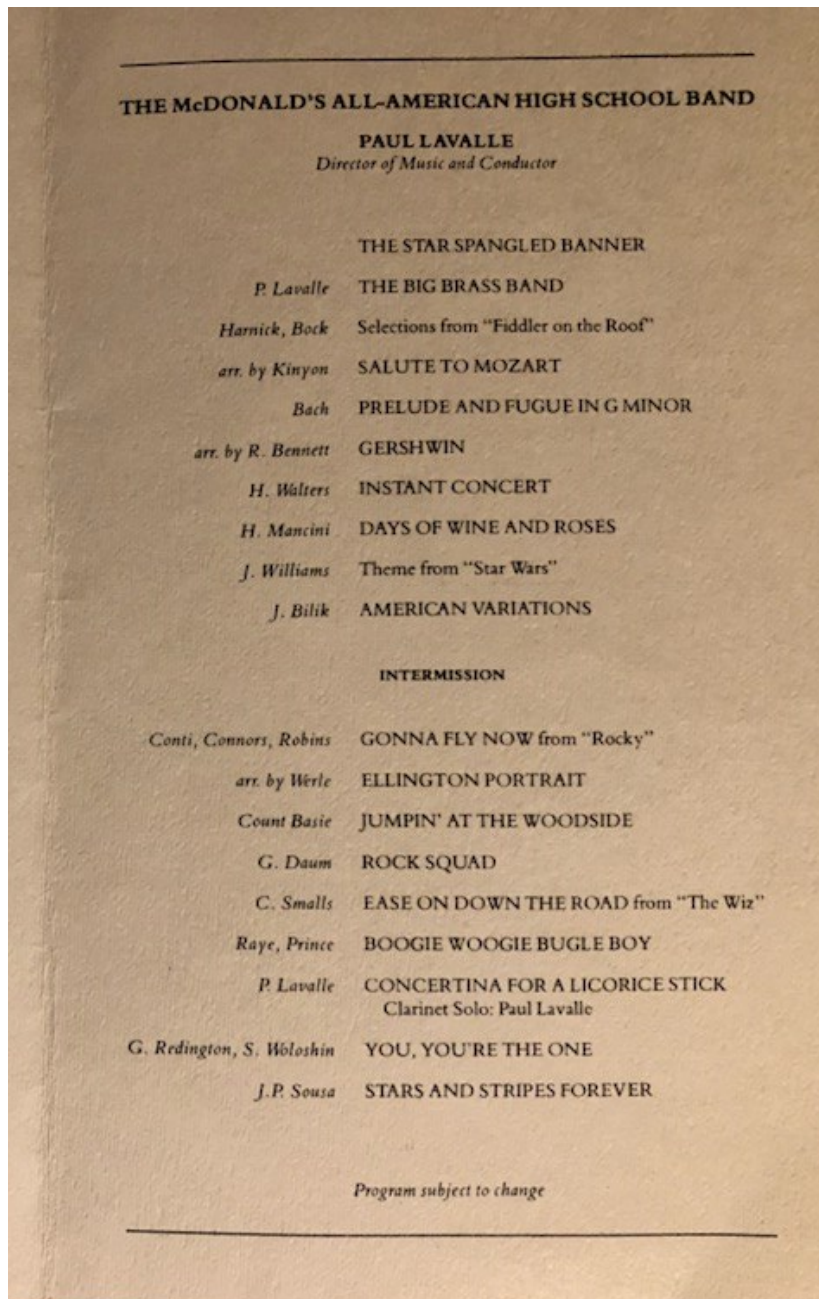
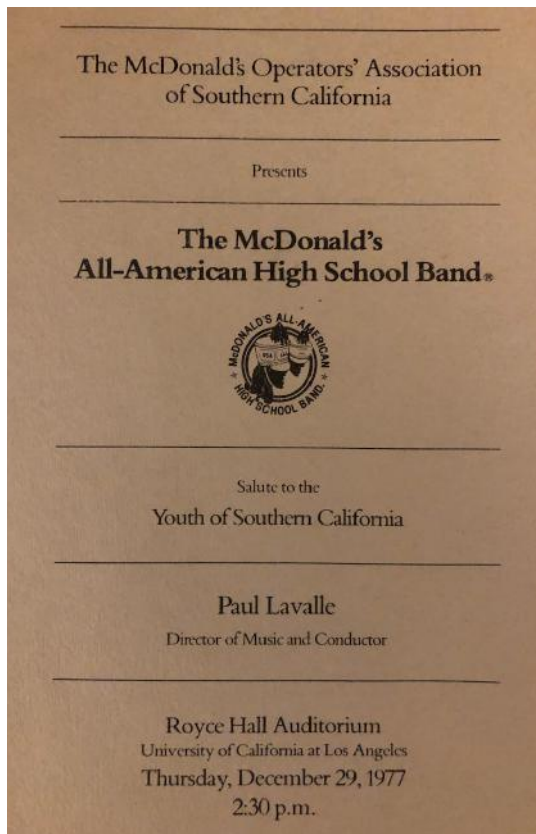
Stay tuned for all the details!











## McDonald's Band Memory

From: Tammy Harris Hall  
1977, Illinois, Bassoon and Tenor Sax



Photo from Cindy Hainchek 1983

**St. Louis, MO  
Labor Day Weekend 2022!!!!**

**Are You coming?**