

Annual Use Agreement Report To City Commissioners - 2015
To: The North Port City Commissioners

From: The North Port Concert Band
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Re: Music Suite Use Agreement Annual Report

The North Port Concert Band is a volunteer, not for profit musical group performing six concerts per season at the Performing Arts Center on the High School Campus, 6400 W. Price, Blvd. North Port. Under the direction of our conductor and our Board of Directors, the Concert Band has performed for a record breaking number of patrons this season. We have 94 members, some traveling from as far as Ft. Myers and Bradenton to perform with us. We now fill the stage to capacity and have instituted a "Wait List" this season for prospective musicians.

During the 2014-2015 season, the band performed before an approximate total audience of over 5844 patrons, averaging over 974 per concert which put us at .98% capacity. The best season to date.

Concert Preparation includes:

The Librarian and library committee worked approximately 164 hours for the concert season pulling music from the library, preparing individual music folders for each musician, and refiling music after each concert and cataloging new music inventory. Work is also spent off season to update the library and our computerized inventory list. Band chairs must be re-set each week for rehearsals since the music suite is shared by two other performing groups. We also have a cleaning service one a week working in the suite totaling approximately 89 hours per season for a combined total of 253 hours.

Band Rehearsals: The band rehearses each week on Thursday evening starting mid September. The conductor and board members arrive around 5:00 p.m. to set up the sound system which utilizes the Hearing Loop, prepare for the rehearsal & hold special individual group rehearsals when necessary. Regular rehearsals start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. Actual hours for rehearsal and set up per season are approximately **242**.

Office Use:

The office in the music houses our copier and is used an approximate additional 20 hours each season.

Board Meetings: The Concert Band has one meeting per month in the music suite which runs an average of two hours for a total of **14 hours** per season.

Total hours of Use for the Concert Band this season: 529

The Concert Band website is linked to the City of North Port's site showcasing Arts and Entertainment in the North Port area. Our patrons have the option of ordering and printing tickets on line since the box office is only open 3 hours daily Monday through Friday. It is a convenience to our patrons in North Port and surrounding communities who patronize the PAC and the musical presentations offered there.