

Annual Use Agreement Report to City Commissioners - 2016
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 organization, 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 Board of Directors, the Concert Band has performed for another record breaking number of patrons again this season. We have approximately 94 members, some traveling from as far as Ft. Myers and Bradenton to perform with the band. We fill the stage at the PAC to capacity and now have a "Wait List" for prospective musicians.

During the 2015-2016 season, the band performed before an approximate total audience of over 5845 patrons which averages 98% capacity. The numbers speak for themselves.

Concert Preparation includes:

Our Librarian and library committee worked approximately 314 hours for the concert season, pulling music from the library, preparing individual music folders for 94 musicians, refiling music following each concert and cataloging new music inventory. Work is 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 once a week working in the suite totaling approximately 89 hours per season for a combined total of 403 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 suite 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 including set up, for a total of 14 hours per season.

Total hours of Use for the Concert Band this season: 679 hours.

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 presentation offered there.

The Concert Band has received some very enthusiastic endorsements from our patrons this year which is reflected in our 98% capacity at each concert.