

# **Gem City Band Currently Accepting Applications for the Position of Music Director**

*Announcement date: January 9, 2008*

## **BACKGROUND**

Gem City Band (GCB) consists of two musical groups: Gem City Concert Band, which performs wind ensemble repertoire such as symphonic overtures, show tunes, traditional concert band literature and march favorites; and the Gem City Jazz Ensemble, specializing in swing, jazz, and big band charts. GCB is comprised of 45+ members from Erie County.

GCB is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization offering area musicians of all ages and backgrounds a fun-filled, yet disciplined, environment to share the joy of music. Members include experienced professionals, music educators, and dedicated amateurs who enjoy the opportunity to perform and entertain throughout the community. Membership in this all-volunteer group is open to anyone with sufficient music proficiency, discipline, and commitment to GCB.

## **ACTIVITIES**

GCB's season is year-round, with weekly rehearsals on Tuesday evenings from 6:15 to 9:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church. Jazz Ensemble meets from 6:15 until 7:45 p.m. and the Concert Band rehearses from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

GCB typically performs five concerts for St. John's Lutheran Church, including a spring, summer, and Christmas concert by the Concert Band, and a winter and summer concert by the Jazz Ensemble. GCB is also actively involved in local and senior entertainment, usually performing 20+ concerts at various community events and celebrations throughout Erie County, as well as numerous nursing homes and retirement communities.

## **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

- Select GCB's musical repertoire
- Select and order new music within budgetary guidelines
- Conduct and coordinate the content, activities, and structure of weekly rehearsals
- Determine and conduct concert programming
- Serve on Board of Directors
- Arrange for substitute director when unavailable for rehearsals or concerts
- Recruit new members

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS**

- Strong musical background in both concert band and jazz ensemble
- Ability to motivate and elicit the best efforts of band members in a serious and challenging, yet fun, environment
- Ability to communicate and work well with band members who possess a wide range of experiences
- Strong and enthusiastic commitment to community music and service
- Commitment to the continued growth, success, and longevity of GCB

**COMPENSATION**

This is an unpaid, volunteer position. Benefits include the satisfaction of conducting enthusiastic and dedicated musicians who come together each week because they share the love of making quality music. You will also enjoy developing individual skills and talents, and providing entertainment for the Erie community. Most importantly, you will enjoy and relish the 45+ new friendships you form, because GCB is more than people meeting in a rehearsal room each week; GCB is a family who supports and encourages one another in all things music and beyond.

**SUBMISSION**

To be considered for this position, please submit a cover letter and resume, including recent conducting experience and references, to GCB at [info@gemcitybands.org](mailto:info@gemcitybands.org) or:

Music Director Search Committee  
Gem City Bands  
4303 Irene Drive  
Erie, PA 16510-3338

Email (PDF or MSWord) submissions preferred. Deadline for submission is February 5, 2008 or until position is filled.

**ADDITIONAL INFO**

For additional information on GCB, visit online at [www.gemcitybands.org](http://www.gemcitybands.org).