

**Clarence High School
Music Department Presents**

AN EVENING OF
CHAMBER MUSIC



**Clarence High School Auditorium
June 16, 2026 | 7:00 PM**

WHY TEACH MUSIC?

Music is a Science – It is exact, specific; and, it demands exact acoustics. A conductor's full score is a chart, a graph which indicates frequencies, intensities, volume changes, melody, and harmony all at once and with the most exact control of time.

Music is Mathematical – It is rhythmically based on the subdivisions of time into fractions which must be done instantaneously, not worked out on paper.

Music is a Foreign Language – Most of the terms are in Italian, German, or French; and the notation is certainly not English, but a highly developed kind of shorthand that uses symbols to represent ideas. The semantics of music is the most complete and universal language.

Music is History – Music usually reflects the environment and times of its creation, often even the country and/or racial feeling.

Music is Physical Education – It requires fantastic coordination of fingers, hands, arms, lip, cheek, and facial muscles, in addition to extraordinary control of the diaphragmatic, back, stomach, and chest muscles, which respond instantly to the sound the ear hears and the mind interprets.

Music is all these things, but most of all, Music is art – It allows a human being to take all these dry, technically boring (but difficult) techniques and use them to create emotion. That is one thing science cannot duplicate: humanism, feeling, emotion, call it what you will.

That is why we teach music!

*Not because we expect you to major in music;
not because we expect you to play or sing all your life.
But so you will be human, so you will recognize beauty,
so you will have something to cling to,
so you will have more love, more compassion, more gentleness,
more good – in short, more life.*

- Stephen Melillo

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An Evening of Chamber Music

Contrapunctus I Johann Sebastian Bach, Arr. Robert King

Clarence Wind Ensemble Brass Choir

Trumpets: Nathan Grek, Sebastian Francis, Reed Giangrasso,
Leondina Passucci, Henry Furminger

Horns: Callum Lagowski, Alexis Grek, Aaron Ostrov, Annie Bova

Trombones: Dominic Annunziato, Daniel Hibscheiler,
Noah Garson, David Brophy,

Euphoniums: Thomas Bittar, Clarke Sauls

Tubas: Nathan Kleismit, Theodore Kelley

Quartet no. 2 Alexander Borodin
I. Allegro moderato

Violin 1: Zachary Wentland

Violin 2: Jackson Grady and Molly Frank

Viola: Addison Amico

Cello: Carter Mountain, Charles Kreher, Owen Olexenko

I Will Go Sailing No More Randy Newman, Arr. Rich Hasty

CHS Chamber Choir

Sopranos: Cadence Ehre, Samantha Fisher, Brynn Jalal, Edith Setlik

Altos: Avery Collins, Eleni Castaldi, Tegan Keough

Tenors: Lincoln Graffam, Eli Janicki-Howe, Grace Kinnan

Basses: Peter Kraft, Jacob Wyant, Julian Wyant

Welcome to Mountainhaven Hannah Nawotniak

CMS Clarinet Ensemble

Hannah Nawotniak, Molly McCabe, Katelyn Fulcer, Zoe Castellani,
Brooklyn McCrea, Yasmeen Nough

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String Quartet No. 12, Op. 96 Antonin Dvorak
I. Allegro ma non troppo

Violin 1: Ian Gawron and Hannah Zang

Violin 2: Jenna Paradowski

Viola: Addison Amico

Cello: Martin Ieda

The dansant im Landschlösschen Julius Weissenborn
(Tea-Time Dance in the Little Country Manor Polka)

Bassoon: Avery Collins, Evelyn Klemenz

Bass Clarinet: Madeline Ramirez

Beautiful Boy John Lennon, Arr. Kevin Keller

CHS Chamber Choir

Drums of Liberation Arr. Nicholas Kramer

Clarence Wind Ensemble Percussion

Nicholas Kramer, Benjamin Hereth, Simon Morra, Owen Zdrojewski,
Kellen Weiss, Noah Mack, Kian Banifatemi



"Calling all alumni!"

2026 CLARENCE SUMMER BAND

We are looking forward, with great anticipation, to another year of Summer Band.

It is a great opportunity for us to keep up with the alumni and friends of the Clarence Band Program. Alumni and community members are an important part of our summer band "tradition" and we hope you will be able to join us. This year there will be five rehearsals and a concert in July. The music is guaranteed to challenge and excite!

Please Join Us!

REHEARSALS

Clarence High School Band Room

Wednesday, July 8, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Thursday, July 9, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Monday, July 13 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Tuesday, July 14, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Wednesday, July 15, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

SUMMER BAND CONCERT

Clarence Town Park Band Shell

Thursday, July 16, 7:00 PM (call time: 6:30 PM)

In case of rain – Clarence High School Auditorium

PLEASE JOIN US!

2026

CLARENCE HIGH SCHOOL

SUMMER BAND

CONCERT



Clarence Town Park

Concert Shell

Thursday, July 16, 2026 | 7:00 PM

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2026-2027 Band Concert Dates

(More concerts, events, and fundraisers will be added at a later date.)

Clarence Summer Band Rehearsals

Wednesday, July 8 & Thursday, July 9 - 7:00 – 9:00pm

Monday-Wednesday, July 13, 14, 15 - 7:00 - 9:30pm

Clarence Summer Band Concert

Clarence Town Park Band Shell, 7:00pm

CHS AVPA Meeting

Monday, September 14 · 8:15 – 8:50am

CHS Fall Band Concert

Thursday, November 5, 2026 · 7:00pm

CHS Bands Mid-Winter Concert

Thursday, January 21, 2027 · 7:00pm

62nd Annual Kleinhans Concert

Tuesday, May 25, 2027 · 7:00pm

District Band Spectrum Concert

Tuesday, June 8, 2027

CHS Band Banquet

Thursday, June 10, 2027 · 6:00pm

Chamber Music Concert

Tuesday, June 15, 2027 · 7:00pm



Clarence Music

Faculty & Staff

Winds and Percussion

Dana Bennett
Andrew Bodemer
Thomas Furminger
Chryste Mallory
Casidy Reed
Andrea Runfolo
Thomas Stroth

Strings

James Ieda
Alicia Kluck
Daniel Polino
Amanda Witherell

Vocal / General Music

Erin Alexander
Daniel Denecke
Marissa DeVoe
Amy Fetterly
Kristen Grajek

Heidi Kohler - Department Chair
Gino Thompson

Emeritus Faculty

Valerie Acee
Nancy Benz
Jeanne Boyar
Ronald Case (1941-2024)
Betty Lou Cranston
William Eicher
Jill Fitzgerald
Christopher Gawlak
Beverly Hurst (1939-2022)
William Lambert
Robert Lehner
William Rich
Michael Reid
Douglas Shaw
Ronald Sutherland
Robert Vohar (1936-2012)
Louis Vitello
George Whittier

Secretarial

Cassandra Fish