



Covina Concert Band, Inc.

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Dear Friends of Covina Concert Band,

You are cordially invited to become a patron of Covina Concert Band and register as a member of our non-profit community supported corporation. If you are already a member please renew your membership for this season. We receive no general funding except what we can generate ourselves with the help of friends and fundraising efforts. With your greatly appreciated support, the band can continue to grow and prosper.

Covina Concert Band has provided crowd-pleasing performances year after year since 1956 and has become a Covina icon. In addition to our ever-popular summer weekly Thursday evening concerts in the park, and our annual *Spring Concert* and *Christmas Concert* (which are free), the band also attracts audiences to many performances at other venues within the local region. Small ensembles have been created from within the band to provide music for special occasions. The Covina Concert Band's youth outreach program is also made possible, in part, by our patron support. As part of this program, young musicians are able to receive lessons to better enrich their musical talent, and have the opportunity to perform with Covina Concert Band. The band sponsors the annual *Covina Concert Band Festival of Music* that provides an opportunity for many visiting bands to perform at no cost to the audience.

Covina Concert Band has entered its fifty-first season and is celebrating its golden anniversary. Our director, Dr. Don Holcomb, wielding his baton for his fourth year with the band, is our greatest asset. Don provides strong leadership and makes wise decisions; but more importantly he continues to hold the band dear to his heart. Accordingly, the band continues to grow in size. The recent addition of quality players and the application of Don's obvious conducting skills to our volunteer group has encouraged a sound that the legendary Charles King would recognize.

Covina Concert Band has been doing an outstanding job expressing what it means to deliver the joy of music. Last June, the band traveled to the *Community Band Festival at Carmichael Park* near Sacramento and performed another one of Don's great programs. We were a highlight of the festival and have been invited again this year. This February, the band went to Disneyland as they did last year. Again, as we performed, our sound drew people in from the surrounding areas. The audience could not resist the beat and tapped their feet, and some were dancing in the aisles. The *Friends of Covina Concert Band* can be proud they are able to support a community band of such quality. Covina Concert Band is indeed worthy of your support.

Our variety of music is sure to please. Our repertoire includes marches, medleys, the big band sound, classical compositions, and music written for band by current composers. We attract an audience consisting of all age groups ranging from children to senior citizens. Our audience is important to us and we welcome suggestions.

The activity of the band is not for profit. However, contributions to the band do produce profits for you and our community. There is an enhanced sense of well being, an increase in music appreciation which continues to renew vitality, and it can be found that for every dollar invested in the band, profits are generated within our community as a result. Your financial support is good for the band, good for the community, and good for you.

Please complete and return the enclosed invitation, with your tax deductible donation, and become a recognized patron and corporate member of Covina Concert Band for another exciting season. Help us grow and continue to deliver the joy of music, the legacy of Charles King.

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Praeger
Corporate Board President
Covina Concert Band

In keeping with the vision of Charles King, the founder of Covina Concert Band, it is the mission of the band to provide opportunities to enrich the musical culture of the local community, provide an environment in which the band members can strive to grow musically, and continue to deliver the joy of music, the legacy of Charles King.