

April 2014

The Marquette City Band continues to expand its musical season! After a new winter concert performed in February, a second concert will take place on Thursday, May 1, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at Reynolds Recital Hall at the C.B. Hedgcock Building at Northern Michigan University. Under the direction of Dr. Stephen Grugin, the concert is free and open to all.

The concert, "Popular Then, Classic Now," will feature a broad range of music ranging from the Beatles to Dave Brubeck. Other selections will include "Mambo" from West Side Story, "The Children's March--Over the Hills and Far Away" by Percy Grainger, as well as "Emperata Overture" by Claude T. Smith. Jacob Barnby, recent winner of the NMU Department of Music's Concerto Competition, will also be playing James Curnow's "Rhapsody for Euphonium." Reynolds Recital Hall offers a quality of sound which is unique among area venues, creating an impressive sound for audiences.

In 2012, the Band celebrated the 125th anniversary of its formation in 1887. Summer concerts have been performed continuously every year since 1929. As a community band of adults and students from throughout the area, the Marquette City Band provides musical enjoyment for the general public, while giving band members an outlet for their musical talents. Dr. Grugin is the Director of Bands and Professor of Low Brass at NMU, and has directed the Marquette City Band since 2012.

These new concerts have been made possible by a new grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. The Marquette City Band also enjoys the continuing support of the City of Marquette, the Louis G. Kaufman Endowment Fund, the Ray and Peg Hirvonen Foundation, individual patrons, and the contributions of audiences. The MCB website can be found at www.marquettecityband.com. In addition, the Marquette City Band has a new Facebook page which can be found at www.facebook.com/mqtcityband and includes up-to-date information about the band. Summer concert information will be available soon.

Anyone wanting further information about the band or instrumentalists wishing to audition can contact Stephen Grugin at 249-5484 or MCB President, Ben Bohnsack, at 250-7019.