



## **Asheville Community Band Celebrates Asheville Amadeus with a Family-Friendly Concert For All Ages!**

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The Asheville Community Band is pleased to be one of the organizations taking part in the upcoming Asheville Amadeus 2019 celebration! Asheville Symphony celebrates Mozart every second year with this springtime event in March.

Come join the Asheville Community Band with our theme of “Mozart, Mountains & Mickey Mouse.” Listeners will enjoy a fun-filled, energetic concert that is a family-friendly event for the young and young at heart to attend. Mozart will make an appearance with the Marriage of Figaro. To capture our beautiful mountain town, we will play various Mountain-themed pieces. And for family fun, we will conclude with Disney favorites.

This is a concert for all ages! We invite all children and adults to dress up in their favorite Disney character for the event and be recognized at the concert. We will have a reserved section for kids who dress in Disney character, such as the Disney Princesses! Come join in the fun!

Our concert will be performed on the campus of UNCA at Lipinsky Hall on Sunday, March 17, 2019, with two concerts to be performed at 2:30 and 4:30 PM.

Fran Shelton is our new Musical Director for the 2018-2019 season, and we are very excited to introduce her energy and determination to you. After graduating from Hendersonville High School, Fran received her B.A. degree in Elementary Education and B.M. degree in Music Education from Mars Hill College. She received her Masters of Music degree from Appalachian State University. Fran holds membership in North Carolina Bandmasters Association, Women Band Directors International, and American School Band Directors Association. Fran has served in many board positions in these organizations, as well as other organizations centered around high school music education. In December 2009, Frances was awarded the Silver Baton Award by the Women Band Directors International at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, Illinois. Fran also has served as clinician and adjudicator throughout the United States and Canada, and has been staff conductor fourteen times on European Tours. Fran was director of bands at Hendersonville High School in Hendersonville, North Carolina for the past 28 years. During her tenure the concert, marching, and jazz bands received numerous superior ratings, and performed at Billy Graham's Congressional Medal Ceremony, 1996 Olympic games, Gator, Sugar and Orange Bowls, Carnegie Hall in NYC, Symphony Hall in Boston, Mass., the Kennedy Center in Washington DC, Chicago Symphony Hall in Chicago, IL, Renee and Henry Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Los Angeles, Disney World, and Atlanta Symphony Hall. Finally, while Fran assumed Musical Director for the Asheville Community Band in September 2018, she has played trumpet throughout her career with the Asheville Community Band.

The Asheville Community Band was organized in October 1979 as a concert band for musicians of all ages and professions. Now composed of over ninety musicians (with more than a dozen new players this Fall!), the band truly represents Western North Carolina with members representing six counties. The all-volunteer band ranges in age from high school to octogenarian and is a 501(c)3 organization. Our mission is to support music education and the proud tradition of community bands and symphonic band music across America, and have a great time together doing so.

Concert admission costs \$12 per person (children and students are free), with proceeds earmarked towards a scholarship program to encourage and aid local college students majoring in instrumental music education.