

Welcome to the 2025-2026 Season — our 23rd!

Rehearsals are now held at the new West Shore Masonic Centre, 2832 Bryn Maur Road in Langford.,
TUESDAYS at 7:00 p.m.

Website: www.westshoreband.org

Email: info@westshoreband.org; conductor@westshoreband.org

Dues:

- Membership dues for players joining the Band in September of 2025 are \$200, and may be paid by cash, cheque (made out to “Westshore Community Concert Band”), e-transfer sent to payment@westshoreband.org or debit/credit card. If you wish to pay by credit or debit card, you will be charged the processing fee in addition to the amount of the dues.
The dues are used to pay hall rental, insurance, music supplies and other operational expenses. A prospective member must pay a drop-in fee of \$10 per session until they determine if the Band is a good fit for them. If the person commits to joining the band, payment of dues is required within two weeks of joining but the drop-in fee(s) will be credited toward the full amount. If you are unable to pay the dues, you may discuss with the treasurer your reason to be considered for alternate arrangements.
- You **must not** take music home until after you’ve paid your dues and turned in a current membership application form.

Music:

- You must sign for your assigned music folder. See the Librarian (Robert Hume, string bass) for this.
- The Librarian will endeavour to provide a folder for each player. Robert is deaf, and with the ambient noise in the hall is sometimes unable to hear you if you request missing parts at the rehearsal; make the conductor aware that you need a part and he will alert Robert.
- It is YOUR responsibility to keep your music folder in good order and good condition, with current repertoire. **DO NOT** exchange parts between folders.
- If you know you will absent for more than one rehearsal, please leave your folder of music at the rehearsal hall in case another person needs to use it.

Basic rules:

Rehearsals and concerts tend to be friendly and fun events, but there are some courtesies to be expected from members:

- Downbeat for rehearsals is 7:00 p.m. Please arrive in time to set up and warm up before 7:00. Please do not start warming up before 6:45 p.m. and play QUIETLY because the general din makes it impossible to hold conversations.
- If you are going to be late or absent please let the conductor know: conductor@westshoreband.org.
- Please keep chatter to a minimum during tuning and actual rehearsal time.
- Intermission is intended as time to rest the face muscles, so please do NOT blow your instrument. This is the appropriate time to get to know the rest of the band members, and for the directors to hold brief meetings if necessary.
- Each member must bring his/her own **music stand**. Wind/brass players must bring a small **towel/cloth** to catch condensation from their instruments. The hall floor must be left in a dry and sanitary state each evening.

- After rehearsal, members must stack their own chairs and assist generally in any other clean up tasks such as returning equipment to the storage area. Many hands make light work.

Parking at rehearsals

- Parking is available under the Masonic Centre during rehearsals. The garage will be opened when the first person arrives and closed shortly after 7:00 p.m. The gate opens automatically so members may exit after rehearsal. If you arrive after the gate has been shut, you may use the ground level parking stalls around the Centre.

Late arrival

- If you arrive after the garage gate has been closed and the front door locked, there is a button to the right of the front door. It links to a buzzer outside the rehearsal room that will alert us so you can be let in.

Repertoire, calendar and website:

- Check the Events page of our website for regular updates: www.westshoreband.org/events.shtml. On it is a link to the band's Google calendar that will list all rehearsals and events. Cancellations/changes will be posted there as soon as possible after they become known.
- The conductor usually will display each week's planned rehearsal list on a white board at rehearsal. Members should follow the list to reduce wasted time and disruption between pieces. The following week's rehearsal list will also be posted on the Google calendar for your convenience.
- More information about the band, its history, upcoming and past performances, band constitution and bylaws and other links may be found at www.westshoreband.org.

Health protocols:

- Brass players are required to bring a small towel on which condensation may be caught. Wind players should also ensure they have adequate swabs and absorbent papers to capture moisture.

Band uniform:

- Each member must provide their own white shirt, black pants/skirt, and dark shoes
- The band usually provides black vests for formal performances. We will endeavour to supply each member with one in their size but there are no guarantees of perfect fit.
- For casual performances, a red golf shirt bearing the band logo or other red shirt may be worn (with the usual black pants/skirt).

Board of directors:

- Visit the band's website at <https://westshoreband.org/directors.shtml> for a list of the current directors.