

The Sterling Municipal Band Wants to Thank You

This organization thrives on your donations and would not be able to bring this quality of music to you without them. We can't thank you enough for all you do to keep live music thriving in our community.



This has always been and will continue to be an organization devoted to pleasing its audience members as well as providing area musicians the opportunity to perform and learn from some of the finest guest conductors and soloists throughout the world.



If you would like to help Music Under the Stars continue, please make a check out to
"Sterling Municipal Band"

and mail to

Sterling Municipal Band
P.O. Box 991
Sterling, IL. 61081

Any Questions Call (815) 499-9426

Saturday Night Concerts At Grandon Civic Center

7:30pm

June 23rd - First Jazz Band Concert of the Season

July 7th - Concert # 2

July 21st—Big Band Dance with Dance Floor & Tiki Torches

July 29th Final Concert of the Season



When the citizens of Sterling voted for a municipal band tax in 1928, our musical ensemble officially became the Sterling Municipal Band. This year we are celebrating our 90th Anniversary. The first band board composed of the late John Wagner, Harold Ward and Lester Hendricks engaged Jake Hitzelberger as their first conductor. Down the line, J.J. Richards gave D.W. Grandon the suggestion that a band could never be made outstanding in Sterling until there was a fit place in which it might play. As a result, Mr. Grandon erected the Grandon Civic Center which has served as an inspiration to all local musicians. Mr. Richards started hundreds of younger musicians on the right path, and the splendid foundation given these boys and girls by past Sterling band conductors and instructors like Gunnar Benson, C.C. Myers and Kenneth Baily served as a wonderful incentive to the musical growth of our community.

Celebrate the **90TH** of
ANNIVERSARY



Grandon Civic Center is located in Central Park
on East 4th Street & Rt-2 in Sterling, IL.

The Sterling Municipal Band
Performs 10 Summer Concerts from
June to August on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
With a "Pops" Concert in January &
A Spring Concert in April
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Jon P. James is the 10th conductor of the Sterling Municipal Band since 1928; following Jake Hitzelberger, Prof. Lawrence DeArvill, Capt. J.R. Jack, Kenneth M. Bailey, J.J. Richards, Henry Burch, C. Cloyd Myers, G. Jack Schuler and Lance H. Carter.

Jon P. James lives in Sterling with his wife Cathy. In 1992, he received his Bachelors Degree in Music Education from Western Illinois University in Macomb and is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America-Kappa Psi Chapter. Jon is the Junior High Band Director in Amboy, IL., after 22 years in the Polo School District. Jon is a member of The National Band Association (NBA), The Music Educators National Conference (MENC) and The Illinois Educators Music Association (IMEA). Mr. James is also active as a Adjudicator and Guest Conductor in the State of Illinois. In addition to conducting, Mr. James has also remained active as a musician. Before picking up the baton to direct the Sterling Municipal Band, Jon played trumpet in the band for 12 years and was principle chair trumpet for 9 years. Jon continues to play in the Dixon Municipal Band where he serves as principle chair trumpet. Jon is also a regular member of the Sauk Valley Community College Concert Band and he plays with the Rock River Jazz Band and Ain't Misbehavin' Combo. Jon actively performs in musical orchestra pits for area high schools and community theatres and performs as a soloist for weddings and church services.



Highlights For the 2018 Summer Season Sterling Municipal Band

June 6th - Season Opener !
Pre-concert music by StringAlong

June 13th - Pre-concert music by Iron in the Fire



June 20th - Alexis Lamb, 2018 ASCAP Foundation Morton Gould Young Composer.
Pre-concert music by Mariachi Campirano

June 24th - Free Ice Cream Social 1:30 - 3:00 supplied by Culvers
Musical group - Macedonia's Finest

June 27th - Col. Lowell Graham, USAF (ret) & Dr. Brian Bowman, Euphonium Soloist.
Pre-concert music by Rock River Valley Barbershop Chorus



July 4th - Patriotic Concert with cannons & the 1812 Overture

July 11th - Lynn Stukart, Altus Flutes, Performing Artist & Educator.
Kids Konkert Week



July 18th - Wayne Bergeron, Yamaha Performing & Recording Artist
Pre-concert music TBA

July 25th - Dr. Shawn Smith, Director of Bands, UNC Charlotte
Pre-concert music TBA



August 1st - Dr. Curran Prendergast, Truman State University.
Pre-concert music by House Wine

August 8th - Dr. James Lambrecht, Augustana.
Pre-concert music by 7th Hour

