

# GOLDEN EAGLE CONCERT BAND

# GRACENOTES



## The official newsletter of the Golden Eagle Concert Band

GRACENOTES is our new quarterly newsletter aimed at bringing news, education, and a little entertainment to our Golden Eagle Concert Band members and friends. In this issue, we'll name the 2025 Board of Directors, meet our new Principal Conductor, and announce some of the exciting endeavors for the upcoming season.

## Introducing our first female Principal Conductor

In August of 2024, we said goodbye to Tucker Ewer. Tucker served as Principal Conductor of the Golden Eagle Concert Band back in the late 2010's before moving to Texas, and again from August 2023–2024 after he moved back to the Denver area, bringing with him a new wife and a lot more expertise. While we will greatly miss Tucker's talent and energy on the podium, we needed to move forward in search of a new Principal Conductor. We'd also like to take a moment to thank Bob Tucker, our Assistant Conductor, who stepped into the role of Interim Principal Conductor while the band underwent a period of transition. Bill Gray, tuba, also stepped in to assist Bob as the Interim Assistant Conductor. We want to share our deepest gratitude to these two men who have been graciously giving their time and energy to guide the band through some recent trials.

We are thrilled to announce the appointment of our new Principal Conductor, the first female at the band's helm in its' nearly fifty-year history. It was no surprise when the band overwhelmingly chose Ilse, whose presence on the podium was warm, positive, and inviting. She immediately connected with band members and we are excited to work with her!

Ilse taught band in the Wheat Ridge area for the last 17 years. She currently teaches 5th–8th grade band at 6 schools including Everitt Middle School, Maple Grove Elementary School, Peak Expeditionary School, Prospect Valley Elementary School and Stevens Elementary School. She is responsible for starting 5th grade students on their instruments and helping them develop their musicianship and skills for four years until they are ready for high school. She has also coached high school musicians at Wheat Ridge High School, Lakewood High School, Loveland High School and Arvada High School. Ilse has been active in community bands and orchestras in Denver and has performed with the Denver Pops Orchestra, the Littleton Symphony, the Wild Beautiful Orchestra, the Boulder Concert Band, and the Colorado Wind Ensemble.

Congratulations, Ilse– Welcome to the Golden Eagle Concert Band!



**Ilse Reardon**  
*Principal Conductor*

**The Golden Eagle Concert Band is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion. We believe that embracing different perspectives strengthens our community and creates a sense of belonging for all.**





*Photographic Highlights from  
our first concert of the season:*  
***Echoes of America***  
*Saturday, April 5, 2025*







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*“After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music.”*

– Aldous Huxley

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## All-New Redesigned Website

[www.GoldenEagleConcertBand.org](http://www.GoldenEagleConcertBand.org)  
has had a makeover!

Check it out.

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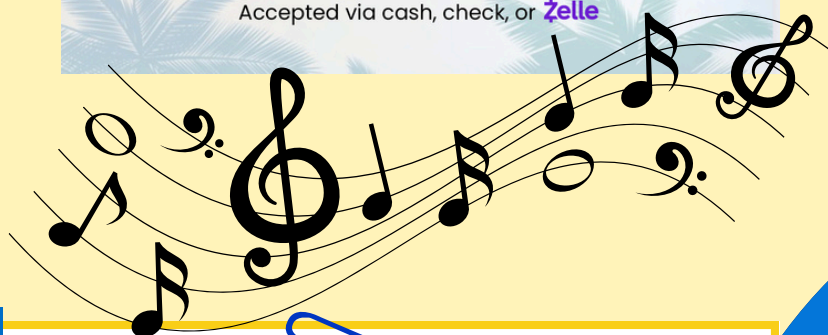
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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025**

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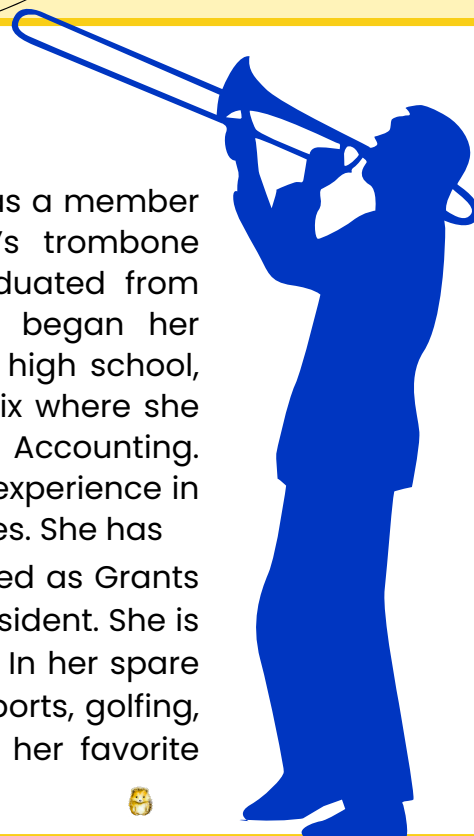
## Meet our new Board President



### Sandi Bostwick

Sandi Bostwick is in her seventh year as a member of the Golden Eagle Concert Band's trombone section. A Colorado native who graduated from Green Mountain High School, Sandi began her musical studies on French Horn. After high school, Bostwick attended University of Phoenix where she received a Bachelor's in Business and Accounting. Sandi has over 37 years of leadership experience in nonprofit, private, and public companies. She has

been the President of the John Philip Sousa Band, and served as Grants Manager for the GECB Board before taking on the role of President. She is currently an Operational Accounting Manager at InnovAge. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, watching sports, golfing, and playing with her sweet pup whom she named after her favorite basketball team: Nugget.



## GEGB soars into summer with a showcase of Patriotic and Community Spirit

Summer concert season is upon us! The Golden Eagle Concert Band is thrilled to announce a vibrant lineup of summer concerts that will have audiences tapping their toes and celebrating the season in style. With a rich blend of patriotic favorites, beloved classics, and rousing marches, the band is bringing the joy of live music to communities across the Denver metro area.

The summer festivities kick off with special Independence Day performances at Littleton United Methodist Church (private) and Ave Maria Catholic Church (Public- July 5), where the band will honor our nation's birthday with stirring tributes and familiar favorites. In August, the band travels to the plains for Strasburg Hometown Days- Saturday, August 9 at 12:00pm, continuing its tradition of community celebration through music. Then, to cap off a fantastic summer, the band returns to Littleton for a can't-miss finale: the Summer Concert Series Showcase at St. Philip Lutheran Church on Sunday, August 24th at 2:00 p.m. Join us for an uplifting afternoon of music that celebrates the spirit of summer and the power of community.

Bring friends, bring family, and enjoy the great weather. This is the perfect season to experience the Golden Eagle Concert Band's immense talent and camaraderie. The soundtrack of summer awaits!

## Meet the New Board

Our current board of directors has added several new members to the team as well as retained some who have proudly served on the board for a number of years. Here's the current lineup:

**NEW**

**President:** Sandi Bostwick  
**Vice President:** Bob Phillips  
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