



## The City of Fairfax Band Association

Nationally recognized for excellence, the City of Fairfax Band Association (CFBA) is a nonprofit organization comprised of adult volunteer musicians and student musicians who enjoy providing high-quality musical performances to the Northern Virginia community. Now in its 50th concert season, CFBA and its musicians have entertained audiences with classical and popular music since 1969. Under the leadership of Music Director Robert Pouliot, the ensembles bring Northern Virginia the best in symphonic band music every year in a nine-concert Subscription Series, Independence Day celebrations, the annual Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts Festival, as well as summertime Concerts in the Park and Spotlight by Starlight. CFBA musicians also volunteer their time to welcome WWII, Korean and Vietnam War veterans visiting Washington, DC, as part of the Honor Flight program.

CFBA's ensembles include the City of Fairfax Band, Main Street Community Band, Northern Virginia Youth Winds, Alte Kameraden German Band, Fairfax Saxophone Quartet, Fairfax Swing Band, and the Main Street Brass Quintet.

The **City of Fairfax Band** (CFB) has entertained audiences with a broad repertoire of classical transcriptions, marches, Broadway tunes, and popular band compositions since 1969. Since its formation, the band has grown from a small, summer-season ensemble to one of Northern Virginia's best-known volunteer community performing groups. Under the direction of Robert Pouliot, the band provides its audience with a musical experience that rivals the nation's top bands. The CFB was awarded the John Philip Sousa Foundation's Sudler Silver Scroll Award in 2004, the most prestigious honor a community band may receive, and it was voted into *Virginia Living's* "Best of Virginia 2012." The City of Fairfax Band has performed throughout the Washington metropolitan area including appearances at the Kennedy Center, Wolf Trap, and for the national conventions of the National Band Association and the Association of Concert Bands. In June of 2017, CFB represented the United States as the official band of the American Battle Monuments Commission D-Day anniversary ceremonies in Normandy, France. The ensemble also performed concerts in Paris and Sainte-Mère-Église.

Established in February 2009, the **Main Street Community Band** (MSCB), under the direction of Geoffrey K. Seffens, presents its thirteenth concert season this year. The MSCB is an open-membership, volunteer community ensemble of the City of Fairfax Band Association, with a friendly, welcoming spirit promoting the personal rewards of making music with friends while encouraging excitement for music education and continued learning. Membership in MSCB is open to all wind, brass, and percussion instrumentalists 18 years of age or older, without audition. Members represent a wide range of musical backgrounds and training, from those renewing musical skills to those of advanced ability. MSCB has been featured on WETA's *Around Town Events*.

**Northern Virginia Youth Winds (NVYW)** is the Educational Division of CFBA. Under the direction of Brett Dodson, NVYW presents area students with an opportunity to experience the joy of making music alongside adult CFBA members who act as mentors. The makeup of NVYW reflects the early days of the City of Fairfax Band, which started 50 years ago as an ensemble of students performing alongside adult community musicians. NVYW performs three concerts each year.

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## Robert Pouliot, Music Director

Robert Pouliot's career spans more than three decades and includes both instrumental and choral conducting positions. A native of Rhode Island, he attended The University of Connecticut while working as a church organist and choir director. He studied trumpet with William Vacchiano, Mel Broiles and William Babcock, and conducting with Jerome Laszloffy and Larry Rachleff, completing a Master of Music Degree in conducting in 1984.



He received his commission in the United States Air Force in 1986, and served as Deputy Commander and Assistant Conductor of the Military Airlift Command Band, Commander and Conductor of the Air Force Band of the East, and as Executive Officer and Associate Conductor of The United States Air Force Band, releasing a recording with the Air Force Ceremonial Brass on the compact disc *Tower Music* and serving as producer on several other CD projects. While serving in the Air Force, he conducted the music for ceremonies honoring former presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan and represented the U.S. Air Force in a July 4<sup>th</sup> appearance on ABC's *Good Morning America*. He is the recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Maestro Pouliot's tenure with the City of Fairfax Band began in 1994 when he was selected by the CFB membership as Music Director, following the retirement of long-time Music Director Dr. Thomas Hill. Since his appointment, the band has released four CD recordings, instituted the annual Young Artist Competition, and performed for the national conventions of the National Band Association and the Association of Concert Bands. He has brought world-renowned guests to the City of Fairfax Band stage, including a special presentation featuring Broadway stars Michael Maguire, Debbie Gravitte and Christiane Noll in CFB's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala benefitting the Alzheimer's Association. His leadership has brought the association through its greatest period of artistic and organizational growth to date, including the expansion of CFBA to include the Main Street Community Band and the Northern Virginia Youth Winds. Maestro Pouliot is the recipient of the 2015 John Mason Arts Achievement Award from the City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts and the Association of Concert Bands Outstanding Conductor Award.

Robert and his wife, Louise, split their time between their home in Alexandria, Virginia, and their new home in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. Their two children, Lauren and Bradley, both pursued college degrees in the arts.



## Rick Parrell, Associate Conductor

Rick Parrell is an active performer and teacher of jazz and classical music. He retired in 2015 as Sergeant Major and principal saxophonist of The U.S. Army Band (Pershing's Own) after serving for over 34 years. He is also a member of the Washington Saxophone Quartet, director of the Fairfax Swing Band, and plays trumpet in the City of Fairfax Band.

After graduating from Fairfax High School, Mr. Parrell earned his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music degrees from George Mason University, and his Master of Music Education degree from the University of North Texas. He taught at UNT for a year and then returned to the Washington, D.C.

area in 1980 to begin his musical career with The U.S. Army Band. Mr. Parrell currently freelances with various jazz groups and has performed with such notable artists as Lee Konitz, Louis Bellson, Doc Severinsen, Bob Hope, Lou Rawls and Kenny Loggins. He also has arranged

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# CFBA Artistic Personnel

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and recorded jingles for NPR's *All Things Considered*. Since 1982, Mr. Parrell has served as Adjunct Professor of Music at George Mason University.

He and his wife live in Fairfax. Their two children are George Mason University music alumni who both have careers in music. Ricky is a saxophonist with The U.S. Air Force Band in Washington, DC, and Natalie is a Fairfax County elementary band director.



## Geoffrey Seffens, Conductor MSCB

A native of the City of Fairfax, Geoffrey Seffens graduated from the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music in 1975 and became an itinerant elementary band instructor with Fairfax County Public Schools. After four years teaching at this level, he transferred to Sidney Lanier Middle School, where he remained for the next 28 years, until his retirement in 2007.

In 1988 he was included in the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Biographical Center's Men of Achievement and in 1999 was honored by the Rotary Club of Fairfax as the "Outstanding Teacher of the Year." In 2005, Mr. Seffens was selected by The City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts to receive the John Mason Arts Achievement Award for outstanding contributions to the arts.

As a trumpeter, Mr. Seffens has played with the City of Fairfax Band, the National Concert Band of America, the GTEV "Alpenveilchen" German Band, and the Tom Cunningham Orchestra. He was also the music director and conductor of the Vienna Community Band from 1975 until 1981. His professional affiliations have included membership in the Music Educators National Conference, the Virginia Music Educators Association, the Phi Mu Alpha Professional Music Fraternity, Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity, and the American School Band Masters Association.

## Brett Dodson Conductor, NYYW

Brett Dodson is a musician based in Arlington, Virginia who enjoys work as an educator, performer, and conductor. He maintains a trumpet studio of over thirty members from schools in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties. He has performed with the Brass Band of Northern Virginia, Capital Wind Symphony, Fairfax Wind Symphony, and the Disneyland All-American College Band. He assists schools throughout the region in the capacity of sectional coach, ensemble clinician, and guest conductor.



In 2019, Mr. Dodson joined the City of Fairfax Band Association as music director for their educational division, Northern Virginia Youth Winds. He served previously as director for school programs in Texas and Virginia. His ensembles have twice been featured in performance at the Virginia Music Educators Association State Conference, and his Kilmer Middle School Band was one of only three programs in the nation selected as a Program of Excellence by the National Band Association in the 2015-2016 award year.

Mr. Dodson holds degrees from James Madison University and Bowling Green State University. He has studied conducting at intensives with Nicholas Hersh of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and Peter Ettrup Larsen of the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, Finland.

## Rich Kleinfeldt, Host

Rich Kleinfeldt is a broadcaster, professional musician, teacher, and lecturer. He is currently the host of the nationally syndicated radio program: *Center Stage* from Wolf Trap. Locally, he announces for WETA-FM in Washington and hosts the Chamber Music Series at the Barns at Wolf Trap. Mr. Kleinfeldt is a founding member of the Washington Saxophone Quartet, formed in 1976. He also coaches saxophone students at Yorktown High School and Williamsburg Middle School in Arlington, and has a private studio in his home. Mr. Kleinfeldt formerly broadcast to international audiences on the Voice of America and the Maestro Classical Music Channel of the WorldSpace Satellite Network. A graduate of Millikin University in Decatur, IL, and Catholic University in Washington, DC, he performed with The United States Army Band until 1983 as saxophone soloist and master of ceremonies. Mr. Kleinfeldt has hosted the City of Fairfax Band since 1987.



David L. Meyer  
Mayor, City of Fairfax

Welcome back City of Fairfax Band Association!  
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## Fairfax Choral Society

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The FCS Vocal Arts Ensemble, FCS' newest ensemble, is an adult chorus of 100 singers under the direction of Artistic Director Michael Ehrlich. This ensemble performs a variety of genres, including traditional choral literature, American folksongs and spirituals, music of different cultures, vocal jazz, and Broadway hits. Along with bringing choral music to the community, the ensemble will embrace the true meaning of community by seeking diversity in its membership and in its repertoire.

The FCS Youth Choruses, under the direction of Patrick Vaughn, conductor, Miranda Lansberry, Kelly Harbison, and Michelle McCarten, provide students the opportunity to expand their vocal experience in an auditioned choral program. Their repertoire includes classical, folk, and the finest contemporary compositions for treble and mixed voices. In addition to choral performances, FCS youth members participate in a rigorous education program. Musicianship classes start children and parents on a musical journal together and provide the tools to develop young singers into lifelong musicians.

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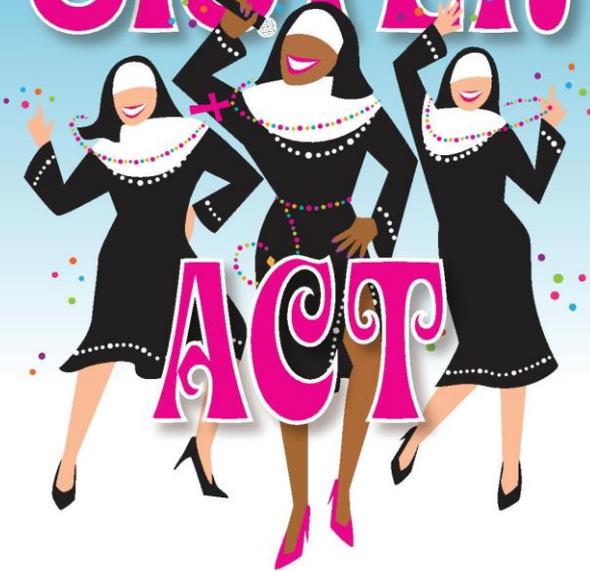
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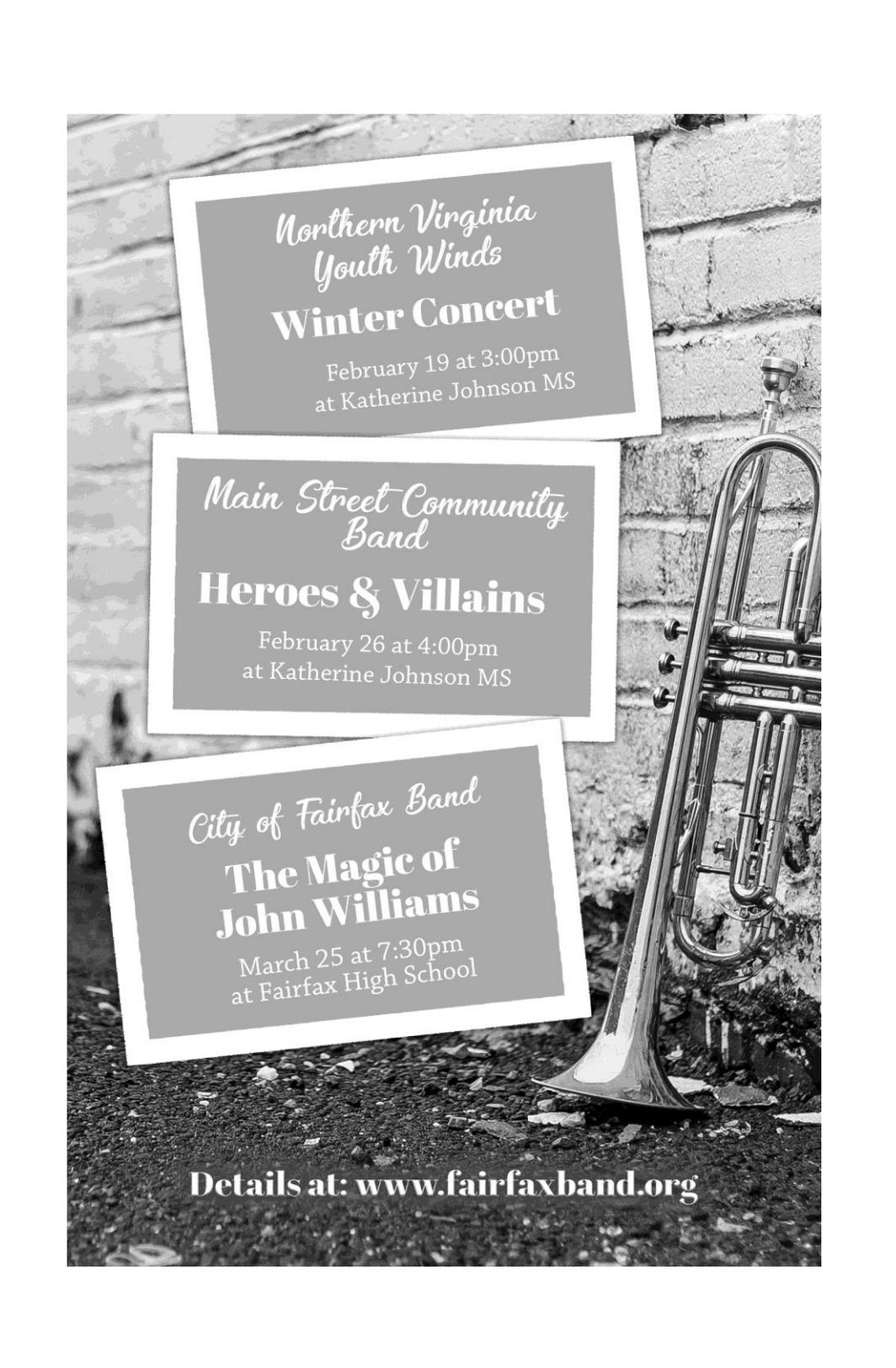
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**Heroes & Villains**

February 26 at 4:00pm  
at Katherine Johnson MS

*City of Fairfax Band*

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# THE CITY OF FAIRFAX BAND

ROBERT POULIOT, Music Director  
RICHARD PARRELL, Associate Conductor  
53<sup>rd</sup> Concert Season

## Christmas in Fairfax

Saturday, December 17, 2022, 7:00pm

Fairfax High School Auditorium

Robert Pouliot, Conductor

Members of the Fairfax Choral Society

Symphonic Chorus and Vocal Arts Ensemble

Michael Ehrlich, Artistic Director

Rich Kleinfeldt, Host

Festival Fanfare for Christmas	John Wasson
<i>Fairfax Choral Society</i>	
Parade of the Wooden Soldiers	Leon Jessel
	arr. John Morrisey
Chorale and Alleluia	Howard Hanson
The Very Best Time of Year	John Rutter
	arr. Paul Noble
<i>Fairfax Choral Society</i>	
The Polar Express	Alan Silvestri
	arr. Jerry Brubaker
White Christmas	Irving Berlin
	arr. Robert Russell Bennett
Choral Fantasy: God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen	Mark Riese
	orch. Robert Pouliot/Douglas Mears
The First Noel	arr. Dan Forrest
	orch. Robert Thurston
<i>Fairfax Choral Society</i>	
Sleigh Ride	Leroy Anderson
Christmas Flourish	Randol Alan Bass
<i>Fairfax Choral Society</i>	

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# City of Fairfax Band

## **Piccolo**

Maurine Dahlberg (34)

## **Flute**

Sharie Stegeman \*+ (41)  
Jeanne Crowley (28)  
Penny Dimler (46)  
Maurine Dahlberg (34)  
Karen Edwards (19)  
Jody Stein (33)  
Kathryn Farenish (8)

## **Oboe**

Randy Dahlberg \*+ (34)  
Libby Fike (29)  
Daniel Franz

## **English Horn**

Daniel Franz

## **Bassoon**

Ellen Peterson \*+ (9)  
Linda Sloan (17)

## **E-flat Clarinet**

Daria Parrell (53)

## **Clarinet**

JoAnn Azzarello \* (39)  
Laura Bornhoeft #+ (44)  
Kim Ali (8)  
Anne Kuprenas (27)

Alexa Hoyne \* (3)  
Melinda Pagliarello (17)  
Robert Goebes (34)  
Roberta Sullivan  
Ryan Langle

Chico Gholz \* (38)  
Arnold Saslowsky (4)  
Inge Pisano (19)  
Jacqueline Brellenthin  
ConnieMarie Mahaffey ^  
Brenda Landis (34)

## **Alto Clarinet**

Steven Apergis (32)

## **Bass Clarinet**

Brian Cole (32)  
Debbie Overson (30)

## **Alto Saxophone**

Marshall Wise \* (8)  
Melanie Abley (1)  
John McNeil (13)

## **Tenor Saxophone**

James Francis + (39)  
Tim Deitz (5)

## **Baritone Saxophone**

Carey Johnston

## **Trumpet**

Terry Bradley \*+ (34)  
Jay Berkenbilt (30)  
John Cox (37)  
Steve Firestone (21)  
Benjamin Flint (4)  
Glenn Maravetz (11)  
Curt Nette (21)  
Rick Parrell (53)  
Dan Thomas (36)

## **Horn**

Dan Harris \*^  
Roy Burgess (31)  
Alan Cole (51)  
Nara Hojvat-Gallin (11)  
Callista L. Gingrich (32)  
Amy LaCivita (31)  
Kyle Minor (12)  
Wendy Shugol (44)

## **Trombone**

Scott Fridy \*+ (33)  
Eric Lindberg (14)  
Dan Merriman (26)  
Rick Schutz (18)

## **Bass Trombone**

Nate Rosen (10)  
William Wright (1)

## **Euphonium**

David Zehner \*+ (40)  
David Cobb (12)  
Donald Hester (46)  
Kent Wellman (8)

## **Tuba**

John Taylor \*+ (30)  
Donna Hauprich (22)  
Jeffrey Steele (11)

## **Percussion**

Ruth Bandler \*+ (45)  
Jackie Bradley (34)  
Scott Luxenberg (11)  
Dean Pershing (42)  
Jeff Seffens ^

## **Harp**

Eric Sabatino ^

\* Principal

% Acting Principal

# Co-principal

+ Section Leader

^ Guest

Numbers in parentheses  
indicate membership years

# Fairfax Choral Society

## Soprano

Rachel Kelly  
Joanna LaMonda  
Andrea Rasmussen  
Grace Sweeney  
Maritza Taylor  
Kathleen Allen  
Kayo Hobbs  
Heidi Mootz  
Megan Mott  
Dorian Mroz  
Anita Smallin

## Alto

Joan Bishop  
Jessica Brier  
Jeannette Fisher  
Diane Graft  
Carrie Scheidt  
Patty Sparrell  
Gracie Bee  
Janet Bohm  
Sarah Gunnarson  
Donna Konigsberg  
Christina McDonald  
Kitty Moomjian  
Susan Stockwell

## Tenor

Bob Bishop  
Mark Freeman  
Carl Altheide  
Kenneth De Jong  
Michael Ehrlich  
Jeff Strong

## Bass

Peter Byrd  
George T Dewey  
John Doulis  
David Gerber  
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## CITY OF FAIRFAX BAND



### October 29

The American Rhapsody, guest artist Aaron Dworkin  
7:30pm at Fairfax High School

### November 13

Music of the Knights  
4:00pm at Capital One Hall  
Tickets available on September 23

### December 17

Christmas in Fairfax with the Fairfax Choral Society  
7:00pm at Fairfax High School

### March 25

The Magic of John Williams featured soloists:  
Rick Parrell, Dr. Jae Kim, and Paul Cigan of the NSO  
7:30pm at Fairfax High School

### May 13

Finale! Featuring the winner of the 2023 Young Artist  
Competition  
7:30pm at Katherine Johnson Middle School

## MAIN STREET COMMUNITY BAND



### October 8

Fairfax Fall Festival - free concert  
10:00am in Downtown Fairfax

### December 4

Home for the Holidays  
4:00pm at Katherine Johnson Middle School

### February 26

Heroes and Villains  
4:00pm at Katherine Johnson Middle School

### April 23

Spotlight Concert: The Sounds of Spring  
4:00pm at Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA YOUTH WINDS



### December 11

Opening Concert  
3:00pm at Katherine Johnson Middle School

### February 19

Winter Concert  
3:00pm at Katherine Johnson Middle School

### May 7

Spring Concert  
3:00pm at Katherine Johnson Middle School

*Northern Virginia Youth Winds represents the Educational Division of CFBA and performs free concerts three times each year.*

➔ For full concert descriptions and FCPS COVID restrictions updates, please go to our website. Programs and guest artists subject to change.

## CFBA SMALL ENSEMBLES

### Alte Kameraden

Traditional Bavarian Music

### Fairfax Swing Band

Jazz/Swing Music

### Fairfax Saxophone Quartet

### Main Street Brass Quintet

*Our small ensembles perform locally throughout the year. Please check the website to see schedules.*

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