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# The Westminster Municipal Band

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WMB News

March 2002

## St. Patty's Day 2002!

The first parade of the season is HERE! The bus will be leaving for the St. Patrick's Day parade on Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m. We of course will be leaving from our 40 John Street location. If anyone is driving, the parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Washington monument on Charles Street. I haven't received the parade lineup yet, so I do not know where we are in the parade. We are usually around the 3<sup>rd</sup> division though and should be back at Westminster by 4:30 p.m.

I want to thank all who attended the Memorial Service for Walter Myers, Jr. and for the 6 members who carried Walter at the funeral. Dave Miller and myself played taps at the graveside ceremony. There were also two Military members who folded the flag at the graveside. It was an impressive ceremony, and his family was very pleased for what we did for him.

The jacket order has been submitted and it will take around a month or so to receive the order. If you are interested in something, you still have time to give me a call this week and I should be able to get it to them. Your payment should be made out to Westminster Municipal Band. I will need your payment before you get the merchandise.

The uniform order from last fall is in. If you ordered a new uniform piece, please get to rehearsal to pick it up. Also, please let me know



The WMB rhythm section at rehearsal with tympani drums, no less.

if the item fits or not. If it doesn't fit, I will be returning it to the uniform company.

Our current location at 40 John Street is going to be changing, as we know it. The Conservatory of the Arts group, that was using the building, is going out of business. Their last day will be March 16<sup>th</sup>. They are in the process of moving their belongings out of the building. Hopefully, the change will benefit us. I haven't officially talked with the Fire Company yet, but in talking with President Bangerd, we should be able to utilize the entire front for our use. That was our initial plan from the start. He proclaimed that there would not be anybody else using the front of the building. I will let you know further when I talk with them. Details are a little sketchy at this time, but I should know something more for next month's newsletter.

The Ocean City reservations are being finalized at this time. I will be letting you know by E-Mail or by phone what your payment amount is for the convention. As it stands right now gang, we are going to have a record crowd this year with a total of 53 attending, not counting the several members who attend on parade day. The break down will be 11 Color Guard and 42 musicians. It is going to be a terrific sound and an impressive appearance at the BEACH! Your payment needs to be into the band by May 30<sup>th</sup>. Checks need to be made payable to the Westminster Band, and sent to P.O. Box 11 Westminster Md. 21158.

That's it for now, see you at rehearsal. Greg

## Director's Corner

**H**ey gang! Even though the weather hasn't acted accordingly, old man winter will soon depart this part of the world and parade season will begin!!

The final verdict is in on the 2002 street marches. They will be:

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| #1 - Men of Wisconsin       | (# 270)     |
| #2 - Minstrel Parade        | (# 213) NEW |
| #3 - Officer of the Day     | (# 73)      |
| #4 - March of the Longhorns | (# 276)     |
| #5 - National Emblem        | (# 51)      |

"Men of Wisconsin" has always been a good street march. "Minstrel parade" is an easier one to fall back on to give most of the chops a rest. (ok - I hear the low brass saying "Yeah, right!"). Many of you have asked for "Officer of the Day" to be put in the line-up. (Here's your rest low brass!). "Longhorns" and "National Emblem" have always been crowd favorites.

I will be contacting Carroll Lutheran Village to again schedule a concert for hopefully Monday, May 13th. We are looking to schedule the same type of concert at Fairhaven in the fall.

## Westminster Municipal Band

Attendance at rehearsals has been great!! Keep up the good work and we'll really blow the socks off the audiences we play for this summer. New concerts have been added to the schedule already! We've had some new faces join us at rehearsal too, so we hope we see them in uniform this summer!

Just a reminder if you need any music, please contact someone on the Music Committee. Those people are:

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Ted Dix, Bette Shepherd ([bashep@qis.net](mailto:bashep@qis.net)), and Sandy Miller ([sandrami@carr.org](mailto:sandrami@carr.org)). Any of us can

help you. See ya soon!

*Sandy*



Here is a photo of Willie Myers & Earl Lambert at the 1970 FallFest.

## Remember When...

**I**'his month's picture down "Memory Lane" comes from Earl Lambert. It shows Earl and Willy Myers at the 1970 Westminster FallFest. How about those "Robin Hood" hats and don't you just love the shorts.

But seriously, if you have any old band pictures you would like to see in the pages of our newsletter, do what Earl did, and bring them to one of our rehearsals. I will snap the picture at practice and give them back to you that very same evening.

Jim Mayola