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Greetings and welcome to the 64th concert season of the Tri-County Symphonic Band. From a poignantly powerful opening concert to a Flag Day spectacular under the tent, this season invites everyone to share in the excitement generated by the very best symphonic band music ever written.

Sunday, October 19, 2025, 3:00 PM: Our opening concert, "Power and Glory," is a collection of dynamic pieces that help tell some of the most venerable stories of all time. From the sheer strength of Samson to the tumbling walls of Jericho, the compositions are all very programmatic and display the symphonic band at its fullest, spirited and most energetic, while also showing the gentle side of the flexibility of wind and percussion orchestration.

Sunday, December 14, 2025, 1:30 PM: The Annual Children's Christmas Concert will take place at the Sippican School in Marion as we are very much looking forward to continuing the long-established tradition. A special treat is a performance by the Sippican School Concert Choir! This concert celebrates the holiday season and is free admission for all, our gift to the community.

Sunday, February 15, 2026, 3:00 PM: The February concert this season is a tribute to the British composer Gustav Holst, one of the founding fathers of symphonic band repertoire. Subtitled "A Suite Celebration", the program features Holst's "First Suite", "Second Suite" and "Moorside Suite." Robert W. Smith's "Holst Winter Suite" is included as well as Gustav Holst's "Hammersmith: Prelude and Scherzo." This "deep dive" into the music of Holst is an experience not to be missed.

Sunday, March 22, 2026, 3:00 PM: Broadway will be the focus of our March offering. The program we call "Celebrating American Musical Theater" will highlight some of the most important Broadway composers with symphonic band arrangements from musicals that represent the genre over the years. Vocalist Heather Corrigan will bring her talents to the stage as she performs more contemporary selections from composers who are still producing for the Great White Way.





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Sunday, June 14, 2026, 2:00 PM: Once again we will be under the Grand Tent at Tabor Academy for our Annual Pops Concert to benefit the John R. Pandolfi Music Scholarship Fund. This year's concert will be all about the 250 years of American Independence. This Flag Day celebration will feature such patriotic works as "The Liberty Fanfare" (John Williams), "American Civil War Fantasy" (arr. Jerry Bilik), "A Jefferson Portrait" (Elliot Del Borgo), "Variations on America" (Charles Ives), "Armed Forces Salute" (arr. Bob Lowden), "America the Beautiful" (arr. Carmen Dragon) and, of course, "The Stars and Stripes Forever" (John Philip Sousa). We hope to inspire the patriot in us all as we salute the flag to some of the finest music ever written for our great nation.

The 2025-2026 concert season, our sixty-fourth, is testament to our commitment to bring quality live music to the community. We are excited that you will be part of this tradition. Help us to share the "Tri-County experience" that has thrilled audiences for over 63 years.

Sincerely,

Philip E. Sanborn

Music Director

