

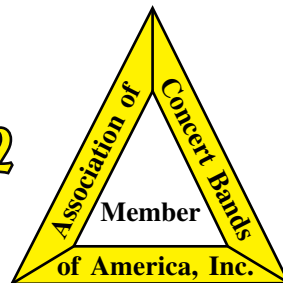
# Racine Concert Band

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Good evening!

It is my great privilege to congratulate the Racine Concert Band on its Centennial Year! As one of the oldest continuous concert bands in the country, its talented members have been providing free concerts to our community for 100 years.

Let the band transport you with the cheerful sounds of summer as you sit back, relax, and enjoy tonight's concert while also taking in the beautiful views of Lake Michigan.

Whether you're a guest in our great city or a Racine resident, I hope you'll also take some time to explore the rest of the Racine Zoological Gardens, the many fine shops and restaurants throughout the city, and our award-winning North Beach.

I want to give special recognition to the Racine Concert Band's Music Director and Conductor Mark Eichner, its talented musicians, the dedicated volunteers, and the financial supporters who together make it possible for us to continue to enjoy this wonderful concert series year after year.

Congratulations, and I wish you another 100 years of making wonderful music!

Mayor Cory Mason

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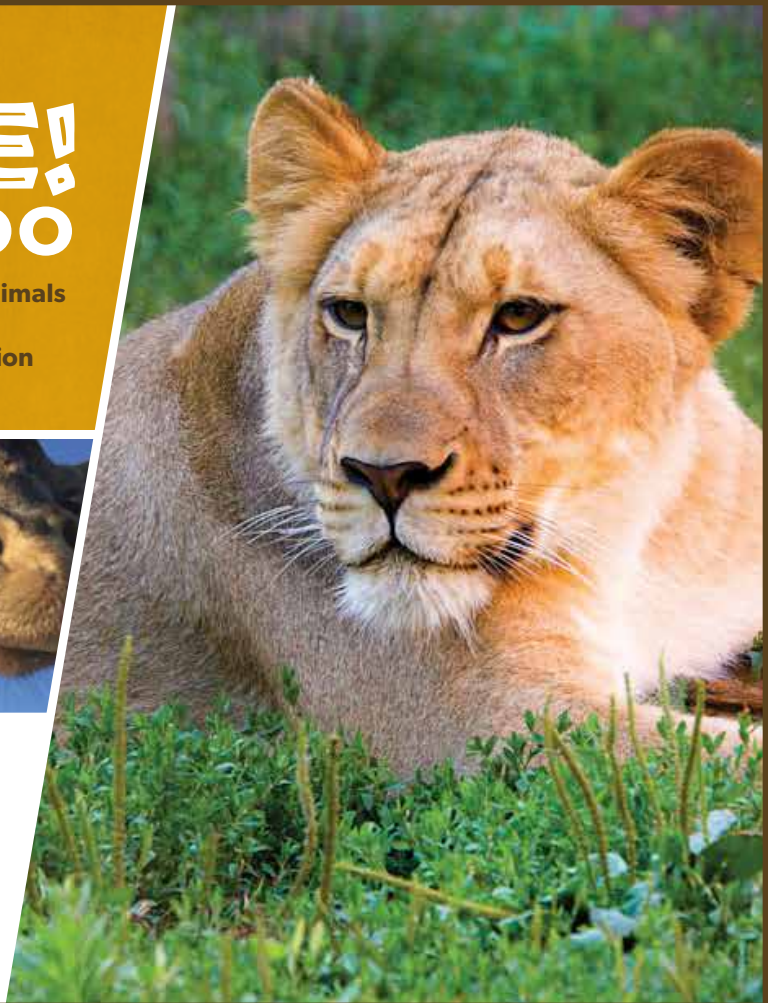
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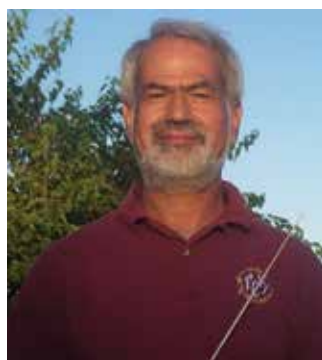
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**Mark Eichner** has served as Music Director and Conductor since 2002. A music educator for 41 years, he was the Wind Ensemble and Community Band Conductor, trumpet instructor, and a teacher of coursework in Music Education at UW-Parkside from 1982-2014. He

served as Department Chair from 1998-2007. As a trumpeter, he has performed in the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, the Wisconsin Philharmonic, the Chicagoland Pops Orchestra, the Brass Band of Battle Creek, the Florentine Opera, the Woodstock Mozart Festival, and the Skylight Opera Theater. As the founder of BrassWorks, he led brass quintet performances including a nationally broadcast concert at the Chicago Cultural Center, university and civic festival concerts and assisted the Canadian Brass in their Wisconsin tour performances.

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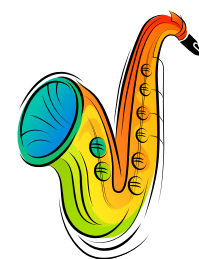
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The band's rich history is brought to life with a traveling centennial exhibit. Special thanks to Men's Wearhouse in Racine for use of a mannequin to display one of the classic band uniforms.

His popularity continued into the 1920s, when he asked the Racine City Council for an annual appropriation to present a series of 12 free concerts in city parks. The request was granted and the Racine Park Board Band was born.

In addition to Horlick Park, concerts were held at Washington Park, Lake Park, North Beach and East Park on Sunday afternoons and Thursday evenings.

The Park Board Band started playing concerts at the zoo in 1944 and concerts at the North Beach gazebo were paused in 1952 - returning occasionally during subsequent years. The concerts continued at Washington Park through 1964, until the bandshell deteriorated and had to be torn down.

With the purchase of a "Wenger Showmobile" in 1966, the band took its show on the road. They played at parks around the city on Wednesdays and played at the zoo on Sunday afternoons.

In 1967, the band board petitioned the Parks and Recreation Department to change the name to the Racine Municipal Band.

The portable stage was replaced with the Kiwanis Memorial Amphitheater at the zoo in 1984 and was built, in part, to become a permanent home for the band.

In 1996, the band changed its name to Racine Concert Band.

Today the 40-member band plays a seven-concert season at the Racine Zoo, plus three additional high school concerts during the school year, along with leading off the 4th of July parade each year.

The band is led by the group's music director and conductor Mark Eichner, who celebrates his 20th year as the leader of the band this year. Amazingly, he's only the fifth conductor.

After Henry Schulte died in November 1932, his son Frederick took over the band the following year. John Opferkuch took over the band in 1943 and retired in 1973.

When Eisch learned of Opferkuch's imminent retirement, the Racine instrumental music teacher threw his hat in the ring and was hired. His tenure lasted until 2001 and Eichner took over the following year.

The band's rich 100-year history is brought to life with a traveling exhibit that is currently on display at Racine Public Library and will move to the Delta Hotel by Marriott Racine in August. Earlier in the year it resided at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Wilson's Coffee & Tea and the Racine Heritage Museum.

Many thanks to the patrons of the Racine Concert Band who responded to an appeal earlier this year to support the centennial celebration with the purchase of chairs, shirts, folders, arrangements, bongos, concert/commission and use where needed. Funds are still needed to purchase additional shirts (\$25 each) and chairs (\$55 each).

To make a donation, send a check and a note designating the use of your gift (if desired) to Racine Concert Band, City Hall Annex, Room 15, 800 Center St., Racine, WI 53403 or online at [racineconcertband.com](http://racineconcertband.com).

The Racine Concert Band is delighted to present our 100th season of free concerts this summer at the Racine Zoo. We kick off the season with our 1504th free concert on Sunday, July 3.

The band officially started on June 10, 1923 when the Racine Park Board Band performed its first concert at Horlick Park. However, the origins of band music in Racine go back further.

In his 2010 book, "And the Band Played On," former RCB conductor and Business Manager Delbert Eisch traced the first band back to 1851 when a German immigrant named Jacob Esser settled in Racine. He organized the Governor's Guards Band, made up of nine players. John P. Jones organized the second band named the American Bugle Band in 1858. It had 13 members and when the Civil War broke out, the band often played at patriotic gatherings to rally recruits and stir enthusiasm.

Eisch chronicled "a flood of bands" that came on the scene between 1859 and 1922.

Henry Schulte established himself as a local bandleader after the turn of the century, and his band played regularly at various parks in Racine. He even received financial support from the city as early as 1911 when the city council budget included a line item for \$57.50.



The 1930 Racine Park Board Band, led by Henry Schulte, the band's founder.



The band's centennial will also be celebrated with the 2022 Kiwanis Clubs holiday ornament. The ornaments cost \$10 each and proceeds from the sale of the collector ornament supports the Kiwanis Holiday of Lights display at the Racine Zoo, a community activity of the Kiwanis Club of West Racine and the Kiwanis Club of Racine. Representatives from the club will be on hand during the summer concerts to sell the ornaments.

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