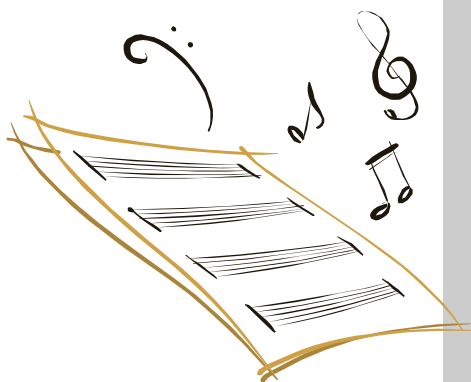


The Ed Badsky Summer Concert Series

*Johnson County
Old Settlers Concert*

*September 12, 2026
5:00 PM*

*Cherry Street Stage
Downtown Olathe*



Olathe Civic Band

Ed Colson, Director
Janet Wittkopf, Assistant Director

National Emblem	E.E. Bagley, Ed. Frederick Fennell
Disney at the Movies.....	arr. John Higgins
Bugler's Holiday.....	Leroy Anderson
Lassus Trombone.....	Henry Fillmore, Arr. Loras Schissel
Forged in Freedom	Gavin Lendt
A Gershwin Portrait	arr. John Higgins
Shenandoah	Frank Ticheli
Rise and Shine.....	Donald I. Moore
The Stars and Stripes Forever.....	John Philip Sousa

Olathe Civic Band Roster

Flutes / Piccolos

Heather Arguigo
Ashley Boyd
Nici Coulson
Dean Davison
Lisa Erickson-Roberts
Charlotte Esau
Elise Hezel
Kathy Hinkle
Kim McKeighan
Martha Roberts
Linda Robertson
Meredith Shields
Jocelyn Smith
Mary Stone
Katie Timble

Clarinets

Kate Brovont
Elizabeth Cenicerros
Arianna Chaves
Judy Colson
Martin DeLaHunt
Robbin Draper
Katie Erskine
Vicki Fessler
Linda Gaul
Cheryl Gerhardt
Bob Gollightly
John Hanerhoff
Jeff Harter
Olivia Requist
John Shannon
Jennifer Thompson
Janet Wittkopf

Bass Clarinets

Samantha Everhart
Juliana Fetzer
Lark Leazar
Maiya Mills
Sara Schwartz
Nolan Wills

Bassoons

John McBrien

Alto Saxophones

Nate Beattie
Jordann Chaverin
AJ Cockrum
Kay Harold
Steve Sherman

Tenor Saxophones

Owen Bollinger
Emerson Schoenthaler

Baritone Saxophones

Alan McClanahan

Trumpets

Bob Arteaga
Brenda Buery
Joe Champion
Will Conner
Pat Cooper
Ben Dormas
Allan Gilson
Josh Herder
David Herron
Justin James
Ed Jarboe
John Klein
Jacob Kruse
Andy Malone
Tedd Maxfield
Brian Reber
Matt Purcell
Sandy Rieger
Benjamin Shields
Jaimee Shell
Amel Suckiel
Kate Washburn
Paul Whitaker
Greg Wiens

French Horns

JJ Bishop
Lilly Coniglio
Carol Donley
Jordan Giaccone
Natasha Graham
Pat Hanson
Paul Jolley
Ronda Kern
Gavin Lendt
Stacy Lendt
Doug Simmons
John Williams

Trombones

Ernie Biggs
Randy Cotter
Kai Courler
Bob Davis
Alek Harden
John James
Mike Long
Matt Magle
Paul Gerard Marx
Henry Nadler
Sarah Purcell
Lindy Rhodes
Charles Riggs
Andrew Schwartz

Euphoniums

Sarah Duncan
Benjamin McCauley
Jena McElwain
Caleb Rippel
Laura Rippel
Gavin Winsor

Tubas

Keith Esau
Marcus Lewis
Brady Sherrow
Scott Packerl
Mark Wassom

Electric Bass

Jena McElwain

Percussion

Glenda Chaplin
Anna'dele Kozlowski
Rob McElwain
Justin Munyer
Zach Skarshaug
Sloane Studnicka
John Westmacott
Christopher Wills
Dave Wormus

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Olathe Civic Band

The Olathe Civic Band is the most recent rendition of the oldest community band in the state of Kansas. The band was formed in 1982, by Olathe Band icon, Ed Badsky. As he was nearing retirement from the Olathe School District, Mr. Badsky saw the need for a community group that would provide a musical outlet for Olathe's musicians. The band instantly began performing for many of Olathe's notable events. During its first year, the group numbered twenty-one members, several of whom still play in the band today. The band now has over one hundred members on its roster.

The Olathe Civic Band, and its sister organization, the Olathe Civic Jazz Band, perform in excess of 30 times per year. The bands have become an integral part of Olathe's culture. The Civic Band performs at the annual Memorial Day Service, The Old Time Fireworks Display at Mahaffie House, and a variety of other venues. The Jazz Band performs for many area events including Olathe's Fourth Fridays and Winterfest. The Olathe Civic Band is open to anyone, which has been the case since 1982. Membership in the Olathe Civic Jazz Band is by audition only. Admission to the performances is always free. The Olathe Civic Band is a 501(c)3 organization.

Ed Colson

Ed Colson is the director of the Olathe Civic Band, a position that he has held since 1999. After 36 years as a Kansas Educator, he retired in 2009. He served as director of bands at Pomona High School, Rosedale Middle School, Oregon Trail Junior High, and Olathe Northwest High School.

Ed graduated from Baker University in 1973. He earned his Master's from that same institution in 1988. He served as the Kansas Music Educators Association District I Junior High/Middle School Band Chair from 1983-1991. During that tenure he developed the grades 7/8 Honor Band that is still in existence today.

Ed received the National Band Association Outstanding Jazz Educator Award in 1993. He is a 10-time recipient of Who's Who of American Teachers. He is listed in the 2006 Edition of Outstanding American Teachers. Ed is a 2010 recipient of inclusion in the Presidential Who's Who

as well as the Cambridge Who's Who. In 1999, he was the first recipient of the Outstanding Middle Level Music Teacher award presented by the Kansas Music Educator Association. In 2003, Ed was inducted into the John Philip Sousa Legion of Honor at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, Illinois. Ed is co-founder of the Kansas Sousa Honor Band. In honor of Olathe's sesquicentennial, Ed was named number 40 on the list of the 150 most notable people in Olathe's 150-year history. Upon his retirement in 2009, Ed was honored on the floor of the Kansas Senate recognizing his service to Kansas' Public School Education. He continues to serve both as a clinician and adjudicator. He is also on the board of the Olathe's Arts Alliance.

Janet Wittkopf

Assistant Director, Janet Wittkopf taught 5th thru 12th grade band in the Gardner Edgerton school district for 33 years from 1979 to 2012. Along with her band duties she also taught first grade general music for 17 years in the Gardner Edgerton school district. Janet's first teaching position was in a small 2A school at Chase County school district in Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, near Emporia in the Flint Hills.

Miss Wittkopf earned her bachelor's degree from Emporia State University in 1978 and her master's degree from Kansas University in 1989 in Music Education. She became the head district band director and district music director for Gardner Edgerton in 1998 upon the retirement of her mentor and friend Malcolm Meyer. In 2001 she completed her administration certification from Emporia State University and became the school District Fine Arts director as well as continuing her position as the head band director. While teaching at the Gardner Edgerton school district Janet watched the school grow from a small 3A school of about 350 high school students to a 6A school of about 1400 students. As the district grew in size she assisted with the hiring of fine arts staff and the ordering of new equipment for the new buildings in the district and also in starting an orchestra program that now has over 400 students enrolled.

Miss Wittkopf's goal was to continue the legacy of success of the GEHS band program and the love of music. Since her retirement in 2012 she has been a guest conductor/clinician for various school band activities. Janet has performed with various city bands in the communities and became an assistant director for Olathe Civic Band in 2022

The Olathe Civic Band, a 501(c)(3) organization, relies almost entirely on the generous donations from its audience.

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