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**Laguna Concert Band
Mission Statement...**

*To enrich the artistic and
cultural life of the Community by
providing diverse instrumental
music programs and education.*

Can you believe that the Laguna Concert Band has been celebrating our 15th year as a Laguna Beach performing arts organization? This has been 15 years of wonderful music making and collaboration with the Arts community of Laguna Beach. Even so, the band remains a true "hidden jewel" in the community, and we want to change this!

So many of you have provided occasional support in the past and we are hoping that you'll join us now as we launch our first annual 2016 Membership campaign. Attached to this letter is additional information about the LCB, various membership levels, and the various benefits that you will receive with your membership. As an added bonus for joining us this year, you will be forever listed as a "**Founding Donor**" in all future donor listings.

I hope that you have enjoyed some of our great performances throughout the years. Some of the highlights over the past two years include: A world premiere performance at the grand opening of the Bern Environmental Study Loop and Amphitheater at Crystal Cove State Park, with CA state officials attending; a featured performance at Segerstrom Hall after being selected as one of the finest community performing groups in Orange County by the Pacific Symphony; 4 sold out performances at the Laguna Playhouse with Guest Artist Lee Rocker from the Stray Cats, receiving the "Arts Collaboration Award" at the Laguna Arts Stars Awards for our work on the soundtrack to "The Sock Thief" Animation and Sound Track project with Laguna College of Art + Design (LCAD); and work on another two LCAD soundtracks, which resulted in the Band recording at the legendary Capitol Records Studio A in Los Angeles (historic recording studio for The Beatles, The Beach Boys, Frank Sinatra, and countless others).

Past gifts have allowed us to accomplish much, but there is so much more we can do with additional support. The Band has some exciting things planned for this year, including Two shows with guest artist Peter Asher, on February 6 & 7, 2016, and collaborations with the Laguna School District to highlight student performances with the LCB. I invite you to join other music and art patrons who are ready to invest in the Band this year. Please consider joining us by completing and returning the membership form with your payment. I look forward to adding your name to the 2016 Laguna Concert Band honor roll and being able to share the same with our community.

We have come a long way in 15 years and we invite you to join us in our exciting collective music future. We are committed to continue the high level of excellence from all of our multiple groups the Laguna Concert Band BRAND! Help us continue to grow our collaborations with other Laguna Beach entities to further build and expand the Performing ARTS of Laguna Beach.

Best wishes,

David Anderson
Chairman, Laguna Concert Band



“Transition to the Future”

The Laguna Concert Band has been celebrating our 15th year as a Laguna Beach performing arts organization and a true “hidden jewel” of Laguna. This has been 15 years of wonderful music making and collaboration with the Arts community of Laguna Beach. From Robert Whalen, Mayor of Laguna Beach, *“The Concert Band is a great asset to the City and brings us a celebratory atmosphere whenever you play.”*

The [Laguna Concert Band](#) plays a wide variety of music from Marches and Classics to Holiday Music, Swing, Jazz, Big Band and Dixieland. Ensemble subsets of the 70+ piece concert band include, a Dixieland Group, Woodwind and Brass Ensembles, the 24 member [Laguna Flutes](#) and the always popular 18 piece Swing Bands-[Swing Set](#) and [Laguna Swing Society](#). Under the direction of Ed Peterson-Music Director and Pete Fournier-Associate Conductor, the Concert Band and Ensembles routinely perform with celebrated guest artist and entertain year-round with regular summer dates at the [Fete de la Musique](#), [Festival of the Arts/Pageant of the Masters](#), [Sawdust Festival](#), [Art-A-Fair](#) and at celebrations, civic functions and parades in Laguna Beach and surrounding Southern California communities. The World Class [Laguna Playhouse](#) serves as the band’s home concert hall. The non-profit organization is supported by grants, donations, sponsorship's and paid performances.

The following are a few “high points” of the exciting evolution of the Laguna Concert Band organization:

On February 1, 2014, we were honored to perform a world premiere work at Crystal Cove State Park for the grand opening of the Bern Environmental Study Loop and Amphitheater with several CA state officials in attendance. One week later, the Band was featured in a performance at Segerstrom Hall as the Laguna Concert Band was selected as one of the finest community performing groups in Orange County by the Pacific Symphony – OC Can you Play program under the guidance of Carl St. Clair.

In February 2014 and 2015, Laguna Beach resident ‘The Stray Cat’ Lee Rocker joined the Band for two nearly sold out performances each of the two years at the Laguna Playhouse!

The Band was fortunate to be included in two incredible journeys along with the [Summer Animation Master Class](#) of the [Laguna College of Art + Design](#). The Laguna Concert Band and LCAD received the “Arts Collaboration Award” in 2015 at the Laguna Arts Stars Awards for providing the soundtrack to [“The Sock Thief”](#) Animation and Sound Track project. The animation was submitted to over a dozen film festivals – including the New York Children’s film festival and the Montreal Film Festival - giving Laguna Beach international recognition.

Based on this past success, LCAD invited us to again collaborate with the Summer Master Animation classes to produce two more Soundtracks: “Un Garcon et Sa Bête” (“A Boy and his Beast”), And The Big Bad Dad.

On [Saturday August 1, 2015](#) the Laguna Concert Band packed up their gear and headed to famed [Capitol Records Studio A](#) in Hollywood, CA, (historic recording studio for The Beatles, The Beach Boys, Frank Sinatra, and countless others) where they recorded original music to accompany two short films produced by the summer Animation Master class students at Laguna College of Art and Design (LCAD). OUR Band continues to set a “high bar” of unique successful projects to bring recognition to the Laguna Beach Arts Community.

What is coming in 2016?

We are excited to announce our guest artist – [Peter Asher](#), to be featured in two concerts at the Laguna Playhouse on Saturday, February 6 and Sunday, February 7, 2016. Best known as one half of '60s hit makers [Peter and Gordon](#), who achieved international fame in 1964 with their first single, the million-selling transatlantic No.1



smash "[A World Without Love](#)." The duo had several subsequent hits in the so-called British Invasion-era. Asher later became head of A&R for the Beatles newly formed record company, Apple Records, where he found, signed and produced James Taylor and worked closely with the Beatles on their individual projects. Mr. Asher has produced twelve Grammy Award-winning recordings, and in 1977 and 1989 was honored with the Grammy Award for "Producer of the Year". Peter also worked closely with Linda Ronstadt and Bonnie Raitt and many other artists ranging from Cher to 10,000 Maniacs. Mr. Asher has produced twelve Grammy Award-winning recordings, and in 1977 and 1989 was honored with the Grammy Award for "Producer of the Year".

The Laguna Playhouse performance will feature Peter backed by the Laguna Concert Band with special custom arrangements for the 65+ member Laguna band. Peter will perform on classic "Peter and Gordon" classics featuring video images and wonderful "story telling" to take the audience on a nostalgic musical trip. The concerts will be a major musical event for Laguna Beach and the Laguna Concert Band to begin 2016.

Where do we go from here?

The Laguna Band is committed to continue the high level of excellence of all the multiple groups from our two Swing Bands and 24-member Flute Ensemble, under the direction of Cindy Ellis - principal piccolo with the Pacific Symphony - and other small instrumental ensembles all under the Laguna Concert Band BRAND! We want to continue the "successful" use of Professional Clinicians working closely with and within the performing groups. Additionally, we desire and seek more "collaboration" with Laguna Beach entities to further build and expand the Performing ARTS of Laguna Beach.

Our goal is to expose our "hidden jewel" of Laguna Beach to even larger supportive audiences in the future!

We have come a long way in 15 years and now we need your help to invest in our exciting collective music future.

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Who we are

The Laguna Concert Band (LCB) is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization of over 70 members from Laguna Beach and surrounding communities under the direction of Ed Peterson-Music Director and Pete Fournier-Associate Conductor. LCB's members are comprised of musicians from numerous performance ensembles, music instructors and professional musicians. Some of the groups that our members are affiliated with are Irvine Valley College Emeritus Music programs, Pacific Symphony, Orange County School of the Arts (OCSA), etc.

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Why we exist

The Laguna Concert Band provides support for:

- Scholarships for music students in Orange County
- Music performances at community events
- Educational support for K-12 programs in Laguna Beach

Join us

If you have an interest in promoting music education and the musical arts, we welcome your participation as a member, or as a donor. Contact us or see the website for an application and Membership Levels and Benefits at www.LagunaConcertBand.com.

For Further Information:

Contact Craig Gordon at 949-429-5142, or at lagunaconcertband@gmail.com.

The Laguna Concert Band is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. Tax ID Number: 33-0930625. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

What Locals are saying about the Laguna Concert Band

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