

About the Jazz Ensemble...

The Chelmsford Community Band Jazz Ensemble was formed in 1998 to give concert band members with a love for playing big band music an outlet for that passion. The jazz ensemble gave its first performance at the Chelmsford Community Band's annual pops concert on April 25, 1998. Since then, the ensemble has performed several times a year - at the CCB's annual winter concerts, the pops concerts and the summer concerts on the common. The ensemble's wide repertoire consists of big band standards and popular selections from noted jazz artists that appeal to audiences of all ages.

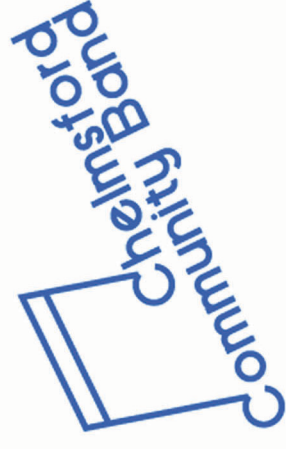
"The ensemble's 17 members are a dedicated group who rehearse at least twice a month, in addition to the concert band rehearsals and other musical endeavors that they may be involved with" says Jazz Band President Ken Muzykiewics. "In return, we have a great time playing this music, and our audiences respond to that".

About Jazz Ensemble Director Paul Combs...

Paul Combs has been director of the CCB Jazz Ensemble since 2003. Mr. Combs graduated with a Bachelor of Music in Composition from the Philadelphia Musical Academy and earned his Master's of Music in performance from U-Mass Lowell. His eclectic career has included performing, composing for theater, film, radio and television, and producing and announcing at radio stations in Philadelphia and Boston. From 1986 to 1999 he worked full time in music education, which he has been involved with to some degree since 1965. Paul currently works as a freelance performer, educator and author. He performs regularly with several Eastern New England combos and with his Pocket Big Band. He teaches privately, and engages in numerous writing, lecturing and publishing endeavors.



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