

January, 2026

The Gulf Coast Concert Band (GCCB) is looking for a new music director. Ideally, we'd love to audition directors between now and May with this new director starting in September. That could get extended.

The band was started in 1975 as the Pasadena Municipal Band, a division of the Pasadena parks and recreation department. In 1993 the city announced it would no longer be funding the band. Many in the band were passionate for it to continue, so a 501C3 was formed and band members contributed funds to kick-start the organization. We've been self-sufficient since then. We have had 3 conductors in our 51 years (Bob Zwick, Benjamin Butler and Dorothy Burroughs - current interim director).

The band is comprised of around 35 adults from all walks of life. Many have been with the band 10 years or more. Ages range from the 30's to early 90's with most being in the mid 50's to early 70's.

The band rehearses on Thursday nights at Immanuel Lutheran Church, in the Heights. The band schedule loosely follows the school year, September – early/mid December, then back in January until Memorial Day or possibly early June.

The band tries to perform about a 1 hour concert once per month, other than September and January. The major concerts we perform are Veteran's Day and Valentines Day (the Sundays closest to these holidays) at 7 Acres Jewish Retirement Center, Memorial Day at Country Place and Christmas at Brazos Towers at Bayou Manor. We've also played for Honor Flight and the Houston Yacht Club for special events.

The good:

- We have rehearsal and storage space at the church
- We have a pretty consistent core group
- We have secured regular concerts
- We have a 1000 piece library
- We can pay a small stipend to the director

The gaps:

- We currently don't have a bassoonist or bari sax player
- We currently don't have any percussion. However, we do have several freelancers that we hire to play with us. Eventually we need to have our own players.

What we'd like:

- A director who would be with us 5 years or more
- A director who would enjoy working with a community band and planning concerts to fit the audience
- A director who can help our band attract and retain new members. We'd love to see some younger new members.
- A director who keeps things interesting. While playing some of the same songs for each concert is inevitable, we want to have new songs with each concert.
- A director who would have leads for new concert opportunities.

If you are interested, send an email with your resume to gulfcoastconcertband@yahoo.com or give Doug Brough (832-963-6532) a call.