



# Kirby Band Notes

August, 2023

## President's Notes

It's been another busy year for the Kirby band. With three concerts and six parades completed and eight performances left before our season ends. We've added new pieces to our lineup in both our concerts and parades, and they have been very well received by our audiences. We are looking forward to adding a few more new ones for the holidays.

We're updating our look this year for our concerts and will be dressed in our new red Kirby Band polo shirts. We will debut the new red shirts at our first concert in Kirby Park in August.

We'd like to welcome new members, Ed Dawejko, on alto saxophone, Erin Torres on trumpet, and Dennis Cole on drums. They have all been a great addition to the band.

Ain't Misbehavin' has had a very good year as well with twelve performances. There have been challenges along the way with members having surgeries, COVID and auto accidents, but everyone has pulled together to make the performances rock. Looking ahead they will have another busy year with several bookings already lined up.

I can't imagine what our lives would be like without music. I'm so thankful that we can perform for our communities. I am looking forward to another fantastic year making music.

Sandy Ridley, President

## Director's Notes

As we approach our concert season, I've been reflecting on the past three years as director. This was our first normal feeling year since the start of the pandemic. It was wonderful to begin rehearsals in February. This allowed us to work on new music for this season. We finally had a concert at the Hickories after not playing the two years prior. We have new parade music that deems us "Funky and Hip." And this summer, we will be "stylin'" in our matching Kirby shirts! I'm looking forward to our concerts in August!

I came to the realization not too long ago that I'm one of the only members that has young children. Many of you will talk about dinosaurs with my boys if they're at rehearsals. I'll receive emails asking how they are if I mention during rehearsal that they aren't feeling well. Monday evening is my time to put on my "director" hat, but there are times due to various reasons where I need to put on my "mom" hat instead. You all work together when I'm not there to accomplish so much during rehearsals in my absence. We may be considered a community group, but you all care for me and for each other like family. When new members come in you're also so welcoming and helpful. I've never seen or felt that in any of the other community groups that I've been a part of. I'm thankful for each one of you.

Amanda Smith, Director

## Welcome New Members

Please welcome these new members to the Kirby Band!

Ed Dawejko, Sayre alto saxophone

Erin Torres, Sayre trumpet

Crysta Reed, Sayre trombone

Dennis Cole, Johnson City, percussion

## Liberty Classic Community Band Festival

If you have never attended the Liberty Classic Community Band Festival, now is your chance! The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Liberty Classic will be held October 6 – 8 in Williamsport, PA. The festival begins Friday evening and concludes on Sunday following a concert at the Community Arts Theatre in Williamsport. Col. Arnold Gabriel will again be the conductor. The deadline for registration is Saturday, August 12.

For further information about the Liberty Classic, visit the Repasz Band website, [www.repaszband.org](http://www.repaszband.org).

## This ‘n That

Siara Tompkins graduated from college this spring and is currently working in Elmira as an engineer. Congratulations, Siara!

We appreciate having our other college students playing with the Kirby Band this summer!

If you have any news or ideas for the Kirby Band Notes, please contact Sherry Spencer, 570-888-7104, or by email at [jspencer1@stny.rr.com](mailto:jspencer1@stny.rr.com).

## KIRBY BAND SCHEDULE 2023

STATUS	DAY/DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	EVENT TIME	REPORT TIME
S	Mon/Aug 14	Concert	Kirby Park	7-8 PM	6 PM
S	Mon/Aug 21	Concert	Kirby Park	7-8 PM	6 PM
S	Wed/Aug 23	Concert	Howard Elmer Park-Sayre	6-7:30 PM	5:30 PM
S	Mon/Aug 28	Ain't Misbehavin	Kirby Park	7-8 PM	6 PM
S	Mon/Sept 4	Parade only	Nichols, NY	10 AM	9 AM
T	Mon/Sept18	Annual Meeting	Kinsman Hall	6:30 PM	
T	Fri/Nov 24	Christmas Parade	Sayre, PA	6:30 PM	5:30 PM
T	December ?	Concert	Athens UM Church	7-8 PM	6:15 PM