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MMB Wins 2011 Michigan Mock Rock

The first-place performance highlighted an annual variety show that includes student-athletes representing nearly all of Michigan's varsity sports, including twenty varsity athletic teams, three varsity club teams, plus the band and student athletic trainers performing before a sold-out crowd at Hill Auditorium. The 13th annual Mock Rock is a student-athlete-run charity event which this year benefited three organizations: C.S. Mott's Children Hospital, Student-Athletes Leading Social Change and Michigan Autism Partnership. Band members registered a string of six perfect 10.0 scores following a flawlessly choreographed routine to "Barbie and Ken: Trouble in Paradise" that drew the night's largest ovation. The figures are not yet tallied, but Mock Rock 2010 netted \$80,000.

Judges for Mock Rock included ESPN's NFL Insider and UM Alum **Adam Schefter**, UM football coach **Brady Hoke**, former UM and current New England Patriots punter **Zoltan Mesko**, former Michigan and Olympic gymnast **Elise Ray**, M Club President **Dan Sygar** and **Jan Brandon**, wife of athletic director **Dave Brandon**. Former Michigan football player **Dhani Jones**, a 10-year veteran of the NFL and host of the Travel Channel's "Dhani Tackles the Globe," emceed Mock Rock 2011.



MEMBERS OF THE MMB PERFORM THEIR WINNING ENTRY IN 2011 MICHIGAN MOCK ROCK.



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Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 3
Campus Band & University Band
3 PM Hill

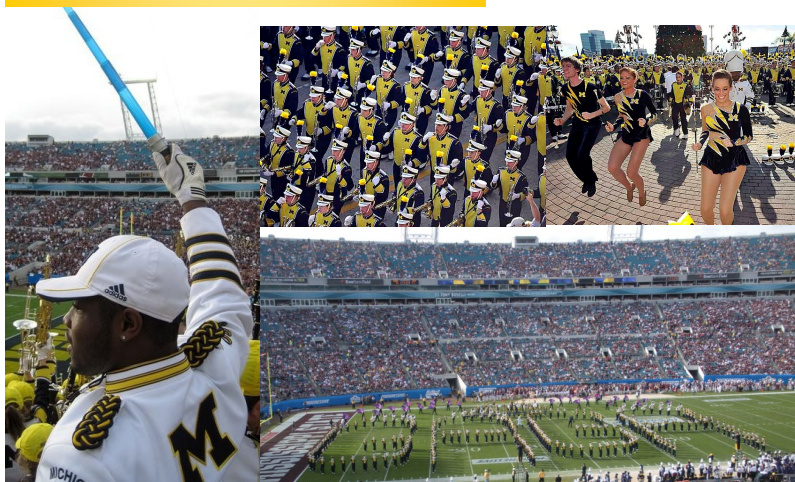
Friday, April 8
Symphony Band
8 PM Hill

Thursday, May 5
Symphony Band
China Tour
Kickoff Concert
8 PM Hill

Sunday, May 29
Symphony Band
China Tour
Homecoming Concert
7:30 PM Disney Hall
Los Angeles

Tickets: music.umich.edu/laconcert

MMB At The Gator Bowl



A January 1 bowl appearance for the Senior Class! The band played at several venues, including the Gator Bowl Parade and Pep Rally, as well as on game day at EverBank Field in Jacksonville. The Mississippi State Bulldogs (what IS it with MSUs everywhere?) proved to be too powerful for the Wolverines, ultimately pulling away and routing Michigan 52-14. It was the worst loss Michigan has ever suffered in any bowl game in its long history. But that was last year, right? The crowd went GAGA for the MMB!

MMB Heats Up The Big Chill In The Big House



LEFT: DRUM MAJOR DAVID HINES JR. PERFORMS WHAT MIGHT BE THE FIRST BACK BEND ON ICE. CENTER: MMB STAYS NICE AND WARM DURING THE GAME. RIGHT: FIREWORKS AND ZAMBONIS ON THE BIG HOUSE FLOOR. BELOW: BLOCK BAND TO THE BIG HOUSE — IN JEANS!

The **Big Chill at the Big House** was played on December 11, 2010 at Michigan Stadium. The game, which pitted Michigan with MSU, set a world hockey record with an announced attendance of 113,411, surpassing the previous hockey record of 77,803 fans from the 2010 IIHF World Championship's opening game by over 35,000 people. Guinness World Records announced the official attendance as 104,173. Michigan won, 5-0.



MMB Photo Video

YUBA-Cam In the last M Fanfare the MMB Video Crew introduced you to the YUBA-cam. We are extremely appreciative of Fred Ginnebaugh, '95 Tenor Sax, for introducing us to this great, small, and wearable camera which the Vidcrew and MMB members have been having a great time with. Since the last issue the YUBA-cam went on its first bowl trip to Jacksonville Florida with the MMB. The Video Crew had a great time figuring out methods and

places for mounting the camera to various instruments, people, and objects. One of our favorite places was the tip of Lauren's color guard flag pole which provided a rollercoaster ride of a perspective. We furthermore captured our police escort to downtown Jacksonville from the top front edge of Trucker Steve's trailer. The YUBA-cam also enjoyed a day at the beach and took a few dips into the Atlantic Ocean. While on the bowl trip we

edited and posted daily to YouTube five short videos chronicling the adventures of the YUBA-cam. You can view our videos on either our YouTube Channel youtube.com/mmbphotovideo or our Facebook Page facebook.com/mmbphotovideo. We're looking forward to having an entire marching season with the YUBA-cam in 2011. Go Blue!

Symphony Band Hits The Road and Heads To China

By Susan Sutherland '87, UMBAA President

For over two years, the School of Music, Theatre and Dance and Director of Bands Michael Haithcock have been preparing for the Symphony Band 2011 China Tour. Eighty students and 12 additional SMTD staff travel to China this May. The tour, generously sponsored by the University of Michigan Provost's Office, Office of the President, the University of Michigan Confucius Institute and Chinese Language Council International (Hanban), will provide student musicians the opportunity to perform in China's great cities and concert venues, while learning about Chinese culture firsthand. Students will act as musical ambassadors, inviting Chinese students and audiences to interact with an American-style concert band and hear new American music. To prepare musicians for this immersive experience, the 80 undergraduate and graduate students participating in the tour are taking a 10-week course in Chinese culture, history, geography and basic language skills during the winter 2011 term. The course will prepare Michigan students for the tour, which in addition to performances will include cooperative learning and teaching opportunities at Chinese universities and conservatories.

The Symphony Band will be performing two special concerts in the United States before and after tour. The **Bon Voyage** concert will be on **Thursday May 5th at Hill Auditorium**. This concert will include pieces from the China tour program. A reception will be held after the May 5th concert for current band members, band alumni, and friends. The final concert will be in Los Angeles at the Walt Disney Concert Hall on May 29th. Tickets can be obtained at <http://music.umich.edu/laconcert/>

The Symphony Band presents its first concert in China on May 11 at Zhejiang University (1897) in Hangzhou, a major city on the Yangtze River delta sitting at the southern end of the Grand Canal, and listed as one of the Seven Ancient Capitals of China, known for its rich cultural heritage. The concert will be at Zhejiang University, one China's oldest and most prestigious institutions. Zhejiang University has ongoing partnerships with Tufts, the University of Florida, Loma Linda University, Simon Fraser University and Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, Belgium.

The Symphony Band then travels north to Shanghai for two concerts. The first on May 13th will be at Shanghai Jiantong University (1896). The University is one of China's oldest educational institutions and currently has 20 academic schools on six campuses. The second Shanghai concert will be at the Shanghai Grand Theatre, designed by Jean-Marie Charpentier and opened in 1998. The Theatre will be a grand place for a Symphony Band concert.

Following their stay in China's most populous city, the Symphony Band moves on to Xi'an to perform in the recently opened Xi'an Concert Hall (2009), known for its excellent acoustics. The Vienna Philharmonic has already performed at the Xi'an Concert Hall. It is fitting that the University of Michigan Symphony Band will now be on the list of renowned ensembles to have performed there, and the University of Michigan will take the stage at Xi'an Concert Hall on May 17th.

The second week of touring will be as busy as the first with a stop at Shenyang for two concerts. The largest city in northeastern China, Shenyang is an important industrial and commercial center. On May 19th, the Symphony Band performs at Liaoning University (1948). Liaoning currently collaborates with many universities around the world, including UM. The concert on May 20th will be at Shenyang Normal University, initially a teacher's college, but in 2001 merging with Liaoning Educational College.

On May 22nd the Symphony Band presents a concert at the Beijing Center for the Performing Arts, the first of two performances in Beijing. This may be the most unique venue on the trip. The famed concert hall is a combination of titanium and glass, surrounded by an artificial lake. On May 23rd, the Symphony Band travels to Tianjin for a performance at the Tianjin Grand Theater. The opening of the Grand Canal turned Tianjin into a trading center and today hosts 285 Fortune 500 global offices.

The final concert will be in Beijing at Renmin University (1950) on May 24th. Renmin is in the Haidin district and a short walk from the Summer Palace as well as other prestigious universities in Beijing.

The University of Michigan Band Alumni wish the Symphony Band all the best for a memorable and musical tour.



BEIJING CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

IMPACT and GIVING BACK

WHAT THE MICHIGAN MARCHING BAND MEANS TO ME AND WHY I SUPPORT IT

BY HOWARD J. GOURWITZ, '66
Past President

1. Marching to the Stadium and going through the tunnel
2. Looking at the Press Box in awe just before playing the "M FANFARE"
3. Marching into Hill Auditorium for Band-O-Rama
4. The magical feelings every time I enter Revelli Hall
5. The renewal of lifelong friendships and the joy of being on the field wearing my Band Jacket, and making music again under past and current Directors at each Homecoming
6. Attending the Elbel Tailgates and seeing the smiles and hearing the gratitude of the students and their parents as so many scholarships are being awarded
7. Enrolling in school again in 1998 to celebrate the 100th Birthday of both the MMB and "The Victors" and my 50th birthday by auditioning for and becoming the oldest member of the MMB and a small part of the great history of our University
8. Wearing Michigan clothing around the world and always having someone smile and say "GO BLUE"
9. Having my cell phone play an actual MMB recording of "The Victors" each time I receive a call
10. Doing my share financially to ensure that the great musical heritage of the MMB prospers and continues forever!

My passion and love for our MMB and University of Michigan are synonymous. Just like Temptation and War Chant, "you can't have one without the other." A Michigan Band performs at every major event on campus. Not everyone at the Big House knows or cares about football, but most every person loves the pageantry and musical traditions of our MMB. Just think, even the football team doesn't get a standing ovation every time they go down the field. We do. Our MMB is the heart and soul of our great University!

From the moment I was told in 1966 that I had earned a place in the Tenor Sax Section and would be performing under Dr. William D. Revelli and Professor George Cavender, I knew that I would be a Michigan Man forever. How excited I was when my Band Jacket arrived so I could wear it proudly across campus. I wasn't lost among 33,000 students. I was a member of a great University ensemble in which I had longed to participate. This longing began when my Dad took me to a few games at the Big House and later grew when my 9th grade Band Director (also an alumnus of the MMB) brought me and a few other students to hear Dr. Revelli and the Symphony Band perform at Hill Auditorium. I still remember with great pride how my late parents came to support me at every game and concert performance. They were so proud and happy for me.

Today, I am now able to share my passion for Michigan and our beloved MMB with my children and grandchildren when we attend practices, games, concerts, Elbel Tailgates and Homecomings together. I am thrilled to share my

love of music and Michigan with them.

I believe that it is important for each of us to **make a difference** and give back. Many of us contribute, as we can, to many different charities and causes. As a Past President of our Band Alumni Association, since 1997 I have had the honor and privilege of sharing greater support for our bands by providing endowed scholarships and musical instruments for our MMB and support for recordings of our Symphony Band performances. Without these scholarships, some of our wonderful students might not be able to participate in the MMB.

The MMB has always been a constant source of enjoyment and pride for me. I can always count on the MMB and my friends associated with it. Our MMB can also always count on me to provide lifetime financial support, as well as planned-giving support thereafter.

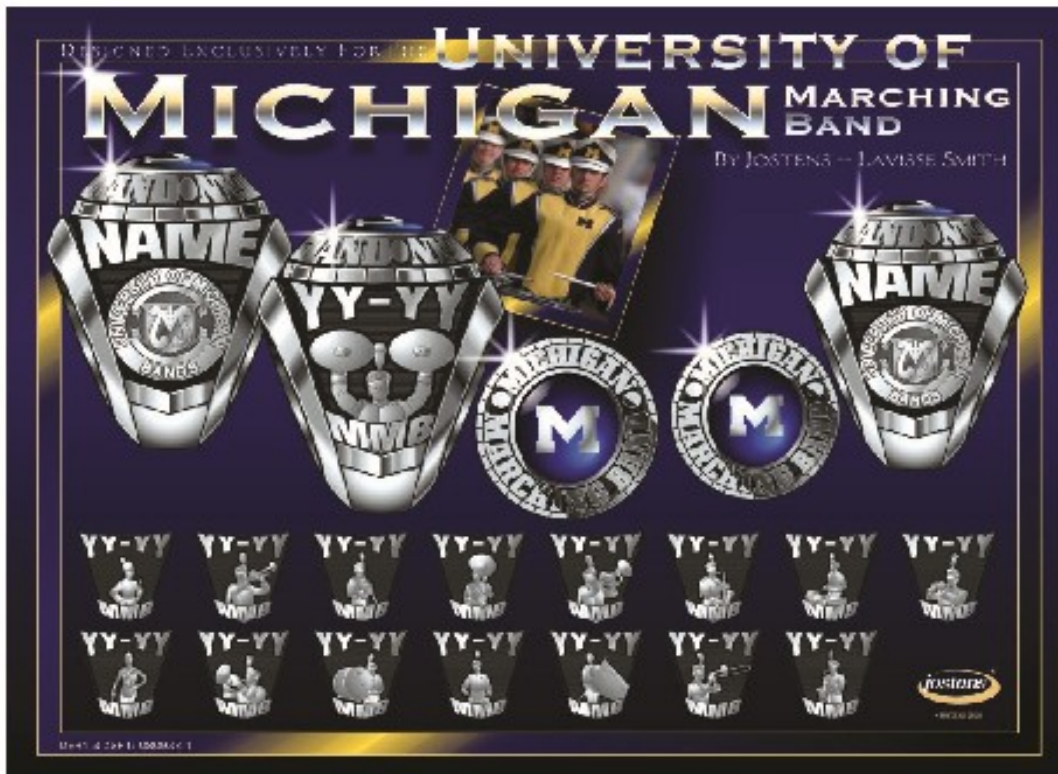
Please join me in supporting our Michigan Bands so we can continue to be the "Leaders and Best."

GO BLUE!



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UMBAA Concert Band performs at Ann Arbor Huron HS on June 12

UMBAA Concert Band Update

The UMBAA Concert Band is a volunteer organization committed to providing a place for UM Bands Alumni of all ages and abilities to gather to make music and to socialize. Formed in 2009 with 53 members, the UMBAA Concert Band has performed several well received concerts and looks forward to growing the membership (73 members currently) and increasing its role in the community.

The UMBAA Concert Band presented its 2011 Winter Concert, Sunday March 13, 1:00pm at Ann Arbor Huron High School. The band was conducted by UM doctoral student Patricia Cornett, with guest conductor UM alum John Endahl. The program consisted of the following:

Rizzendo -- Travis Cross, *Shenandoah* -- Frank Ticheli, *Second Suite in F* -- Gustav Holst, *Mock Morris* -- Percy Grainger, Clarinet Choir: *Americans We* -- Henry Fillmore, *Hold This Boy And Listen* -- Carter Pann, *The Hounds of Spring* -- Alfred Reed, *Don Ricardo* -- Gabriel Musella, *The Victors* - L. Elbel

WE NEED YOU! The University of Michigan Band Alumni Association Concert Band is seeking additional musicians for Spring Session, starting April 12th through June 9th at Revelli Hall, with a concert on June 12th at Meyer Auditorium.

Everyone who played a band instrument for at least one semester in a University of Michigan ensemble is encouraged to join. No auditions are required. To sign up or for more information, please email UMBAAConcertBand@umich.edu

UMBAA Alumni Concert Band CDs

Recordings from all of the UMBAA Alumni Concert Band sessions are available for purchase. CD Order forms can be downloaded from our website www.mmbvidcrew.com. CDs are available for \$12 each. Video excerpts from each concert can be viewed on the MMB Photo Video YouTube Channel youtube.com/mmbphotovideo.



Alumni Update

David P. Wahr 1978-82, Marching Band, Varsity Band, Campus Band (trumpet). Currently the Director of Bookstores and Food Services for Owens Community College near Toledo, Ohio, Dave also spent time this past fall on the set of *Detroit 187* as a background performer, usually as "coroner's assistant" and may be seen in *Real Steel* which opens in November 2011. He is active in community theatre in southeast Michigan performing on stage as well as directing numerous shows. He is a playwright, his most recent work "*Upon the Heath*" selected to be performed at "Boxfest Detroit" and at both the 2009 Michigan and Region III AACTfest. He is currently working on a play which commemorates the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 and the River Raisin Massacre. He serves on the board of the Community Theatre Association of Michigan, is active with the National Association of College Auxiliary Services (NACAS) serving on the regional and national boards, is a member of Blanchard Lodge 102 F&AM, the River Raisin Chapter of the OES, Monroe Community Players and the Petersburg United Methodist Church. You can also find him on Facebook and Twitter (@dwahr).



Vincent Womack (MMB 1981-85) has been selected as a 2011 winner of the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation Award as band director at the Foshay Learning Center near downtown Los Angeles. The 45-year-old trumpeter and pianist was one of only five music teachers in the United States to receive the honor. The award recognizes instructors who have a passion for helping give students a deep appreciation and love for music.

VINCE WOMACK '81 WITH MR. RICHARD DREYFUSS AND THE 2011 MR. HOLLAND'S OPUS FOUNDATION AWARD

In Memoriam: Captain Bill Gage '78

From The Editor: We lost Bill Gage on January 13, 2011. This space had been intended to be used to announce that he had been named, just the week previously, as the Oakland County Fire Inspector of the Year.

In his own words Bill said "I have lived a full life." In his 51 years, he touched many people and his life was full of accomplishment. He recently graduated from the EMU School of Fire Staff and Command, and was a Captain/Fire Inspector with the Brighton Area Fire Authority as well as a Lieutenant with the Van Buren Township Fire Department. Bill was an ardent UM Fan (ask anyone about what he thought of referees) and played trumpet in the MMB. He was a founding member of the Alumni Pep Band.

His family requested that donations be made to the Michigan Marching Band in Bill's memory.

Let's honor someone we care about...Celebrate Bill Gage! Please consider a memorial gift in Bill's honor that will have a lasting effect on his beloved MMB. We are planning to celebrate, this fall, Bill's passion for life, family, and the Michigan Marching Band. Watch for more information in the next issues of *M Fanfare*.

When making your gift, please indicate in the memo portion of your check the "memorial endowment fund #364443 / Bill Gage." Your Gift may be sent to:

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