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 YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

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M fanfare

2010 MMB

From Lady GaGa to swing to a surreal trip to the land of Oz, the MMB entertained the crowds at The Big House who had little else to cheer by the second half of the season. At this writing, it appears that the band will accompany the team to the Insight Bowl in Arizona, following the year's final performance on December 4 at Crisler Arena.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: DR. BOERMA ENCOURAGES PARTICIPATION. THE WICKED WITCH OF THE SOUTH. THE CAST OF OZ. ALUMNI STICKS ON SATURDAY MORNING. MMB FLAGS GO GAGA! AUDREY MELENYK ENJOYS A SNACK AT BLAST (WITH JERRY DESHAW AND LYNN KOCH). MMB EXITS THE BIG HOUSE FOR THE FINAL TIME IN 2010. 2010 DRUM MAJOR DAVID HINES JR. WAKES UP THE BIG HOUSE.

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Upcoming Events

- Saturday, January 15
Collage Concert—8 pm Hill
 Tickets: League Ticket Office 734-764-2538
- Friday, February 4
Symphony Band — 8 pm Hill
- Monday, February 7
Concert Band — 8 pm Hill
- Friday, March 11
Symphony Band — 8 pm Hill
- Sunday, March 13
UMBAA Concert Band
 2 pm Meyer Auditorium
Concert Band — 7:30 pm Hill
- 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 Concert Hall
Los Angeles, California
 Tickets: music.umich.edu/laconcert

Did you know?

You have provided over \$16,000 in student scholarships this year! UMBAA Scholarships of \$750 are generated by our ever increasing endowment fund. Please make a donation to the Scholarship Fund.

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From our UMBAA Webmaster:

Have hope! Progress is being made, and there's a small chance that the website will be up by the end of this year. Stay tuned!



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GROUPS:

- ① UMBAA
- ① University of Michigan Symphony Band
- ① SMTD
- ① Michigan Marching Band (multiple listings)
- ① MMB Photo Video

2010 UMBAA Scholarship Recipients

These Michigan Bands musicians received UMBAA Scholarships at Band-O-Rama:

Stephen Byars, senior, tuba, performance and music education, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

Brian Dunbar, first-year masters student, flute, performance, St. Augustine, Florida

John Larson, junior, percussion, music education, Petoskey, Michigan

Peter Nesbitt, sophomore, trombone, music education and performance, Eagle, Michigan

John Ney, senior, trumpet, performance, Danielson, Connecticut

Chris Plaskota, sophomore, euphonium, music education and performance, Naperville, Illinois

Zach Stern, senior, saxophone, performance, Kingwood, Texas

Kelly Zimba, junior, flute, performance and music education, Bethel Park, Pennsylvania

These MMB musicians received UMBAA Scholarships at Homecoming:

Issac Anderson junior, alto saxophone, Detroit, Michigan

Jenny Barger junior, piccolo, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

Rex Brown junior, alto saxophone, Troy, Michigan

Alexandra Genia junior, trombone, Mason, Michigan

Alexandra Hinsberg graduate student, trumpet, Sterling Heights, Michigan

Josh Huffman junior, tenor saxophone, Hartford, Michigan

Keith Okimura sophomore, percussion, Granite Bay, California

Allen Stuart junior, piccolo, Midland, Michigan



From the top:
2010 Band-O-Rama
Blast From The Past
Our oldest returning member, Ms. Doris McNabb English, at Saturday morning rehearsal

From The President

My MMB Experience

My first introduction to the Michigan Marching Band was when I was 10, and saw the band on TV doing ‘entries’ across a stage. It grabbed my attention. I had just started playing my flute in the 4th grade band and the Michigan Marching Band’s performance that night left an image in my mind that still hasn’t faded.

I received a piccolo for a birthday present when I was 13; the one I continue to play at all Alumni Pep Band events. Its cost was about \$200.00, the best \$200.00 my parents ever spent on me! I started practicing it with one purpose, one goal, to be in the Michigan Marching Band some day in the future.

My freshman year at the University I played in the University Band both semesters. The piccolo was put to rest for a while. I enjoyed all the concerts at Hill Auditorium that year and the musical growth I experienced playing in that campus band.

However, listening to the MMB practice as I walked to my car every afternoon definitely made me a bit sad. I had wanted to be in the marching band, but I was a bit nervous about its size, not to mention the time it would take from my schoolwork.

I took a deep breath and called Revelli Hall in spring to let Eric Becher’s office know I wanted to audition for the Michigan Marching Band, and I was given a date to come to the first rehearsal in August. My dream since 4th grade was finally going to be realized.

Well, since then I can’t say enough about my Michigan Marching Band experience. I joined a second family, not just a band program.

I am currently a teacher and do my best to support the school band program at Frost Middle School. I recruit students for the program and encourage 8th graders not to quit as they move forward to the high school. Band, whether it was at Jane Addams Elementary School or the University of Michigan, has been the most important part of my life.

As I step into this honored position, President of the Alumni Association, I look forward to working with the board and our alumni membership to increase alumni participation with the association as well as with the current University of Michigan Band program members and staff.

Go Blue!

Susan R. Sutherland ‘87
PRESIDENT

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2010 Blast From The Past



To all who participated in the 2010 Blast from the Past, I wanted to send my sincere thanks for making the day truly special. I enjoyed meeting many of you very much, and I hope to meet the rest of you next year. I sure hope that you had a wonderful time reconnecting with friends and reliving the magical feeling of coming out of that tunnel into the Big House! Rehearsals went extremely smoothly, and the half-time performance came off without a hitch (at least none that anyone noticed!).

I am honored and humbled to play a role in sustaining and moving forward the amazing traditions of the Michigan Marching Band. It is always overwhelming to me to see how passionate our alumni are about this great institution, and I understand the importance of maintaining the level of excellence that was set by all of you who came before. Thank you for caring so much about the Michigan Bands.

Hope to see you all again next year!

Go Blue!!

Scott

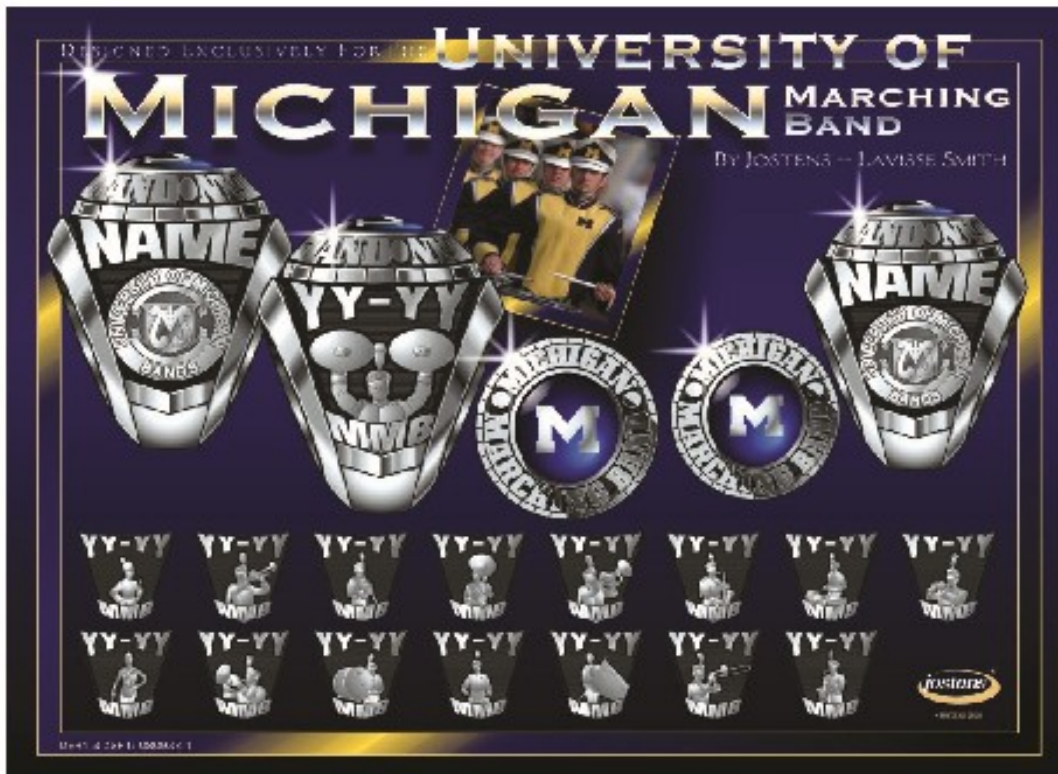
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An incredible day was had by all...except for the final score.

MMB Photo Video

The MMB Photo Video website, www.mmbphotovideo.com, offers photos from all MMB performances as well as several UMBAA activities including the UMBAA Concert Band Concerts. Browse the over 30,000 photos on our website to find your favorite. It's easy and convenient to purchase our photos online either as digital downloads, standard prints, large canvas prints, mugs, t-shirts, puzzles, and much more. We are proud to offer an exclusive offer to UMBAA members for your Holiday shopping. Just enter coupon code UMBAA2010 on step three of the checkout process for 15% off your order. The coupon code expires 12/31/2010.



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UMBAA Concert Band performs at Ann Arbor Huron HS in November

UMBAA Concert Band Winter 2011

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 band's rehearsals have moved to Skyline High School, with concerts at Huron High School. We appreciate the support that Forsythe Director of Bands Cary Kocher gave us, and are now working with Steve Roberts and Jason Smith at Huron and Skyline.

Langston Hemenway has served us well as conductor this year, and members have learned much. The band has begun a tradition of a guest alumni conductor at each concert, and in November were proud to have James Roach at the baton. The November 14th concert included works by Goldman, Ticheli, Zdechlik, Reed, Grainger, Chance, Gershwin, Bennett, and Elbel.

WE NEED YOU! The University of Michigan Band Alumni Association Concert Band is seeking additional musicians for Winter Session, starting January 13th. Winter rehearsals will be held on Thursday evenings, January 13th through March 10th at Skyline High School, with a concert on March 13th at Huron High School's Meyer Auditorium. Winter Registration begins now!

Spring rehearsals will begin 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

Website link:

http://home.comcast.net/~pmlarson/UMBAA_Concert_Band/University_of_Michigan_Band_Alumni_Association.html.



The Rookie UMBAA Class of 2011



The MMB Senior Class performs one final show in The Big House at the close of the Wisconsin game.

Looking For Alumni Update? Then send us something to print!

SUBMISSIONS: DEADLINES: Materials must be received by July 1 for FALL Issue, November 1 for WINTER ISSUE, February 1 for SPRING Issue, April 1 for SUMMER Issue. Submissions should include your *NAME*, Your *YEARS IN THE MICHIGAN BANDS* "1985-89," the *MICHIGAN BANDS in which you participated*, the *DEGREE you received*, the *YEAR you received it*, and also your *MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY*. **THEN, Tell us what you've been up to so the rest of us know.** MAIL to: M Fanfare Alumni Update UMBAA, Revelli Hall, 350 East Hoover, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Or BETTER YET: E-Mail to mfanfare-editor@umich.edu

Are you a Member in Good Standing?

REGULAR MEMBER: Any individual who has been a student member of any of the University of Michigan Bands and who supports the purposes and goals of The University of Michigan Band Alumni Association.

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LIFE MEMBER: A **MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING** who has made a one time dues payment equal to twenty times the annual dues at the time of application.

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MMB Video Crew Debuts YUBA-Cam

The MMB Video Crew is continuously looking for new and exciting ways to improve our products we offer the MMB family. Thanks to Fred Smith '54, a Tenor Sax alumnus at 2010 Blast from the Past, we learned about a small wearable HD camera. After purchasing our own we turned to our Facebook followers to help us name it. After only a few minutes it was unanimously decided by our fans the camera should be called *Yuba-cam*. *Yuba-cam* has captured angles from various sections of the band during the last few games of the season. Because of its size we have been able to mount it inside a tuba bell or to the brim of the uniform hat bringing MMB fans the member perspective of MMB performances. Clips from *Yuba-cam* can be viewed on our YouTube page at www.youtube.com/mmbphotovideo.