



LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BAND

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Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Band

A TRADITION OF SERVICE THROUGH MUSIC

Summertime has arrived — a wonderful time for outside concerts!

We invite you to a sneak peek of our rehearsals held at the Sherman Block Building in Monterey Park. Our swing band consists of 18 members who play swing and jazz music. The music is lively and spirited, and made for dancing or listening to as you tap your feet. We have two singers, Sylvia and Guy, who bring the lyrics to life with their melodic voices. Our musicians are incredibly gifted at the syncopation that swing and jazz requires, and you can hear some amazing music when they are given the chance to ad-lib for a few bars. The swing band rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Our rehearsals are open, and you are invited to come on in and listen, especially if you are in need of a dance band or entertainment for an event.

Our concert band is diverse in its membership. We have members ranging in age from 17 to 89, and we come from all walks and stages of life. Our band consists of professional musicians and avid amateurs, ranging from high school students to college students, from accountants to retired deputies. We come from all over SoCal to rehearse and perform with the LASD Band. On the west side of town we have musicians who come from the San Fernando Valley, and on the east side members come from as far away as San Bernardino and Riverside counties, all for the purpose of serving and performing with these exceptional musicians. Our concert band has a huge repertoire that includes musicals, show tunes, patriotic music, children's programs and concert band standards. Our concert band rehearses at the Sherman Block Building on Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Our rehearsals are open; come on in and listen to *your* band!

Recent summer events we have played include:

- May 18: Poway Concert Band Festival
- June 21 (swing band): Covina Swing Festival
- June 30: Glendora — Concerts in the park
- July 4: Ronald Reagan Library

In addition to our full concert band, we have trumpet players who can belt out bugle calls or honor our heroes with "Taps." Please remember that you have a band that wants to meet your musical needs for all Department events. We are also available for personal events — we invite you to come to a rehearsal.

If you play an instrument or previously played an instrument, it may be time to dust it off and join the LASD Band. If you would like to have one of our bands perform for an event, either the dance band or concert band (subject to Department guidelines), please contact me at Dawn.LASDBand@gmail.com. ☆

