



LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BAND

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Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Band

A TRADITION OF SERVICE THROUGH MUSIC

The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Band is "swinging into summer." The LASD Swing Band performed at the South Hills Country Club for the Woman's Club of West Covina. The band was so well received that those in attendance were clapping, dancing and singing the afternoon away. "We want you back" was the most common remark!

As ambassadors for the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, it is always wonderful when we can bridge the gap between our citizens and law enforcement with the beautiful universal language of music. As the LASD Swing Band started to perform, the room began to fill up as South Hills Country Club members, both women and men alike, joined the West Covina Woman's Club to appreciate the music.

At the end of the performance, Director Dan Glass was presented with a certificate of recognition from Senator Rubio's representative. I received a call from the senator's office informing us how much they enjoyed our LASD Swing Band and hope it can perform for one of the senator's events soon.

Our buglers continue to perform with LASD honor guards. Our LASD band members are so very proud to be a part of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. We hope to perform for many Department activities, festivities and celebrations this year.

The LASD Concert Band has booked some gigs for our cities' concerts in the park. On June 29, we will be performing for Diamond Bar — here is the information from their website:

"Patriotic concert: To celebrate Independence Day, the City is hosting a special patriotic concert on **June 29 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.** Live entertainment will begin with The Kelly Boyz Band, followed by a patriotic performance by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Band. Festivities will also include children's crafts and activities, strolling historical figures and info booths with giveaways. The stars-spangled evening will be loads of fun for the whole family. Location: Summitridge Park, 1425 Summitridge Dr., (adjacent to Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Ave.).

On June 3, we will perform for the City of Glendora from 6 to 8 p.m. Location: Finkbiner Park, 160 N. Wabash Ave., Glendora.

On July 4, the LASD Concert Band will be performing at Reagan Library from 1 to 3 p.m. Location: 40 Presidential Dr., Simi Valley. Please come out and see your band perform before the fireworks





commence in the evening. There will be lots of fun and educational activities for the entire family.

We hope you can make it out to see one or more of these performances by your band.

At the end of each year, the conductor, COPS and the executive committee honor a few band members. The parameters for these awards are exemplary musicianship, but also protection and preservation of our code of conduct and mission. The honorees for 2021 were Jim Thompson, Abe Ortiz and Bruce Martineau.

The Holcomb award is voted on by our nine-member executive committee. It is a perpetual award. The plaque is engraved with the name of each year's recipient. It hangs in our rehearsal room. The Holcomb award is named for the couple who founded our all-volunteer band. The 2021 recipient was Sarah Bloxham. She is a leader and has raised the level of her already skillful performance by continuing her education. She protects our code of conduct and always has a sunny disposition and positive attitude. We are a better organization because she is with us. She is the first woman to receive this award. Thank you, Sarah, for all you do for the Concert Band.

In closing, I would like to mention that my husband and I recently attended a Galaxy soccer game and sparked up a conversation with deputies on duty at the stadium about the band. I always like to enlighten our deputies regarding the LASD Band and



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make sure they know what a wonderful public relations tool the Department has at their disposal. It was quite refreshing to hear that they had read some of our articles about the band in the *Star News* and were happy to hear more about us — so thank you to the *Star News*!

Please call us for your Sheriff Department musical needs and/or events, such as retirements, celebrations or holiday/patriotic festivities. We are here for you!

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. Please visit our website at LASDBand.org. ☆

