



Central Michigan Area
CONCERT BAND
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Joseph Radtke, Conductor

Presents a Maple Syrup Festival Concert

Saturday, April 25, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Shepherd Public Schools Auditorium*

Pre-Concert Music starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Atrium by

Shepherd J-Jazz Band



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**Located on the west side of the
high school, across the hall
from the gym.*



The Central Michigan Area Concert Band was formed in the summer of 1973. After a few years in Mt. Pleasant the band located in Shepherd and grew under the baton of Musical Director Claude Lemmer, who was Director of Bands at Shepherd Public Schools. At the end of 2015 Claude passed the director's baton of the CMACB to Joseph Radtke and assumed the honorary title of "Director Emeritus." Prior to accepting the baton from Claude, Joseph served as the CMACB's Associate Director. He has a master's degree in Music Education, currently serves as the Middle School Instrumental Music Director for Greenville Public Schools and is Professor of Trombone at Alma College. Joseph, an active trombonist himself, is a member of both the West Michigan and Midland Symphony Orchestras. He has performed with the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, Midland Music Society, Saginaw Eddy Band, Michigan Jazz Trail Big Band, Paradigm Brass Quintet, and many other ensembles throughout Michigan.

Following the tradition set by Claude, Joseph continues to provide a broad range of musical literature to challenge the band members as well as provide the quality entertainment audiences have come to expect from the band. The CMACB meets year-round presenting 8-12 concerts. The unauditioned, volunteer band members come from throughout the central Michigan area, some making a round trip of 100 miles or more to attend weekly rehearsals. They range in age from students to octogenarians. The band is also a member of the Association of Concert Bands. For more information about the band, including upcoming performances, view our web site at www.cmacb.org, or visit us on facebook at www.facebook.com/cmacb1.