

Bloomfield Federation of Music

Sing or play with us!

If you're a music lover who likes to sing or play an instrument, consider joining one of Bloomfield's five music ensembles, collectively known as the Bloomfield Federation of Music. All groups are currently welcoming new members.

Bloomfield Choral

The choral includes singers of all ages from Bloomfield and surrounding communities, who perform international folk music, Americana, classical, pop standards, holiday music, sacred music, show tunes and opera. Concerts are held in Bloomfield in June and December, with additional performances at other community events.

The choral is currently seeking new members in all voice ranges: soprano, alto, tenor and bass. Drop in at any rehearsal during the month of September to meet current members and learn about the group. Weekly Tuesday rehearsals start Sept. 12, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/bloomfieldchorale

General E-mail: bloomfieldchorale@gmail.com

Conductor Ruth Hsu: (973) 667-1440 or graciouspeace@gmail.com

Bloomfield Civic Band

The Civic Band is a community concert band founded 70 years ago. Area musicians gather on Mondays to play together, then perform for the community several times a year. Currently, the band is seeking brass, woodwind and percussion players. Dues are \$50 per year, free for the first year. Rehearsals are held at Bloomfield Middle School on Huck Road from mid-September through mid-June, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. (Location may vary).

Contact: Lois De Julio at ldejulio@comcast.net or (973) 338-1646.

Website: <http://civicband.bloomfieldfm.org/>

Conductor Frank Ortega: frankonj@aol.com

Bloomfield Mandolin Orchestra

The mandolin orchestra plays classical, folk and Italian songs, show tunes and contemporary music. Instruments include mandolin, mandola, mandocello, mandobass, guitar, flute and accordion. Tuesday evening rehearsals run from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Bloomfield Middle School, 60 Huck Road.

Website: <http://mandolin.bloomfieldfm.org/>

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Conductor Enrico Granafei: (862) 703-0627 or egranafei@gmail.com

Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra

Started in 1932, the symphony is one of the oldest of New Jersey's 25 community orchestras, providing three or more concerts per year. There are current openings for bassoons, French horns and one oboe. No auditions are required. Most players rehearse weekly — Wednesdays at 7:30 at Bloomfield Middle School. Those with a higher level of playing skill and limited rehearsal time may opt to attend only a few required final rehearsals before a performance.

Website: <http://www.bloomfieldsymphony.org/>

Conductor Israel Herman: (609) 586-8810 or maestro02@verizon.net

Bloomfield Youth Band

The Youth Band is a community wind ensemble comprised of 55 secondary school and college musicians from Essex County and surrounding. The band performs an array of concert band music (medium through advanced levels) in three to four public concerts per year. Rehearsals are Friday evenings (7-9:15 p.m.), or Sunday afternoons (1-3:15 p.m.), depending on high school football schedules.

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