



# Join the Band!

Director: Dr. Charles R. Jackson

## Cobb New Horizons Band

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*The Cobb New Horizons Band offers senior adults, with musical instrument experience, the opportunity to join an actively performing symphonic band serving the community.*

Director: Rob Opitz

## Cobb New Horizons Jazz Ensemble

Cobb New Horizons Band is a member of the **New Horizons International Music Association**. This international association has over 170 member groups throughout the United States, Canada, Australia, and Ireland.

### BACKGROUND OF NEW HORIZONS

The first New Horizons group was started in Rochester, New York in 1999. Behind every great idea, movement, or event, there usually stands one person who provides the inspiration, the guiding light, and the driving force for making it happen. Such is the case with this movement, founded by Roy Ernst, Ph.D. His leadership and untiring work are directly responsible for the many New Horizons bands, orchestras, and other musical ensembles in existence today.

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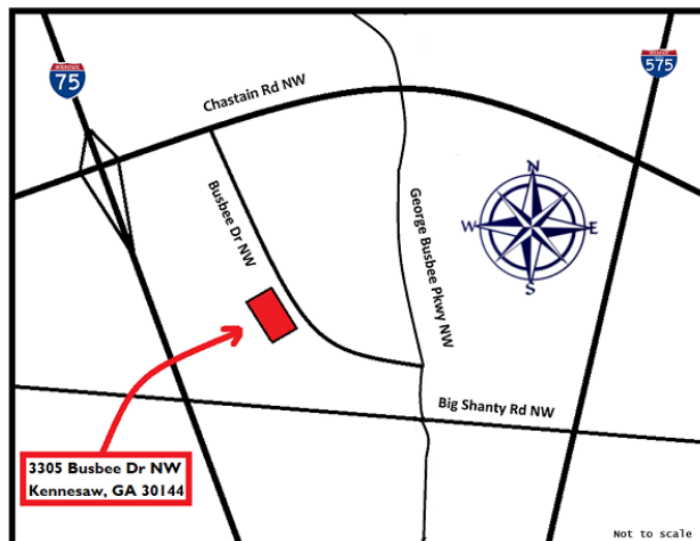
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In addition to the Cobb New Horizons concert band, we have an affiliate group known as the Cobb New Horizons Jazz Ensemble. Rob Opitz is the director of the jazz ensemble, which plays at various senior adult, church, community, and other events.

Frequently Asked Questions: (click the triangle to see the answer to a question)

#### ▼ Where does the band rehearse?

We rehearse in a music facility (previously a Brandsmart retail store) on the campus of Kennesaw State University located at 3305 Busbee Dr, NW, Kennesaw, Ga 30144. See the general map below or to be more precise use this [Google Map](#).



▼ When does the band rehearse?

We begin rehearsal promptly at 11:00 AM on Monday morning and dismiss at 1:00, with a break in the middle of the rehearsal time. The jazz ensemble starts at 9:00 AM and rehearses until 10:30 AM.

▼ What if I cannot attend regularly?

Regular attendance is very important as we prepare for performances and improve our skills. However, everyone has many other things going on in life and cannot always attend every rehearsal. All of us miss on occasion, but we keep our section leaders and our director informed.

▼ How often does the band perform?

At busy times we have averaged one performance per month. During certain seasons, this will vary. Venues include seasonal concerts at KSU's Bailey Performance Center, Marietta Performance Center, Woodstock Amphitheater, and Lassiter Concert Hall, various secondary schools of all levels, churches, community events, and senior communities. Our current schedule is published on the home page.

▼ What if I have not played for years?

Many of our members have been in the same situation, putting an instrument aside in some cases for decades. Although the band does require musical experience, when first starting back, everyone in the band understands the challenge of rebuilding physical stamina and technique.

▼ Are band dues required?

Yes. Each member pays monthly dues of \$15 (paid as \$45 quarterly). If you come to try out the band, your first month's dues are waived. Dues help the band to pay our director, rent for rehearsal space, and to purchase music and equipment.

▼ Is there a cost for the music?

The cost of music is covered by paying dues.

▼ Is there a uniform for performances?

Yes. The band wears a black golf shirt with the Cobb New Horizons Band logo, khaki pants, a black belt, black shoes, and black socks. Shirts are available in both men's and ladies' sizes. There is a reasonable cost for the shirt (slightly more for 2XL+ sizes). For formal performances we wear all black dress wear (dress shirt, dress slacks, black belt, black socks, black shoes).

▼ Do I need additional equipment other than my instrument?

Yes. Each band member supplies his own music stand which will be necessary for most performances. Most members use the Peak SMS-20 black portable music stand with a carrying case. It is available from various music stores or online. You will find several options available on our [Member Resource Page](#)

▼ How is the band governed?

The band members, annually, elect the officers of the band who make up the executive committee. The committee meets monthly to discuss matters of band business.

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We thank you for having an interest in the Cobb New Horizons Band. We invite you to consider becoming a part of our family of musicians. Please visit with us for several rehearsals and get acquainted with a great group of folks. You may ask any of our members the questions you might still have. If you want to talk personally to someone, please email our membership chairperson, [membership@cobbnewhorizonsband.com](mailto:membership@cobbnewhorizonsband.com). Come join us!!

The Band welcomes all musicians. However, we have immediate needs for the following musicians:

- Percussionists
- Clarinets

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Carl Merwin



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(formerly East Cobb New Horizons Band)

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"Passing the baton to a new generation"  
George Broom - thank you for sharing your talents for 9 wonderful years! We will miss you!