

BLOWCOMOTION

COMMUNITY BRASS BAND

Announcements

Thanks to everyone's support, Blowcomotion purchased the first instrument of its instrument lending program - a sousaphone! Thank you Austin Walton for giving us a great deal.

Special Thanks

To our financial supporters - the Cheswaty Foundation and Minor Mishap Marching Band. We love you!

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WELCOME TO THE FIRST BLOWCOMOTION NEWSLETTER!!

We plan on sending out a quarterly newsletter to keep all our band members, future band members, volunteers and supporters updated on what we have been doing and what we are planning.

Upcoming Fundraiser

We are planning a PARTY!! We are looking at an early March date to hold a fundraiser and celebrate the launch of our new Patreon community. We will be sending invitations to all of you and hope you will come. Bring and instrument and jam with us!



Our December Gigs

We had a very busy December. Blowcomotion played at the opening of the 37th Street Lights on December 14. We had a large and enthusiastic crowd and the Christmas lights were amazing. We are so thrilled to have this Austin tradition back.

On December 15, we played a charity benefit for an orphanage in Africa.

Speaking of Austin traditions, on December 20, we played at the City of Austin's Trail of Lights. The rain stopped long enough for our set, but as soon as we finished, there was a downpour!

Blowcomotion had a first in January. Two gigs in one day. We played a set for the Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity on January 11. It was a beautiful day at Mueller Amphitheater and the GOCC had a successful fundraiser. That evening we played at the HonkTX! prom/fundraiser.

On Saturday, January 25, we played at an Australia Day Benefit benefitting the Australian Red Cross. Another successful fundraiser.

Future Gigs

April 3 to 5 - HonkTX! We can't wait. We plan to have one set Friday night at Spider House/Adams Hemphill Park, one set on Saturday at Mueller Lake, and one set Sunday at Pan Am Park. More information to come.

April 28 - our first performance at the Texas Community Music Festival. Central Market on N. Lamar, 7 p.m.

OUR INFORMATION

Practices are held on Tuesday evenings starting at 7 p.m. with instrument sectionals. From 8 to 9 p.m. we play together as a band. During winter months, we practice at the ADAPT of Texas building, 1100 S IH 35 near the intersection with Riverside Dr. Look for the giant wheelchair on the side of the building. During Spring, Summer and Fall, we practice at Mueller, near the hanger.

Omar Garcia has been working on some new arrangements for us. At our January 14 band practice we learned Funky Fanfare and at our January 21 practice we learned Pick Up the Pieces and Sweet Dreams Are Made of These. Thank you Omar for keeping it challenging!

JOIN US!!

If you haven't been to one of our performances, we would love to see you. If you are interested in playing with us -- even if you have never played an instrument -- COME JOIN US!

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