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Monday, May 27:	Memorial Day
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May 20, Monday

30/50 Year Party at Club Venetian, 12-3pm

July 1, Monday

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July 15, Monday

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The Music Stand

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As We Yearn, So We Learn

"Stop! Look what's behind you, Fame and Love gonna find you, we're just here to remind you, Yearn and Learn is what we do, as we yearn, so we learn." - From Yearnin', Learnin" Earth, Wind and Fire, Maurice White, Charles Steply, Phillip James Baily.

With inspiration from the above words, this edition of the Music Stand will draw your attention to two Local 5 members, as well as personal friends that have carried their passion for music their entire professional lives. We will also update you on the yearnin and learnin we are experiencing as our pension fund heads toward critical and declining status. I will also update you on the status of our new agreement with the Michigan Opera Theatre. I would also like to draw your attention to our "Closing Chord" in this



Michigan Philharmonic Low Brass: Neal Cambell, Gary Hellick, Ava Ordman, Brooks Barnes, George Troia

Keynote - as you may or may not know, we lost two great saxophonists, educators and fine gentlemen with the passings of George F. Benson and Thomas Ploeger, may they both rest in peace.

Ava Ordman, Soloist with the Michigan Philharmonic, Mike Rumbell, Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Teacher of the Year

Michigan State University Trombone Professor and Local 5 member, Ava Ordman,

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premiered a new Concerto for Trombone and Orchestra by David Biedenbender, entitled "Their Eyes are Fireflies".

Ava, a soon to be thirty-year member of Local 5 and a member of Local 56 in Grand Rapids, frequently subs with the Detroit Symphony and several other orchestras around Michigan and was most recently honored with the International Trombone Association's Neil Humfeld Award for "Excellence in Teaching". Ava expressed to me her feeling that belonging to a union was something professionals did - and professional is only one of the words to describe her outstanding performance.

After running into Mike Rumbell, who told me he had been chosen MSBOA Teacher of the Year, he too commented about being a professional union musician was a cornerstone of his nearly fifty years of exemplary teaching. You can read Mike's bio later in this Keynote. Congratulations to both on their accomplishments as teachers and performers!

I should also add that both Ava, Mike and myself are all University of Michigan graduates.

AFM-EPF likely to Enter Critical and Declining Status

Those that are participants in the American Federation of Musicians Employers Pension Fund have been notified of the likelihood that the Fund may enter critical and declining status beginning April 1 of this year. The Fund has been in critical status since 2010. Questions and

answers to the reasons the Fund is in this position can be found at afm-epf.org. The options to address this situation currently are limited to filing to reorganize under the Multi-Employer Pension Reform Act (MPRA) of 2014 and supporting the Butch Lewis Act, which would provide long term low interest loans to funds in trouble. The Fund is basically paying out more than it is taking in and is predicting a solvency life span of twenty years.



The honorable Debbie Dingell of Michigan's 12th Congressional District addressing the AFM Midwestern Conference of Locals last September at the Motor City Casino Hotel

Many of our Michigan Congressional leaders are supporting the Butch Lewis Act including House Reps Debbie Dingell and Haley Stevens, and Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters. It doesn't hurt to contact your representative and tell them how important your full pension payment is to you.

I wrote last fall about Congresswoman Debbie Dingell attending and speaking at our Midwestern Conference on this very subject. It is important for them to know that musicians are

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Hello to all and happy spring (as slow as it is to come)! On the bright side, the temperatures are gradually warming, and spring flowers are beginning to bloom - and that's a welcome change!

Metro AFL-CIO Convention

In my continuing "firsts", I attended my first Metro AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention in February, which took place at IBEW Local 58 in Detroit. We were greeted by the President of the Michigan AFL-CIO, Ron Bieber, via video, who talked about our vision and commitment to labor causes, followed by the Keynote Speaker, Pierrette Talley, Secretary-Treasurer of the Ohio AFL-CIO. We were also delightfully entertained by vocalist Lynn Marie, who roused the crowd and got everyone on their feet and dancing to the music! For me, it was an opportunity to see all of these unions coming together to support each other and show a strong commitment to working for and helping the working people. I would also like to announce that our president, George Troia, Jr, was elected as part of the Unity Slate to the Executive Board! Congratulations! United we stand!

A Helping Hand

I am very happy to introduce to you my very helpful assistant, Carl Cafagna! He is an excellent musician and Local 5 member (as many of you know), and has recently come on board to help with some of the tasks I did before taking on the Secretary-Treasurer position, as well as helping me organize my office and get things running a little more smoothly. He's a real quick study and will be an asset to the union. That being said, I am still learning from the world's best mentor, Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus, Susan Barna Ayoub. Without her help - and tremendous patience - this position would have been impossible to take on! I can't thank her enough for taking the extra time, even after a long day's work at her own job, to help me when I need it.

30/50-Year Party

It's that time again, my friends! The 30/50-Year Party is on - Monday, May 20, noon to 3:00 pm, at Club Venetian on John R, just north of 12 Mile Rd in Madison Heights. As previously mentioned, if you have been a member for 30 years or more, there is no cost to you. If you are not yet a 30-year member, you are still welcome to attend at a cost of \$20.00. Any guests are also welcome at a cost of \$20/guest. The event begins at noon with a cash bar, followed by a performance by the DMF scholarship recipient and a brief awards program.

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Columbus Day, Election Day, Thanks-
giving Day and Friday after, Christmas
Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve

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workers and count on retirement income to live in dignity.

If the fund does indeed enter critical and declining status, there will be a two-year application and review period followed by a vote by all participants. Those over eighty years of age can not have their benefits reduced.

Michigan Opera Theatre

We have negotiated a new MOT Agreement effective Sept 1, 2019 through August 31, 2022. Raises of 3%, first year and 2.5 % in the second and third year as well as raises in cartage were obtained. The contract was overwhelmingly ratified.

George F. Benson and Thomas Ploeger

We lost two more great performers and teachers in the above-mentioned gentleman. Both were active until very recently and touched many lives. Every job I worked alongside George Benson was a lesson, whether playing a big band job, combo, recording session or with the Detroit Symphony -

one of my last memories working with him. I was and wasn't surprised to see so many comments by the people who shared that they had taken private improv lessons with George. Thom was a public school teacher who influenced a career's worth of students while staying active as a performer and innovator of the "sound shield". Both were saxophonists extraordinaire.

30/50-Year Party

It's that time of year again when we come together and each year it becomes more special to me.

It is always a pleasure to see our members come together and share our memories over a meal and this year will prove to be no different. So, for the time being, see you very soon! ■

Detroit Musicians Entertainment Referral Gigs - 2nd Quarter 2019

Date	Leader	Players	City
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3/24/19	Bill Meyer	1	Detroit



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DFM Executive Board Meeting 01/11/2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board was called to order at 12:05 pm, President George Troia being in the chair, as well as Vice-President Michael McGowan and Secretary-Treasurer Mary Johnstone being present. Also present were Executive Board Members Ralphe Armstrong, Nancy Chaklos, and Douglaas Cornelsen. Board member Lynn Marie Mangan joined the meeting at 12:14 pm; Board member Alan Ayoub joined the meeting at 12:19 pm.

On motion by VP McGowan, seconded by Mr Armstrong, to approve the agenda, it was approved unanimously.

On motion by Mr Cornelsen, seconded by Mr Armstrong, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as amended, they were approved unanimously.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will take place on Friday, February 22, at 11:00 am.

President Troia gave the following report:

President Troia reported that in regard to the Olympia Entertainment/Fox Theatre negotiations, we are still awaiting a response to our most recent counter offer. They have received the counter offer, are reviewing it, and should be responding soon.

President Troia informed the Board that negotiations with the Michigan Opera Theatre are scheduled for January 23, 24, and 25, with backup dates in early February. Proposals have been drafted by the committee and SSD negotiator, Chris Durham. Meetings will take place at the Detroit Opera House. Final proposals were discussed and set to go.

President Troia thanked those Board members who were able to attend the New Member Orientation/ Open House on Monday, January 7. He reported that although no new members were present to swear in,

but 22 Local 5 members showed up and it was a very pleasant afternoon.

President Troia shared that he attended a visitation for Local 5 member, Carl Horn, age 63, who passed away very unexpectedly on January 3, 2019. President Troia informed the Board that Carl had recently returned to Wayne State University and completed his undergraduate degree in 2017, after retiring from a public service job.

On motion by Ms Chaklos, seconded by Mr Armstrong, to accept the President's Report, it was accepted unanimously.

Sec/Treas Johnstone presented reports of Monthly Income, Cash Disbursements and Comparative Fiscal Year-to-Date. On motion by VP McGowan, seconded by Mr Cornelsen, to receive the reports, they were received unanimously.

Sec/Treas Johnstone presented the Payroll reports. On motion by Ms Mangan seconded by VP McGowan, to approve the reports, they were approved unanimously.

Sec/Treas Johnstone presented the Officers' Expenses and Charge Cards reports. On motion by Mr Armstrong, seconded by Mr Ayoub, to approve the reports, they were approved unanimously.

Sec/Treas Johnstone stated there were no new member applications this past month.

Sec/Treas Johnstone presented a report of member reinstatements, resignations, suspensions, and deaths, as well as a Local Census report.

Moving on to Unfinished Business: President Troia asked the Board to confirm the e-poll taken for member hardship dues for Will Austin. It was confirmed unanimously.

Regarding the AFM Unfair List, President Troia stated that cases that have been referred to the IEB are now on the docket.

President Troia presented a breakdown of the Midwestern Conference expenses and reimbursements. Mr Ayoub requested there be more itemization and the Board concurred.

At 1:23 pm, Greg Bowens, candidate for Michigan Democratic Party (MDP) chair joined the meeting to introduce himself to the Board and request our endorsement. Mr Bowens is a Cass Tech and Wayne State University graduate and a veteran of the US Navy. He is currently a 14th Congressional District executive committee member and member of the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club as well as the founding member of the Grosse Pointes-Harper Woods NAACP Branch. Mr Bowens claims to "know labor" - and states he helped lead the public fight to win the strike with the American Federation of Musicians against the DSO, among other labor fights. On motion by Mr Ayoub, seconded by Ms Mangan, to endorse Mr Bowens for MDP Chair, it was approved unanimously.

President Troia reported on the status of the new DME website. Webmaster David Denniston was unable to be at the meeting, but Therese Rose joined the meeting to give the Board more detail on its current status. There were a lot of questions, so Ms Chaklos suggested, and the Board agreed, that a Website Committee be formed to work out these issues. The Website Committee members are Ms Chaklos, Ms Mangan, Mr Ayoub, and VP McGowan, with President Troia.

Moving on to New Business: President Troia announced that the Annual Meeting will take place on Monday, March 18 at 12 noon.

3:12 pm, on motion by VP McGowan, seconded by Mr Cornelsen, to adjourn the meeting, it was adjourned.

DFM Executive Board Meeting 02/22/2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board was called to order at 11:16 am, President George Troia being in the chair, as well as Vice-President Michael McGowan and Secretary-Treasurer Mary Johnstone being present. Also present were Executive Board Members Alan Ayoub, Ralphe Armstrong, and Nancy Chaklos. Board member Lynn Marie Mangan joined the meeting at 11:58 am.

On motion by Mr Armstrong, seconded by Mr Ayoub, to approve the agenda, it was approved unanimously.

On motion by VP McGowan, seconded by Ms Chaklos, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as amended, they were approved unanimously.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will take place on Friday, March 15, at 11:30 am.

President Troia gave the following report: President Troia reported that regarding the Olympia Entertainment/Fox Theatre negotiations, offers are still being exchanged, but it should be finalized very soon.

President Troia informed the Board that there is a tentative agreement with the Michigan Opera, pending ratification by the members of the orchestra.

President Troia shared that he attended the delegate body meeting of the Metro AFL-CIO on Tuesday, February 19. At the meeting, they were informed of the path forward to exit trusteeship. President Troia informed the Board that the Metro AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention is taking place on Saturday, February 23, and he and S/T Johnstone will be attending to represent Local 5.

President Troia shared that he attended the funeral Mass for US Congressman John Dingell at Divine Child Catholic Church on Tuesday, February 12. He shared that John Dingell and his wife, Debbie, have been supporters of Local 5 and working people for many years. He offered our sincere condolences to the Dingell family.

President Troia reminded the Board that the Local 5 Annual Meeting will take place on Monday, March 18, 2019 at noon in the hospitality room, and encouraged all Board members to please attend if their schedule allows.

President Troia also reminded the Board that the Annual 30/50 Party is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2019 at Club Venetian, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

On motion by Mr Armstrong, seconded by Mr Ayoub, to accept the President's Report, it was accepted unanimously.

Sec/Treas Johnstone presented reports of Monthly Income, Cash Disbursements and Comparative Fiscal Year-to-Date. On motion by VP McGowan, seconded by Ms Chaklos, to receive the reports, they were received unanimously.

Sec/Treas Johnstone presented the Payroll reports. On motion by Ms Chaklos seconded by Mr Armstrong, to approve the reports, they were approved unanimously.

Sec/Treas Johnstone presented the Officers' Expenses and Charge Cards reports. On motion by Mr Armstrong, seconded by Ms Chaklos, to approve the reports, they were approved unanimously.

Sec/Treas Johnstone stated there were no new member applications this past month.

Sec/Treas Johnstone presented a report of member reinstatements, resignations, suspensions, and deaths, as well as a Local Census report.

Moving on to Unfinished Business: President Troia presented documentation providing more detail of the breakdown of expenses and reimbursements incurred at the Midwestern Conference we hosted last September.

Regarding the Detroit Musicians Entertainment (DME) and Detroit Federation of Musicians (DFM) websites, President Troia informed the Board that the DME site is up and working. Webmaster David Denniston would like to launch the new DFM site soon, after taking one last look at it.

President Troia asked the Board to confirm the results of the e-poll to retain AFM attorney Jennifer Garner in any possible impending legal matters regarding the AFM Unfair List, as she has offered to represent us free of charge. On motion by Ms Chaklos, seconded by Mr Armstrong to confirm the e-poll, it was confirmed unanimously.

Moving on to New Business: President Troia informed the Board that we would like to hire DFM member Carl Cafagna as an assistant to the Secretary Treasurer. Mr Cafagna is a fine musician with an extensive music background, who as a teacher, also has acquired some computer experience. The Board approved his hiring.

President Troia shared the thank you card received from the family of Carl Horn for attending his funeral.

12:21 pm, on motion by Mr Armstrong, seconded by VP McGowan, to adjourn the meeting, it was adjourned.

DFM Executive Board Meeting 03/15/2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board was called to order at 11:48 am, President George Troia being in the chair, as well as Vice-President Michael McGowan and Secretary-Treasurer Mary Johnstone being present. Also present were Executive Board Members Alan Ayoub, Ralphe Armstrong, and Nancy Chaklos. Board member Lynn Marie Mangan joined the meeting at 12:20 pm.

On motion by VP McGowan, seconded by Mr Armstrong, to approve the agenda, it was approved unanimously.

On motion by VP McGowan, seconded by Mr Ayoub, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, they were approved unanimously.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will take place on Wednesday, April 17, at 11:00 am.

President Troia gave the following report:

President Troia reported that regarding the Olympia Entertainment/Fox Theatre negotiations, offers are still being exchanged, but it should be finalized very soon.

President Troia informed the Board that ratification of the new agreement with the Michigan Opera Theatre is scheduled to take place some time between April 6 and April 14, when the MOT is performing "Hansel and Gretel", ensuring most of the core orchestra will be in town. President Troia shared that he and Sec/Treas Mary Johnstone represented Local 5 at the Metro AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention on Saturday, February 23. President Troia was elected as part of the Unity Slate to the Executive Board. They will be sworn in at the delegate body meeting on

March 20 at 5:30 pm. President Troia informed the board that any board member is welcome to attend and represent at any of these delegate body meetings, which take place the third Wednesday of the month.

President Troia shared that he attended the visitation for George F Benson and presented the family with a Bible, for which they were very grateful. He announced the funeral is scheduled for Saturday morning, March 16 at Rock of Ages Church in Detroit at 11:00 am.

President Troia stated that he also planned to attend a visitation later today for Local 5 member, Tom Ploeger, who also passed this week. He announced Mr Ploeger's funeral is also on Saturday, March 16 at 11:00 at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Funeral Home in Sterling Heights.

President Troia reminded the Board that the Local 5 Annual Meeting will take place on Monday, March 18, 2019 at noon in the hospitality room, and encouraged all Board members to please attend if their schedule allows.

President Troia also reminded the Board that the Annual 30/50 Party is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2019 at Club Venetian, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

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Sec/Treas Johnstone presented the Payroll reports. On motion by Mr Armstrong seconded by VP McGowan, to approve the reports, they were approved unanimously.

Sec/Treas Johnstone presented the Officers' Expenses and Charge

Cards reports. On motion by VP McGowan, seconded by Ms Chaklos, to approve the reports, they were approved unanimously.

Sec/Treas Johnstone presented a report of member reinstatements, resignations, suspensions, and deaths, as well as a Local Census report.

Sec/Treas Johnstone presented a report of New Member Applications from Nicholas Myers, Ronnie Newby, and Brian O-Neal. On motion by VP McGowan, seconded by Mr Armstrong, to accept the applications, they were accepted unanimously.

Moving on to Unfinished Business: Regarding the new DFM website, President Troia informed the board that webmaster Dave Denniston would like to meet with the Web Committee a week or so before the next board meeting to review the site and then have it ready to present to the board at next month's meeting.

Moving on to New Business: President Troia presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2019 - 2020 to the board. On motion by Ms McGowan, seconded by Mr Armstrong, to approve the proposed 2019 - 2020 budget, it was approved unanimously.

Moving on to Good and Welfare: VP McGowan announced to the board that Nan Washburn, Director of the Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra, is celebrating 20 years as director. All board members extended our congratulations on her 20th anniversary of service with the orchestra.

1:11 pm, on motion by Mr Armstrong, seconded by Mr Ayoub, to adjourn the meeting, it was adjourned.

From the Secretary-Treasurer

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AFM Convention

I will be attending the AFM Convention for the first time in Las Vegas, Nevada, in June. This will be a new experience for me, and I look forward to learning more and meeting new people. In addition to everything else going on, there will be several workshops available for me to attend, which I am sure will help me have a deeper understanding of all the various responsibilities of my new position. Stay tuned for a follow-up!

Dental Clinic Date is Set

Set your calendars for the upcoming Dental Clinic - Friday, September 20, at Local 5 Headquarters. This event is paid for by MusiCares, the social services portion of the Recording Academy and the GRAMMY Foundation. Requirements to take part are: You have to be a professional musician, though not necessarily a member of the union. Feel free to share this information with your colleagues. We have no more detailed information at this time, but if you'd like to get a head start (only a limited number of applicants are accepted), contact MusiCares East Region at 877-303-6962. They can provide you with more information and an application. ■

As some of you may already know, our friend Al McKenzie has suffered extreme health issues recently. Here is information on a benefit concert in which you are all cordially invited.

LOVE-A-THON Benefit Concert for Al McKenzie

A message from Renee-King Jackson:

Show your love for Detroit's own phenomenal musician who is suffering extreme health issues. We are asking for your help. The committee is planning a concert with some of Detroit's finest musicians singers and poets. Also, there will be an afterglow with food & beverages as well as open jam. The ticket donation is \$40. All proceeds go to support medical needs.

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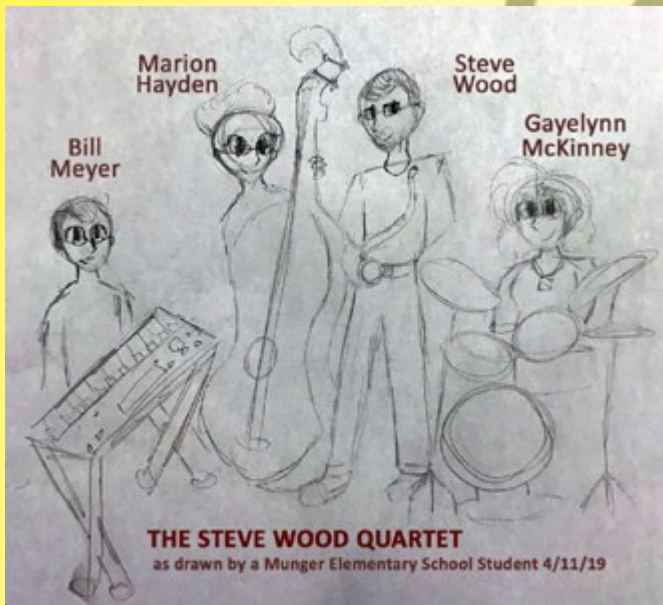
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WRCJ's David Devereaux presenting the coveted WRCJ Crystal Microphone Award to trumpeter Johnny Trudell for his many contributions to the arts



Leslie DeShazor proudly posing with her talented group of young musicians participating in Honor Days at DSO. They rehearsed for 6 hours then presented a great concert!



Jose Riojas, Larry Fratangelo & Johnny Rodriguez performing for the Annual International Food & Fun Festival at Keller Elementary made possible by the Music Performance Trust Fund.



Hamilton Creator, Lin-Manuel Miranda with Local 5 Executive Board Member and Cellist, Nancy Chaklos, during the recent run of Hamilton at the Fisher Theatre



Local 5 Members Christa Grix, Laura Larson and Helen Near... from the stage to the garden!



New Member Bios

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Nicholas Myers, a Cadillac, MI native, joined the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in Fall 2018 after graduating from the Juilliard School of Music, where he received a Kovner Fellowship.

Nicholas attended Interlochen Arts Academy for two years of high school, and was then accepted to

the New England Conservatory. He has studied under teachers, Lawrence Wolfe, Todd Seeber, Hal Robinson and Rex Surany.

He has performed with the Boston Philharmonic, the Santa Barbara Symphony and the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra. Nicholas performs on an unlabeled German double bass circa 1860 and a bow by W.A. Pffretzschner.

Michael Joe

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Michael is a vocalist and also plays guitar, bass, and drums. He is seeking work in hip hop, pop, and jazz.

Roger Kashou

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Roger plays darbuka, riq, and framedrum. He plays in "The Bands Visit."

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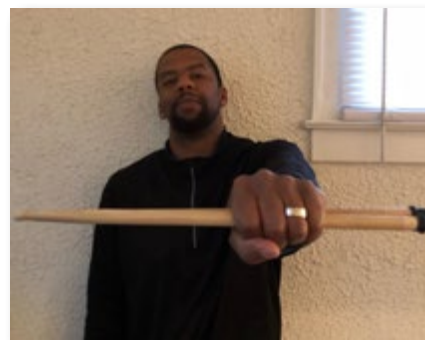
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Michael Block is a trumpet player from the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and has played with many other jazz and chamber ensembles throughout southeast Michigan. He earned his Master's degree in music performance from Michigan State University in 2016, and his Bachelor's Degree in music performance from Eastern Michigan University in 2014. Michael held a graduate assistant position in the "DaCamera" Brass Quintet at Ball State University in 2016-2017. His teachers include Carter Eggers, Rich Illman, Etienne Charles, Justin Emerich and Brittany Hendricks.



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Ron Newby is a drummer/composer. His musical styles are Gospel, jazz, hip-hop, and R&B. He is currently playing drums at Trinity Faith United Methodist Church. He composes music in his home studio and is interested in expanding into different musical genres. He holds a certification in audio/music production.

New Member Bios

Brian O'Neal

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Brian plays piano, keyboard, and percussion. He is also a producer and songwriter. He has appeared on stage with such artists as Stevie Wonder, Chaka Kahn, The Isley Brothers and John Legend. He has also performed with Motown artist Kem, serving as assistant musical director. Billboard magazine has called him, "... truly remarkable talented up and coming jazz musician."



Dwight Holt

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Dwight plays saxophone and flute. He plays in two bands, "Inner Voices" and "Inspired". He enjoys all types of music, especially classical, pop, jazz, and blues. He is seeking work in combos, big bands and chamber ensembles.

DETROIT MUSICIANS FUND'S THE MUSIC OF GIVING

Would you like to help support music scholarships or a fellow member of Local 5 who is struggling with an emergency situation? Members can make tax-deductible donations to the Detroit Musicians Fund in two ways:

Monetary Gifts

Send by mail to Local 5 Headquarters. For more information, you may contact the fund either via email at info@detroitmusiciansfund.org or call 248.569.5400 ext. 3

Contributions 1/16/19 - 4/18/19

Edward Wells

Paul Ganson

Plus, **Mrs. Anne-Marie Matchulat** donated \$50 as part of regular ongoing donations in memory of her late husband, Local 5 member Ernie Matchulat.

TOTAL: \$95.00

TEMPO Contributions 1/16/19 - 4/18/19

David Everson

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TOTAL: \$109.50

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Dear Member,

The Federation has placed Steve Trudell and Trudell Orchestras on AFM's Interational Unfair List at the request of 23 locals (Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dallas, Denver, Eastern Connecticut, Hartford, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Los Angeles, North Shore [Lynn, MA], Miami, New Orleans, New York, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Rochester, Saratoga Springs, St. Louis, Washington, D.C.).

The locals have a primary dispute with Trudell because he engages musicians within the locals' service areas at rates of pay and under conditions that are substandard and therefore unacceptable. Trudell also refuses to provide pension and health contributions. If you are offered work with or for Trudell, please contact us with the details by emailing unfair@afm.org.

Musicians standing together have the power.

In Unity,
Ray Hair
AFM International President

DUES BILLING REMINDER

If you gave Local 5 your email address, you will not receive an invoice in your snail mail box. If you still do wish to receive a paper invoice, you must let Local 5 know by simply sending an email to: sec-tres@detroitmusicians.net

Contact Info for Doing Business with Local 5

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AFM Bylaws Pertaining to the Unfair List

AFM Bylaws, Art 8, Sec 3.
Members shall not render musical services for organizations, establishments, or people who are listed on the International Unfair List. Further, Members shall not render musical services with or for people who are listed on the International Unfair List nor with or for people who have been employed by, are principals of, or are otherwise associated with organizations or establishments that are listed on the International Unfair List. Any member who violates this Section shall be subject to penalties in accordance with Article 11, Section 13 [See Article 13, Section 4]

Local 5 Comment

The "Trudell Orchestras," which are indicated in the AFM Unfair List Notification (at left), are NOT affiliated with any bands or orchestras hired by Local 5 members-in-good-standing John Trudell and Jeff Trudell. The Detroit Federation of Musicians, Local 5, is not named in the AFM's notification because it was not requested of us. However, we are in agreement, and we ask all Local 5 members to comply with the Unfair List. If you are offered work with or for Steve Trudell, contact the AFM with the details by emailing them to unfair@afm.org.

HOW TO STAY IN GOOD STANDING

To avoid being expelled, be sure to pay your **membership dues** no later than the first month of each quarter. Your next payment is due by **Monday, July 1**.
On Thursday, August 1, all members who have not paid their dues will be suspended.

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We value your input and welcome your articles and ideas. Contact us at 248.569.5400, ext. 0.

eBilling Important Notice

Members who give the union their email address will receive **dues billings via eBill only** unless they opt out of eBilling.
Please contact Local 5 if you are unsure of your status or options.

Important Reminder
Please keep your beneficiary information up to date. Your heirs will thank you for it.

- Comedy Corner -

The teacher was giving her class of seven-year-olds a natural history lesson -
"Worker ants," she told them, "carry pieces of food five times their own weight. What do you conclude from that?"
One child was ready with the answer: "They don't have a union!"

Two jazz musicians who haven't seen each other for some time meet late one night in a jazz club...
"Hey man," says one, "I hear you recorded a CD."
"Yeah, that's right man," replies the other, "It was released a few months ago."
"How much did you sell?" asks the first.
"Oh, just the house and the car."

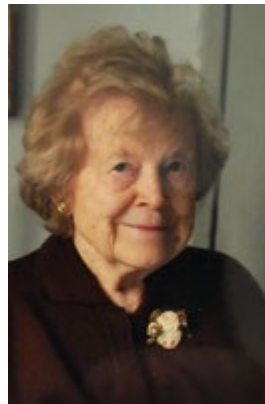
Talking Bar Dog - Musical Version
A guy and his dog walk into a saloon. The guy sits down at the bar and says to the bartender, "This dog knows everything about music and can answer any question you ask him. If he gives the right answer, we get our choice of food and beverages, okay?"
The bartender says, "You're nuts, but you're on!"
The guy says, "Well, go ahead - ask him something."
So, the bartender says to the dog, "Okay, who is the greatest contrapuntal composer of the 17th century?" The dog replies, "Bach!"
The bartender says, "Aw, c'mon, he's just barking - that doesn't prove he knows anything."
The guy says, "Hey, go ahead, ask him something else."
So the bartender thinks for a moment and tries again. "Okay, who was the greatest composer of lieder of the late 19th century?" The dog answers, "Wolf!"
The bartender says, "This is ridiculous - he's just barking. Get lost!"
The guy says, "No he's not go ahead, one more time, ask him a really tricky question."
Disgustedly, the bartender tries again. "Alright, who was the greatest German composer active between the two world wars?" The dog answers, "Orff!"
The bartender says, "That's it!" and proceeds to physically toss the guy and his dog out of the bar onto the sidewalk on their behinds.
The dog gets up from the pavement, trots over to his owner, looks at him and licks his face, then apologetically says, "Hindemith, maybe?"

Our "Comedy Corner" editor is Joe Podorsek. If you have a comedy item you would like to submit for consideration, please email Joe at basso@aol.com

- *Closing Chord* -

Mary J. Bartlett
1915-2019

Mary J. Bartlett once called herself “the oldest working harpist,” and she may have been right, still practicing her harp daily at the age of 104. She was Harpist with the DSO, the Toledo Symphony Orch., the Fisher Theater, Motown Records and many others, and taught at Oakland University. Mary joined Local 5 in 1938, and was an 80-year member.



Dr. George M. Delgrosso
1930-2019



Dr. George M. Delgrosso was Canadian Saxophonist, a member of the London Jazz Society, past President of several Colleges, and organized many International Can-Am Concerts. George joined Local 5 in 1993.

Tom L. Ploeger
1940-2019

Tom L. Ploeger was a Saxophonist, and inventor of the “Ploeger Sound Mirror” saxophone device. He taught Music in the Lakeview Public Schools, and was a longtime member of the Brookside Jazz Ensemble and the Johnny Trudell Orchestra. Tom joined Local 5 in 1960, and was a 50-year member.



George F. Benson Jr.
1929-2019

George F Benson Jr. was a Saxophonist who performed and recorded with a ‘who’s who’ of legendary artists, including Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Nat ‘King’ Cole, Errol Garner, Tony Bennett, Carmen McRae, Lionel Hampton, Aretha Franklin and many others. He taught at Wayne St. University, and won many Detroit Music Awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award. George joined Local 5 in 1945, and was a 70-year member.



CLASSIFIEDS

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Slingerland 7-piece drum set for \$500.00 or best offer. Call: 313-581-6976

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Local 5 Support Line

CLUBS/SINGLE ENGAGEMENTS

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reverbNation.com/bugsbeddowband

May 11: **Wyandotte Spring Fling**, Yack Arena, 3131 3rd St, Wyandotte, 4:30 pm – 7:35 pm

May 14: **Smuggler’s Run**, 1 St John’s St, Wyandotte, 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm; 734-530-1788

May 18: **Brownie’s on the Lake**, 24214 Jefferson Ave, St Clair Shores, 9:30 pm – 1:30 am
586- 445-8080

May 25: **Addison Oaks County Park**, 1480 W Romeo Rd, Leonard, 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

June 1: **Partridge Creek Mall**, 17420 Hall Rd, Clinton Twp, 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

June 28: **Smuggler’s Run**, 1 St John’s St, Wyandotte, 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm; 734-530-1788

July 26: **Milford Centre Street Gazebo**, 401 N Main St, Milford, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

OPERA AND THEATRE PERFORMANCES

May 7 - 22: **Fisher Theatre**, *Waitress*
800.982.2787; broadwayindetroit.com

June 15: **Fox Theatre**, *Frank the Man. The Music*
313.471.3211; olympiaentertainment.com

ORCHESTRA & OTHER CLASSICAL ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCES

May 3 - 5: **Detroit Symphony Orchestra**, Tchaikovsky, Piano Concerto No. 2; 313.576.5111; dso.org

May 3: **Dearborn Symphony Orchestra**, “Grand Finale”; 313-565-2424; dearbornsymphony.org

May 4: **Livonia Symphony Orchestra**, “Musical Souvenir”; 734.421.1111; livoniasymphony.org

May 17 - 19: **Detroit Symphony Orchestra**, “Revolution - The Beatles Symphonic Experience”;
313.576.5111; dso.org

May 30 - June 1: **Detroit Symphony Orchestra**, Brahms Symphony No. 4; 313.576.5111; dso.org

May 31: **Detroit Chamber Winds**, “Balance” (Hagopian World of Rugs); 248.559.2095;
detroitchamberwinds.org

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**MSBOA Teacher of the Year
2018 - 2019
Michael Rumbell**

Since becoming a band director in Northville in 1972, conductor Michael H. Rumbell has built an award-winning program starting with a band of 48 students. Through his 45 years he has built a high school program that includes a 300-member marching band, a 137-member class AA symphonic band 11/12, a 75-member class B symphonic band (10), an 88-member class D symphonic band (9), a 25-member Jazz Ensemble and an 80-member class A middle school 8th grade band. Each year the high school bands perform at many civic and community functions under his direction, including the Victorian Parade, NHS Homecoming Parade, the Santa Parade, Memorial Day Parade and the July 4th Parade, along with marching at all home football games and pep assemblies. The NHS Jazz Ensemble has performed at more Detroit Jazz Festivals than any other scholastic or professional ensemble with an amazing 35 times out of 37 years.

Mr. Rumbell's career spans four and one-half decades in Northville. The ratings earned by his ensembles are consistently First Divisions

at District, Jazz State Regional and State Festival levels. This year (2017-2018) his bands performed at three district festivals, one jazz state festival, and three state festivals. All of his groups were awarded First Divisions. That is a record of 7 for 7 First Divisions and this year is not the first time Mr. Rumbell's groups have accomplished this achievement. The groups have achieved at this level numerous times.



As a professional trombonist, Mr. Rumbell's career includes performances with orchestras at the Fisher Theater, Fox Theater, Gem Theater, Meadowbrook Music Festival, DTE Theater, and Freedom Hill. He has played in orchestras for a variety of professional acts including Julie Andrews, Sammy Davis, Jr., Stacey Keach, Doc Severinson, Mickey Rooney and many, many others.

Mr. Rumbell's career has been one of dedication to the teaching profession, to the highest level of musical standards, to service to the community and to the students of Northville.

Resigned Members 9/1/18 - 1/15/19

Charlotte Merkerson
Alexander Mishnaevski

Judy Wu

Expelled Members 12/31/18

Paul Bowles
Tracy Carter
Edward Davis
Albert Duncan
Scott Gatteno
Bryan Gold
Rebecca Hammond

Jerald Hubbard
Rebecca Hunter
Matthew Lyon
Brandon Reeves
Theodore Smith
Zhihua Tang
Damon Williams

Reinstated Members 1/16/19 - 4/10/19

Sven Anderson
Margot Bingham
Carmen Carpenter
Isaac Daniel, Jr

Geoffrey Johnson
Brandon Parker
Karl Shymanovitz

**When you move, get a new
phone number or email address,
Don't forget to let us know!**

Detroit Federation of Musicians

20833 Southfield Rd.
Southfield, MI 48075

30/50 Party

Club Venetian

29310 John R Rd, Madison Heights, MI 48071

May 20, 2019 12 - 3pm

Calendar of Local 5 Events

Local 5 Office Closings

Monday, May 20: 30/50 Party

Monday, May 27: Memorial Day

Thursday, July 4: Independence Day

May 20, Monday

30/50 Year Party at Club Venetian, 12-3pm

July 1, Monday

Due date for 3rd Quarter dues

July 15, Monday

Closing deadline for 3rd Qtr Keynote materials



New Members
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