

# **SOUTH OAKLAND CONCERT BAND**

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**SOUTH OAKLAND CONCERT BAND KICKS OFF 2008-2009 SEASON WITH “OUR FAVORITE PASTIMES.”**

*Royal Oak, Mich. October 12, 2008* – The South Oakland Concert Band (SOCB) presents “Our Favorite Pastimes,” the first concert of its 2008-2009 season, at 3 p.m. on October 26 at the Royal Oak High School Auditorium. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and children 12 and under are free.

The movies. Football. A circus parade. SOCB’s “Our Favorite Pastimes” celebrates American leisure with music from John Williams and Danny Elfman, as well as traditional favorites from the likes of Percy Aldridge Grainger. With its family-friendly program, including a little bit of Halloween fun, SOCB’s “Our Favorite Pastimes” is classic American entertainment at its very best.

This concert also highlights the premiere of the Woodward Avenue Jazz Orchestra, under the direction of Philip Lombard. Unlike SOCB’s previous jazz band, the newly formed Woodward Avenue Jazz Orchestra has expanded its repertoire and performs apart from, as well as in conjunction with, the SOCB. The jazz orchestra is also available for parties and special events.

This is the first concert of SOCB’s 2008-2009 season, an exciting array which includes the annual Holiday Spectacular in December, Cabaret Concert in May, and Cityscapes, an audio panorama of the city, in March.

The South Oakland Concert Band is a non-profit, volunteer organization, entertaining south Oakland County since 1963. The group is directed by Jim Conaton, former band director at Kimball High School.

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