

Birmingham Concert Band
Post Office Box 335
Birmingham, MI 48012



September 11, 2018

Dear Music Director:

The Board of Directors of the Birmingham Concert Band is currently seeking candidates for the position of Music Director beginning with the 2019-2020 concert season. The Birmingham Concert Band (BCB) was formed in 1977 by community leaders and businessmen in the city of Birmingham, Michigan, who recognized the importance of music to the community, both in the playing and listening.

The Birmingham Concert Band has entertained audiences for over 40 years by performing the best literature for concert band and featuring guest artists of stature, in addition to providing a creative outlet for area musicians. Membership is open to all adults with previous instrumental ensemble experience and all performers who play a concert band instrument are welcome. Approximately 55 musicians from the Metro Detroit area currently make up the band. An ensemble within the Band, the "BCB Entertainers" performs for local parties and functions and helps raise money for student music scholarships. The BCB is proud to have awarded over \$100,000 to local students to continue their study of music.

Band rehearsals are held Wednesday evenings in the Birmingham Covington School band room from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The band plays a 5 to 7 concert season, with rehearsals beginning in late August and wrapping up at the end of June.

The musical and artistic responsibilities of the Music Director are:

- Conduct the band, instructing and inspiring the BCB to reach high musical goals
- Make decisions on all matters of music and performance with input from the Board of Directors
- Be responsible for weekly rehearsals and concerts
- Interview and assess all new band members
- Make seating assignments in sections and determine musical fitness for participation in concerts

Administrative duties include:

- Plan concert programs, write program notes and recruit soloists
- Supervise the engagement of substitute and/or guest conductors
- Coordinate facilities and equipment use /rental for all rehearsals and concerts
- Develop programming and concerts within established budget
- Serve on the BCB Board of Directors and attend all meetings, providing a monthly report of activities

- Accountability to the BCB and its Board of Directors
- Develop and maintain the band's music library

The BCB music director position includes a salary. Candidates should have experience as a conductor of bands at the high school level or above. They should have a wide range of knowledge and experience with literature that is both satisfying to the musicians and enjoyable to the audience.

Candidates should complete the application and submit their curriculum vitae including relevant personal history, qualifications and references to online at <https://goo.gl/forms/BB6rP7gT6owh8y2F2>

The deadline for application for the position is October 12, 2018.

Sincerely,

Shannon Lohr
Chairman, BCB Director Search Committee