

St. Cloud Municipal Band's concert prepares for trip to Germany

The St. Cloud Municipal Band's (SCMB) Monday, May 10 concert at the Paramount Theatre in St. Cloud will feature music for their trip to Spalt, Germany in June. The band's performance will be at 7:30 p.m. and is titled "American Musical Journey."

Spalt, Germany is St. Cloud's sister city and will be celebrating its 1,200th anniversary as a town. The SCMB will be taking part in Spalt's 1,200th anniversary celebration.

Many of the pieces performed at the Paramount concert will be played by the band while they are in Spalt. St. Cloud Municipal Band Director Adam Tervola Hultberg says the group is excited to go, "We are honored to be taking part in Spalt's 1,200th birthday. The band is working so hard for both the Paramount concert and the trip, we could not be more anxious to share our music with both the St. Cloud and Spalt communities."

The group will perform five concerts in Germany. One performance will be in a castle courtyard and another will be on a boat tour. The group will also get to do some sightseeing while overseas. The SCMB will leave on June 10 and return to St. Cloud on June 21.

The band is also getting some assistance from two other community bands for both the Paramount performance and the Germany trip. The Star of the North Band, and Meire Grove Community Band have some members taking part in both activities. Tervola Hultberg says the municipal band could not make the Germany trip without the additional support. "The Germany trip is a huge endeavor for us and we want to make a strong impression as we represent St. Cloud. Some of our normal members cannot travel with us for the Germany trip, so members from the other bands are stepping up to fill in sections where otherwise we might have been a little shorthanded." More than 30 musicians are making the trip.

The Paramount concert will feature a wide variety of music from Sousa marches to Broadway musicals including The Stars and Stripes Forever and selections from Westside Story. The concert is free and the public is encouraged to attend. The concert is made possible with support from the Central Minnesota Arts Board.

The St. Cloud Municipal Band is a fellowship of musicians sharing a tradition of performing great music. The Municipal Band is a non-profit organization. For information on how you can support the St. Cloud Municipal Band, or to learn more about the group visit www.municipalband.com, or email municipalband@gmail.com.



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