



Florence Community Band Biography

The Florence Community Band (FCB) is a nonprofit organization of approximately 55 concert band musicians from the tri-state area that has been making music for over 30 years.

Our musical repertoire includes:

- Patriotic fanfares
- Classics—old and new
- Theme songs from musicals, movies, and television shows
- Pop hits
- Big Band and Swing
- Holiday music
- Marches

We regularly perform for:

- Community events
- Church functions
- Retirement homes
- Libraries and schools
- Festivals
- Boone County events

To learn more about FCB, please visit our website at <https://florencebandky.wordpress.com/>.

To listen to recordings of past performances, go to <http://florencebandky.wordpress.com/multimedia/>.

If interested in having FCB perform for your function, contact us at florencebandky@gmail.com.

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Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Does the FCB provide its own audience?** No. We love to play for *your* audience. Some of our friends and family members will likely come along, but we will not fill up your event.
- 2. How much space is required?** The FCB requires a performance area large enough to fit a 55 piece band, including a full percussion section. A space about 36 by 24 feet minimum is required. Smaller groups may be available to play Christmas carols for the holidays.
- 3. Does the venue need to have any special access like a loading dock?** We don't need a loading dock, but we do require adequate areas for unloading/loading and parking. Our band requires parking for about 45 individual vehicles as well as our equipment truck. If you have a particular parking area you would like us to use, please let us know in advance so we can pass that information along to our musicians. We also require wheelchair accessibility for the performance space. If your venue has unavoidable stairs, please mention that in advance.
- 4. What special equipment does the band require?** We bring our own music stands and instruments, but we generally expect the venue to provide at least 55 armless chairs for our musicians. With sufficient advance notice, FCB may be able to provide its own chairs.
- 5. Does the band need to rehearse in the space before the concert?** No. Occasionally, we have a "dress rehearsal" in the space a few days before, but generally we do not. We do need access to your performance space at least one hour before the concert begins. If it is the first time we have played at your venue, we may want to meet with you to check out the space.
- 6. What if something changes after the arrangements have been made?** The band may be able to accommodate some last minute change requests such as moving from outdoors to indoors. Cancellations due to inclement weather or other natural disasters may also happen; the safety of our band members and audience is taken into consideration when travel may be hazardous. The band generally cannot accommodate last minute changes in dates or times.
- 7. Is the FCB willing to play with my school band?** Yes! We love interacting with young musicians. For joint concerts, we generally do recommend at least one rehearsal, either in our space or yours, with the student musicians.
- 8. How much does it cost to have the band play?** The FCB does not have a set fee schedule. The band does incur regular expenses for music, equipment, supplies and the like. Performance fees, along with the generous support of the City of Florence, pay for those expenses. Occasionally, where the community impact is sufficient, the band will perform without a fee.

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