



**PERSEVERANCE BAND**

The **Perseverance Band of Lebanon, PA**, was officially organized in 1857, making it one of the oldest community bands in continuous operation in the nation. In 1861, the entire band enlisted in the service of the Union Army.

Under the direction of Wayne Fox, the 28 musicians perform traditional band music including overtures, marches, show tunes and stirring patriotic and sacred selections. The diverse concert programs present familiar classics as well as challenging new compositions.

The band has performed concert programs in Lebanon, Lancaster, and Dauphin Counties and New York City.. Audiences comment on the exceptional quality of the music and the professional level of the performance. The band continues to perform for many civic activities including ceremonies, and concerts at long-term care facilities.

There will be a reception following each concert.

There is no admission charge, but a "free will offering" will be received.

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# Applause...Memorable Music at St. Andrews 2023-2024



## Steve Courtney and the Suitcase Band

**Steven Courtney** has been called a shining light in children and family music. His music is fun, upbeat and humorous, with a wink to remembering what it was like to be a kid. He is a natural-born storyteller, who draws kids in with his clever and catchy tunes.

Courtney was born in Nashville, Tennessee, and was raised on country, folk and gospel music. He began his musical career performing covers of '60s and '70s folk rock tunes for grown-ups. When he began performing for children and families in the early '90s, he had found his niche.

Courtney has received numerous awards for his kids music, including the 2019 Parent and Teachers Gold Award, and the 2018 Academics Choice Award. His songs have been on "Sesame Street," including his original tunes "9 Baby Dragons," "H is for Healthy," "12 Amazing Vehicles," "14 Bunnies" and "S is for School."

Courtney's songs inspire imagination and positive social behavior with a superabundance of creativity added. Performing since 1991, Steven's mission is sharing love, kindness, and friendship through music. Parents love the message. Children adore the music and fun spirit.



**Andy Roberts** has been active in the Central Pa music scene for many years. By age 15, he was gigging with rock and country bands at local clubs. Upon discovering Oscar Peterson and Dave Brubeck, he became further inspired by the challenges of jazz, and after receiving the Joe Zawinul scholarship, enrolled in Berklee College of Music, Boston Massachusetts

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Through all the musical diversity, Roberts strives to approach all musical challenges with a sense of conviction, respect of the genre and an adventurous spirit .

## Friday, October 20, 2023, 7:30 PM

**Steve Courtney and the Suitcase Band** Few artists are as committed to expanding the boundaries of children's music and family entertainment as Steven Courtney. Everywhere the band travels, people of all ages sing, clap and dance to the band's infectious music.

## February 9, 2024, 7:30 PM

**Andy Roberts** has been busy in the music scene of Central Pennsylvania for many years. He is performer, writer and music director for theaters, shaping their unique and entertaining musical revues. He has also been music leader at Good Shepherd Church United Methodist Church in Lebanon, PA.

## Friday, April 26, 2024 7:30 PM

The **Perseverance Band of Lebanon** is one of the oldest musical organizations still active in America. Most of the finest musicians in the area play with the band. Their diverse concert programs present familiar classics as well as challenging new compositions.