

# THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CIVIL WAR BRASS MUSIC, INC.

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The mission of the **National Association for Civil War Brass Music, Inc.** (NACWBM) is to collect, preserve and make available for research and performance both the music and the instruments of American brass bands of the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, particularly military bands and bugles of the American Civil War, and to present such music in public performances for the purpose of educating the general public and furthering public awareness and understanding of this important part of our American cultural heritage. To these ends, the NACWBM will:

- Present historically accurate and musically excellent recreations of Union and Confederate Civil War military brass bands, featuring professional-caliber musicians and music historians performing mid-19<sup>th</sup> century musical compositions and arrangements on original brass instruments, wearing historically accurate reproductions of original military band uniforms of the era;
- Acquire, preserve and catalog music and musical instruction manuals of the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century and make them available for researchers, scholars, and other musicians interested in this resource;
- Collect, restore and preserve original brass instruments of the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century and make them accessible to the public through live and recorded performances which illustrate the unique sound and character of these historic instruments;
- Educate musicians seeking to re-create the roles of bandsmen and field musicians of the Civil War era in the arena of living history;
- Conduct thorough and scholarly research on Civil War brass bands, mid-19<sup>th</sup> century brass music, military music, brass instruments and related topics and make this information widely available via the Internet, publication in articles and books, and public presentations such as concerts, lectures, and demonstrations.

## Membership Opportunities

NACWBM membership dues are payable on an annual basis, based on a calendar year of January-December, and are not prorated for partial years (exceptions may be made for new members joining in the last quarter of the year). The NACWBM is a 501(c)(3) charitable tax-exempt organization and membership dues are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

- \$35.00      *Bandsman*      NACWBM quarterly newsletter (available electronically), access to HistoricBrassMusic.com, free item with NACWBM imprint
- \$25.00      *Drummer Boy*      Student membership in NACWBM with same benefits as above

Other membership levels are currently being finalized by the NACWBM Board of Directors and will be posted in March 2008. Each additional membership level will include all the benefits of the preceding levels as well.

Additional donations are accepted, and opportunities to sponsor specific performances, recordings, festivals, acquisition of instruments, etc. are also possible. Members at certain levels will receive special recognition in printed materials, programs, etc. If you have an interest in individual or corporate sponsorship of NACWBM activities, please contact Executive Director Heather Faust.

## Quarterly Newsletter

The NACWBM newsletter is available to members only and will be published in electronic format four times each year. Newsletter features will include calendars of upcoming performances and other events, reviews of performances, events, or recordings, excerpts from letters, diaries, or other original sources, articles by NACWBM historians and members relating to their research, photos, information about the materials available on HistoricBrassMusic.com, background on the instruments and music played by The FCBB/26<sup>th</sup>NC bands, and more.

**HistoricBrassMusic.com Subscriptions**

The NACWBM makes facsimile reprints of original 19<sup>th</sup> century music and instruction manuals available for purchase at www.HistoricBrassMusic.com. Materials are in PDF format, and include brass band music, both single arrangements and collections, solo repertoire for cornet and other instruments, manuals and instruction books, fife and drum manuals, bugle manuals and calls, and various books, articles, and treatises.

Items are offered for sale on an individual basis to all NACWBM members. A special subscription service is also available. For an annual fee of \$125, subscribers will receive one item per month from HistoricBrassMusic.com. Subscribers will be given an individual access code which will be updated annually upon payment or renewal of their subscription, and will log in to access their subscription materials and take advantage of their subscriber discount.

HistoricBrassMusic.com purchases and subscription fees are not tax-deductible.

**Acquisition of original instruments and music**

The NACWBM accepts donations of original Civil War-era brass and percussion instruments, historic music, and other related items that are in keeping with the NACWBM mission. If you or someone you know is considering donating an item or a collection, please contact Executive Director Heather Faust. The NACWBM may also be interested in purchasing instruments that are for sale.

**Become a member today!**

To join the NACWBM at any membership level, make an additional donation, or subscribe to HistoricBrassMusic.com, please fill out the form below and return to The National Association for Civil War Brass Music, Inc., 124 Maiden Choice Lane, Baltimore, MD 21228. Make checks payable to The National Association for Civil War Brass Music, Inc.

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**NACWBM Membership Application  
(please print clearly)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ \$35 *Bandsman* (Membership dues are tax deductible)

\_\_\_ \$25 *Drummer Boy* (student membership – please list school and grade) \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional contribution (tax deductible)

\_\_\_ \$125 Subscription to HistoricBrassMusic.com (not deductible)

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