

# Quarter Notes

## Come see us!

Watch our web site for late additions:  
[www.gatewaycitybigband.com](http://www.gatewaycitybigband.com)

### Sunday, June 11, 2017

Come hear us at the Gentry Park band shell (4201 Fee Fee Rd, Bridgeton, MO) for a concert from 6-8 pm. There's lawn seating so bring something to sit on. **It's FREE!**

### Thursday, June 22, 2017

Join us for a **free** concert in the Chesterfield Amphitheater (631 Veteran's Place Dr.) from 6:30-8:30 pm. Concessions are available but you may also bring your own food and drink (no glass bottles please).

### Saturday, June 24, 2017

Ice Cream Social and outdoor concert to benefit the historic Sappington House in Crestwood (1015 S. Sappington Road) from 7-9 pm. What a great way to spend a summer evening on Route 66—Chilly treats and the cool sounds of **Gateway**. **Tickets may be purchased in advance - call 314-822-8171 for more info.**

### Thursday, June 29, 2017

Come out to Ellisville's **free** "Concerts in the Park" concert series from 7-9 pm at Bluebird Park (south of Manchester on Kiefer Creek Rd).

### Saturday, October 21, 2017

Mark your calendars for the annual concert at St. Timothy's (808 N. Mason Road) in Creve Coeur. The Harvest of Hope Gala will be a night of music and decadent desserts. **More info to come!**

## Meet Jamie Burchett

Jamie came with the best of references; his grandmother mentioned to trombone section leader Karen Sharp that Jamie was looking for opportunities to play and was "really good". Of course Grandma said he was good – that's what grandmas do, right? So we invited him in for some rehearsals about a year ago and the rest is history!



Jamie credits his parents for encouraging his musical aspirations. He grew up in Webster, graduating from Webster Groves High School, then went on to Illinois Wesleyan University (Music Education), Queens College NYC (Jazz Performance) and Michigan State University (Jazz Studies). Now he's the Assistant Band Director back home at Webster Groves High School!

While away at school he worked for the Louis Armstrong Archives and performed in several ensembles, doing recordings in New York City. He toured Trinidad and Tobago with jazz ensembles from Michigan State and was part of the MSU trombone ensembles that won national and international competitions. Wow, that's impressive!

Jamie says he enjoys playing with **Gateway** because he likes to perform for people who enjoy jazz and dancing. And being an educator, it probably doesn't hurt that our mission is to support music education. As fortunate as we are to have him, we must admit that yes, Grandma, Jamie is really good!



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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Gateway City Big Band, Inc., a non-profit corporation, provides advanced jazz education and performance opportunities for participating musicians. Through its performances, it strives to promote public awareness of the "big band" style of music, to encourage and support music education at the secondary school level, and to assist other non-profit groups with fundraising.

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## President's Message

**Gateway** has just completed a very satisfying weekend, with a concert on Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> at East Central College (ECC) and another on Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Sheldon Concert Hall.



East Central's concert was to conclude ECC's annual jazz clinic for high school and middle school bands from around the region. Aaron Bounds, the band director at ECC, brought in top clinicians to work with the bands. It's a lot of fun to play for such an appreciative and knowledgeable audience. Thanks to the ECC students who sat in with us as soloists - sounded great!

The Sheldon concert was for the benefit of the North County Big Band (NCBB), a group led by Harvey Lockhart of Riverview Gardens High School and assisted by Delano Redman of East St. Louis High School and Thomas Moore of Normandy High School. This program sets a high standard for its students, who come from several St. Louis area schools, and the success of its graduates is clear as virtually all of them go on to college.

Playing at the Sheldon with its great acoustics is a treat anytime but this program was extra special as we featured the NCBB directors Harvey Lockhart and Delano Redman as well as two of last year's NCBB graduates, Ariana Adams on trombone and James Hayes on drums. The NCBB opened the show, featuring many of its students on jazz solos. Truly impressive!

As detailed on page 1 of this newsletter, our June park concerts include venues in Bridgeton on June 11<sup>th</sup>, Chesterfield on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Crestwood on June 24<sup>th</sup> and Ellisville on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Each concert will include our two fine vocalists, traditional big band favorites including original Frank Sinatra arrangements, and contemporary and original arrangements that feature our talented jazz soloists. We hope you can come out to see us!

Newsletter

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