

# Quarter Notes

## Come see us!

Watch our web site for the latest info on our public performances:  
[www.gatewaycitybigband.com](http://www.gatewaycitybigband.com)

### Sunday, November 4, 2018

*"Something Old, New, Borrowed & Blue"*  
concert from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Chesterfield Family YMCA theater (16464 Burkhardt Place). Refreshments at the break! **This is a FREE event with donations accepted at the door for our College Assistance Fund.**

### Friday, November 9, 2018

8-11 pm at the historic Casa Loma Ballroom located at 3354 Iowa in South St. Louis. Entry fee is \$10 for adults / \$12 under 21. Free dance lessons are offered from 7:15-8:00. **Call 314-664-8000 for information or to reserve a table.**



## President's Message

As detailed above, this coming Sunday we will host a free concert event with donations accepted for our College Assistance Fund. The venue is the beautiful Community Theatre of the Chesterfield Family YMCA with comfortable seating for 300+ and excellent acoustics. We will feature a number of original arrangements of big band favorites such as Les Brown's "Leap Frog", Benny Goodman's "Flying Home", and updated arrangements of tunes such as "Take the 'A' Train" and "Old Man River". We'll reprise a wonderful but forgotten Glenn Miller Orchestra arrangement of George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue". Karen Sharp will also perform the Blood Sweat and Tears arrangement of "God Bless the Child", originally written by Billie Holiday.

We hope as many of you as possible can turn out to see us; it will be a great chance for Gateway and its supporters to get together for an afternoon of fun and music.

- Rick Sharp

**Free Admission !!**  
**GATEWAY CITY BIG BAND**  
*"Something Old, New, Borrowed & Blue!"*  
**Sunday November 4th, 2pm - 4pm**



*Old Favorites & Big Band Themes*  
*Big Band Sounds of Today*  
*Outstanding Soloists and Vocalist*

**Chesterfield Family YMCA**  
**16464 Burkhardt Place, Chesterfield, MO 63017**  
A FREE event. Donations accepted for Gateway's College Assistance Fund.  
The Gateway City Big Band, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization.

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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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## Meet Tim Karth

Tim joined us in November of 2017. His interest in music came early thanks to his parents exposing him to musicals, the symphony and local concerts. When he was the only 6<sup>th</sup> grader to make the junior high jazz band, there was no denying his love of the genre and he received his first jazz CD. "I was hooked," he now says.

Having graduated from Maine East High School near Chicago, he achieved his bachelor's degree in Music Education at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois and master's degree from the American Band College of Southern Oregon University. He's been teaching now for fifteen years, the last three at St. Clair High School in St. Clair, Missouri.



When asked about how he came to Gateway, Tim explained, "For twelve years, when I lived and taught in Illinois, I played in a great group called the Central Illinois Jazz Orchestra. It was a band made up of music educators and college professors. When my wife got her job in St. Louis, I started searching for a place to play. Matt McKeever brought me into a Gateway rehearsal and the rest is history."

Tim has clearly had some unique playing experiences, including playing with and under the direction of Allen Vizzutti, Wayne Bergeron, the Capitol Saxophone Quartet, Patrick Sheridan, Frank Ticheli, Colonel Lowell Graham, Colonel Arnold Gabriel, Eugene Rousseau, the Peoria Symphony Orchestra, the St. Louis Wind Symphony, Robert W. Smith, and more! He's also played at the Montreaux Jazz Festival, Vienne Jazz Festival (Switzerland), Umbria Jazz Festival (Italy) and various chorale festivals in Ireland, London, and Wales.

Tim's hobbies include spending time with his wife Ashley, his dog, and his motorcycle. Let's add "playing with Gateway" to that list!

Newsletter

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