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## Press Release

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### **Symphonic Band Awards \$38,000 in Scholarships to Local Students**

The Symphonic Band of the Palm Beaches is a band with a mission and a heart. This not-for-profit group recently added \$38,000 to the growing total of \$661,943 it has awarded to local students and schools. And that doesn't include the additional money and musical instruments it will give local school music programs this year.

Now in its 57th season, the band's membership includes extremely talented professional and amateur musicians who volunteer their time to the organization. It is considered a local cultural treasure and has won accolades for outstanding performance of a wide repertoire of music, from classical and jazz to marches and Broadway hits.

Communities across the world support local concert bands. They bring together like-minded musicians who enjoy playing and performing for their neighbors and friends. That's as far as it goes for many of the groups. The Symphonic Band of the Palm Beaches is different, not only because of its high caliber of musicianship, but also because it supports the community.

The scholarships and school grants are funded by proceeds from concerts as well as donations from private individuals and local charities such as the BallenIsles Charities Foundation. For local students who dream of playing an instrument or winning a college scholarship, the Symphonic Band can be music to their ears.

#### ***Upcoming Concerts***

**Americana, featuring David Crohan**

**Friday, May 18, 7:30 p.m., Eissey Campus Theatre and Monday, May 21, Duncan Theatre, 7:30 p.m.**

Piano virtuoso David Crohan returns by popular demand to complete his annual showcase of Americana and patriotic favorites, this time highlighting sounds from the 1950s to the present. Music by Aaron Copland, Henry Fillmore, John Williams, Hoagy Carmichael, Billy Joel and Michael Jackson will be joined by the premiere of a march composed by Gary B. Gordon, who will conduct the piece. Tickets (\$20) are available by phone at 561-832-3115 or online at [www.SymphonicBand.org](http://www.SymphonicBand.org).

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**Photos available:** <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/jkc6aak7izjigbv/AABP9n4A35QTOp3tsg-tfnA9a?dl=0>

The Symphonic Band of the Palm Beaches is a nonprofit organization dedicated to musical expression and growth among its membership and local music students by providing public concerts, scholarships for talented students and grants to local public school music programs.