



# Coda Connections

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## Greetings, fans and members of the Columbia Bands!

Apologies for the lateness of this newsletter. Had to thaw out my computer...

Even though we are still in the icy grip of winter at the time of this writing, this is indeed the Spring 2014 edition of your Coda Connections newsletter. Many members of Columbia Bands are ready to bid farewell to frozen precipitation. We will also be ready to help you enjoy (and even celebrate?) the well-earned thawing and warmth with some great April and May performances. Until then, stay bundled up, keep drinking your favorite hot beverage, and as you are driving safely, always keep your favorite music in your vehicle.

Sincerely,

Len Morse  
Editor

## Performance Calendar

(Public performances only)



### April:

Sat, 4/5, 2:00-4:00PM, Flute Cocktail at [Mill Creek Parish UMC](#)  
Tues, 4/29, 7:00-9:00PM, Jazz Band at [Blues Alley](#)

### May:

Sat, 5/3, 7:00-8:00PM, Flute Cocktail at [Linden-Linthicum UMC](#)  
Sun, 5/4, 1:00-3:00PM, Jazz band at [St. Paul's Lutheran Church](#)  
Sun, 5/18, 3:00-4:00PM, Concert Band at [River Hill High School](#)

## Suggested Solo Recordings

by Mike Blackman (Concert Band Director)



Many of you have told me how much you enjoy the way the various instruments blend to make a "band sound," and I love it too! Band music is my absolute favorite and I listen to recordings all the time. Another thing I like to hear is a really amazing soloist showing off on his/her instrument. If you think you might also like a closer listen to the various wind and percussion instruments, here are some suggested recordings for your library:

**Flute:** *Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano Trio* (Claude Bolling and Jean-Pierre Rampal)  
**Oboe:** *Concertos & Sinfonias for Oboe* (Heinz Holliger)  
**Bassoon:** *Wanted* (The Bassoon Brothers)  
**Clarinet:** *Dragon's Tongue* (Robert Spring)  
**Saxophone (all sizes!):** *Bach and Noodles* (Harvey Pittel)  
**Trumpet:** *Carnival* (Wynton Marsalis and the Eastman Wind Ensemble)  
**Horn:** *Horn Rhapsody/Middle Earth/Gale City* (Richard Todd)  
**Trombone:** *The Virtuoso Trombone* (Christian Lindberg)  
**Euphonium:** *The First Carnegie Hall Euphonium Recital* (Brian Bowman)  
**Tuba:** *Tuba Tracks* (Gene Pokorny)  
**Marimba:** *Marimba When?* (Leigh Howard Stevens)  
**Percussion ensemble:** *La Bamba* (The O-Zone Percussion Group)

Happy listening!

## Fun Stuff

**Celebrity Birthday:** [Irving Berlin](#) (May 11, 1888 - Sept. 22, 1989);

Born as Israel Isidore Baline, he is known for great songs like *Alexander's Ragtime Band* and the award-winning *White Christmas*. He also penned plenty of music for films and Broadway shows, tunes such as *Easter Parade* and [Puttin' on The Ritz, immortalized by Fred Astaire](#).

In addition to his early successes, Berlin hit gold with the show *Annie Get Your Gun*, which featured his songs *Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better*, *I Got the Sun in the Morning*, and *There's No Business Like Show Business*. From a collection of more than 1500 songs, [God Bless America](#) was and still is one of his best known. In the 1930s it was even considered for the National Anthem, but the press rejected it, partly because it came from a Jewish composer. Thankfully, Berlin lived to enjoy much praise, even well after his retirement. He died at the age of 101.



Happiness (Japan)

**Quarterly Word:** "Tin Pan Alley" - A small city district associated with musicians, composers, and publishers of popular music. The original was in New York City.

**Quarterly Quote:** "

Do it big, do it right, and do it with style." ~ Fred Astaire

## Official CB Positions



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