THE

NORTH MYRTLE BEACH COMMUNITY BAND

DR. CHARLES A. DUMAS, JR., DIRECTOR

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Sunday, November 1
4:00 PM

NORTH MYRTLE BEACH HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

3750 Sea Mountain Hwy, Little River, SC

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The Star-Spangled Banner ..... Smith/Key, arr. Jack Stamp

Hail to the Spirit of Liberty ..... John Philip Sousa

Liberty ..... Rossano Galante

Shenandoah ..... Frank Ticheli

Chester ..... William Schuman

One Life Beautiful ..... Julie Giroux

The Liberty Bell ..... John Philip Sousa

A Life Well Played ..... Andrew Smith

America, The Beautiful ..... Samuel A. Ward, arr. Carmen Dragon

The Land Called Chicora ..... Paul Murtha

Paul Murtha, Guest Conductor

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Established in 1995, the North Myrtle Beach Community Band has provided residents of the Grand Strand the opportunity to both perform and appreciate the fantastic works composed for concert band. Whether you are a volunteer musician or just enjoy listening to great band literature, we invite you to join us at our next concert.

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Meet the director of The North Myrtle Beach Community Band:

Dr. Charles A. Dumas, Jr.

In 2026 Dr. Dumas returned to his passion of teaching music and directing the high school band program at Myrtle Beach High School. The opportunity to make music at "the Beach" is a dream come true, and he is looking forward to helping the students to experience the joys of a successful band program that helped shape his life-long love for music.

For the 2025-2026 school year Dr. Dumas served as the Fine Arts Learning Specialist for Horry County Schools, where his duties included overseeing the district's Fine Arts budget, providing professional development for more than 200 performing and visual arts educators across 59 schools, and coordinating the Fine Arts Gifted and Talented events throughout the district. In this role, he worked to support and strengthen arts education opportunities for students and educators across Horry County.

Prior to joining the district's Academic Division, Dr. Dumas spent twelve years as Director of Bands at Myrtle Beach High School, where he also served as Department Chair and Auditorium Manager. Under his leadership, the Bands of the Beach performed more than 30 times each year throughout North and South Carolina.

Performances included football games, parades, marching band competitions, concert and jazz band concerts, and "Waves of the Future," a talent showcase hosted by the Rotary Club of Myrtle Beach.

Dr. Dumas earned a Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees in Music Education from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and a Doctor of Music Education degree from Liberty University. His career as a music educator and conductor spans 38 years across North and South Carolina, including 33 years in public education and five years at Methodist University, where he served as Director of Bands.

For the past eight years, Dr. Dumas has served as Musical Director of the Festive Brass of Myrtle Beach. Modeled after the traditional British Brass Band, Festive Brass serves as a ceremonial music ensemble for the City of Myrtle Beach. In 2021, the ensemble traveled to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, to perform as part of the 80th Anniversary Commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor. In 2024, Festive Brass again had the distinction of representing American veterans when the ensemble traveled to Normandy, France, to perform in commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day invasion. These opportunities to represent South Carolina and honor the service and sacrifice of veterans have been among the most meaningful experiences of Dr. Dumas's conducting career.

Dr. Dumas was selected to co-direct the North Myrtle Beach Community Band in 2018 and became the ensemble's Musical Director in 2023. Under his leadership, the band has experienced significant growth in both membership and audience attendance. The North Myrtle Beach Community Band presents four public concerts each year throughout the Myrtle Beach and North Myrtle Beach communities. In spring 2025, the ensemble participated in a unique "home and away" concert exchange with the Asheville Community Band, first hosting the Asheville musicians on the Grand Strand before traveling to Asheville, North Carolina, for a joint performance.

In addition to his work as an educator and conductor, Dr. Dumas remains active as an adjudicator and clinician throughout North and South Carolina. He is passionate about music education and is committed to sharing his knowledge, enthusiasm, and love of music with students, educators, and community musicians. Whether working with young musicians, professional educators, or community ensembles, he believes strongly in the power of music to educate, inspire, connect, and enrich communities.

Away from the podium, Dr. Dumas enjoys golf, saltwater and freshwater fishing, and listening to and performing with jazz combos and big bands. He lives at the beach with his wife, Deanne, and their two children, Evan and Elena.



The North Myrtle Beach Community Band welcomes composer Paul Murtha to conduct his composition *The Land Called Chicora.*

Paul is a native of Johnstown, Pennsylvania where he studied jazz arranging with John Morris and music theory with Richard Napolitan. He earned a B.S. degree in Music Education (with a minor in Jazz Studies) from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA. While there he studied jazz arranging with John Wilson and orchestration with Joseph Wilcox Jenkins.

From 1990 to 1996 Paul served as the Chief Arranger at the United States Military Academy Band at West Point, NY. He served on the arranging staff of The United States Army Band "Pershing's Own" in Washington, D.C. from 1996 to 2001 and then served as that band's Chief Arranger from 2001 to 2016.

Paul is published exclusively by the Hal Leonard Corporation and is in constant demand in both professional and educational circles.

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AT TODAY'S PERFORMANCE.

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AT OUR NEXT CONCERT.

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