

# GSG Jazz In The Park 2018

With **The La Crosse Jazz Orchestra**  
**Our 44<sup>th</sup> Season!**

To: The La Crosse Park Board Members

From: The La Crosse Jazz Orchestra/Jazz in the Park Concert Series

Dear Park Board Members,

We respectfully request the waiver of rental fees for our three Sunday concerts in Riverside Park. The dates for these concerts are June 15, July 15 and July 22.

The La Crosse Jazz Orchestra and the Concert Series are dedicated to presenting free big band jazz concerts for all the people in our region. We have been presenting these concerts annually since 1974 during all this time you have graciously waived these fees.

We are a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3), entity, our mission is "to meet the needs of the public for artistic big band jazz music and for the purpose of promoting the preservation and creation of jazz music through free public concerts and other free performances that address this mission and reflect the needs of our public."

As director of the band I have worked vigorously with other band shell user constituents to offer assistance and input regarding the future status of the bandstand and the possible addition of an acoustical shell.

The concerts are supported by grants and individual donations that cover many of our expenses. The balance is covered by in kind donations from the band members and our sound company SSE. We have not generated extra cash. In addition to our three Sunday concerts we will perform the Caledonia Street Block Party (in La Crosse), Moon Tunes and the Downtown Days Street Dance. These concerts are also for the whole community and provided without charge.

If this is acceptable perhaps a three year blanket waiver could be approved to help us plan and keep providing this service.

My and our thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Greg Balfany, DMA, Director, Jazz in the Park  
918 28<sup>th</sup> St. S, La Crosse, WI 54601  
[gregorybalfany@gmail.com](mailto:gregorybalfany@gmail.com)  
608.317.5608