

MUSIC EXPRESS - RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT

1977	Ernie Gerenda forms a concert band for local Faculty of Ed students and music teachers.
1978	Ernie forms the Windsor Community Concert Band for all community musicians
1978-1997	Band performs 6 concerts a year including Annual Windsor Christmas Tree Lighting, Multi-cultural and Education Week concerts involving choirs and groups from the community. Christmas holiday shows and multicultural programs continue until 1993 at SCCA- Chrysler Theatre with local performers and school choirs.
1980	Band performs in Ottawa at the Parliament Buildings.
1981	Windsor Community Concert Band becomes incorporated as a charitable organization
1982	Band performs for veterans in Washington D.C.
1984	Band performs in Tennessee and Kentucky for community groups and veterans.
1989	Band tours Great Britain and performs for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 and Royal Agricultural Society event at Frogmore House in Windsor Great Park.
1992	Band travels to the Peoples' Republic of China touring 10 provinces on cultural exchange including performance for Chinese Cultural Minister Ben Chanben. Band celebrates Windsor Centennial with musical journey through our local history.
1993-2019	Band adds the name Music Express and a show band format and continues annual Christmas concerts with 10- 15 local school choirs, fund raisers for school music programs until the present. Local community shows continue at Villanova Festival Theatre in LaSalle and in 2010 moves to L'Essor S.S in Tecumseh.
1996	Band begins Gospel concerts, performs for Amherstburg Bi-Centennial at Ft. Malden, Musical Salute to the Armed Forces and tours Eastern Europe - Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Slovakia and Czech Republic.
1998	Band assists the Lung Association and Holy Name of Mary R.C. Church with Gospel fundraising event.
1999	Band assists St. John's R.C. Church, Gambler's Anonymous, and the AME Church with fundraising activities for the Black Heritage Museum in Amherstburg.
2000	Band assists Save the Children- the Sunshine Foundation and tours Central Mexico performing for charitable events including Chapala School for the Deaf, Terry Fox Cancer research Foundation, Rotary International Charities in Guadalajara. Band plays for North Buxton School restoration project in Chatham.
2001	Band assists St. Joseph's Church and Lakeshore St. Andrews with fundraising activities. Band performs for "Art in the Park" in support of Rotary charities. Nino Palazzolo becomes director as Ernie Gerenda retires.
2002	Band assists the Lung Association at Christmas shows. Band plays pit orchestra for Villanova's "The Wiz".
2003	At Christmas shows, Downtown Mission becomes major charity recipient .Band assists Holy Names R.C. Church and local MRI fundraising efforts. Band plays pit orchestra for Villanova's

	<p>“Crazy for You” Performs at Amherstburg’s Art by the River. Music Express begins Annual Talent Showcase begins featuring local students for monetary bursaries.</p>
2004	<p>Band performs Community Living 50th Anniversary Dinner, Verdi Club 35th Anniversary Dinner/Dance, St. Joseph’s World Youth Day, Noveletto Centre for Handicapable Children fundraiser. Band plays pit orchestra for Theatre Alive’s “Chicago” and for Villanova’s “Fame”. Talent Showcase continues</p>
2005	<p>Band performs for the United Mennonite School fundraiser, St. Simon-St Jude mission work, Junior Pan Am Games - University of Windsor, Banwell Community Church for Katrina Relief, Children’s Rehab Centre fundraiser, Verdi Club Annual Dinner Dance Fund raiser. Band plays pit orchestra for Villanova’s “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat”. Talent Showcase continues.</p>
2006	<p>Annual Christmas Celebration Concerts continue featuring 15 local school choirs and drama groups and to assist the Windsor Downtown Mission in the community. Band performs for Theatre Alive’s Cats musical theatre production, for Windsor Essex Handicapable Association, annual fishing derby for TSN and for Children’s Make a Wish Foundation. Talent Showcase continues.</p>
2007	<p>Band assists Holy Names Church in Essex in fund raising event. Music Express performed for Theatre Alive’s Annie. The band performs dinner shows for International Women’s Day for Breast Cancer support, for the Children’s Miracle Network in March, for the Annual Fishing Derby for the Handicapable Association, at Annual Dragon Boat Races for Breast Cancer, for Family Respite annual dinner and the Verdi Club Annual dinner dance. Celebrated our 30th Anniversary with a great party in a 70’s theme at the Fogolar Fulan. Music Express is pit orchestra for Music Theatre performance class for St. Clair College’s annual Christmas Show. Talent Showcase continues.</p>
2008	<p>Music Express performs for Theatre Alive’s- Chicago, Somalian Survivors Benefit Concert, Beef in the Burg - benefit for cancer research, Handicapable Fishing Derby, tours central Europe-Italy, Switzerland, Germany and France performing 4 concerts for local community festivals and a children’s rehabilitation school in Lenzkirch, Germany. Performs for Verdi Club’s annual dinner dance for Multiple Sclerosis, 50’s Gala for Masonic Rite Dyslexia School and Lakeshore St. Andrew’s Church Community Fundraiser for Teen Health Centre. Talent Showcase continues.</p>
2009	<p>Music Express performs for Windsor-Essex Therapeutic Riding School fund raising dinner, Theatre Alive’s -High School Musical, Hospice fundraising presentation of Jesus Christ Superstar at the Capitol. Talent Showcase continues.</p>
2010	<p>Music Express performs for Theatre Alive’s- Aida, Viva Verdi fundraiser for M. S. and performs The Garden an original presentation with the Multicultural Association of Windsor for recent immigrants to Windsor, Mission fund raiser Gospel show for Visitation R.C. parish in Lakeshore. Annual Fishing Derby for the Handicapable Association of Windsor. Performs as pit orchestra for Joseph in Concert- Hospice of Windsor at the Capitol. Talent Showcase continues.</p>
2011	<p>Music Express performs for Theatre Alive’s- My Fair Lady, Ovarian Cancer Dinner Dance Fundraiser, Bruce Crozier MPP Luncheon, the ICHC Fishing Derby, LaSalle Business Association Dinner. Talent Showcase continues.</p>
2012	<p>Performs for Beach Grove Fundraiser, Theatre Alive’s- Chicago and the Fishing Derby. Bruce</p>

