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The Pickaway Brass was formed in 1991 in order to perform for the graduation ceremony at what was then the Circleville Bible College. Since then, and with some occasional personnel changes, we have performed across central and southern Ohio for weddings and wedding anniversaries, shopping malls, county fairs, Christmas celebrations, churches, civic and service organizations, college graduation ceremonies, and for a multitude of area festivals.

Our current membership includes:

Cliff Kerns-Director. Even though he is a retired music educator from the Circleville School System, Mr. Kerns continues to teach and share his gift of music. He has taught, and gained the respect of, literally thousands of music students. Many of them still come up to him during our performances to chat. Mr. Kerns has arranged many of the pieces in our music library, and is the reason and support for all of our accomplishments. He was the recipient of the 2003 Columbus Symphony "Community Educator of the Year" Award.

David Dillbeck-Percussion: The Brass added Dave and his multitude of percussion instruments about seven years ago, and we are all in agreement that this definitely helps cover up our mistakes. Besides that, David sounds pretty good, too.

Dave is retired from the Dept. of Natural Resources, and got an early start in music by singing gospel music on Sunday afternoons with his aunts and uncles around his Grandpa's piano. David also plays with the Circleville Pumpkin Show Band (13 years).

Laura Bethel-Trumpet: Laura graduated from Logan Elm High School and has a BS in Education from Ohio University, a Masters of Education from Ohio University, and is Nationally Board Certified.

As a member of the "*Marching 110*" from OU, she rightfully reminds us that not everyone thinks that the band from that college in Columbus is "*The Best @\$%@\$ Band in The Land*". Laura is an elementary school teacher with the Amanda School District, and also plays with the Circleville Pumpkin Show Band and the Kerns Quartet.

Jarrad Mathew-Trombone: Jarrad just recently graduated from OU-C with a degree as a Registered Nurse, and is waiting to pass the certification test so that he can go and make the really big money by working in health care.

Jarrad was a euphonium player with the First Marine Division Band (Camp Pendleton, California), and has performed: in pretty much every state west of the Mississippi; for President Bush on multiple occasions; at the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics; and marched in 2 very long Rose Bowl Parades

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where the band practiced for three solid days in order to do the only turn on the entire parade route-which was where the television cameras were. The band also performed in Kuwait and Iraq after completing its combat duty there, and while each band member was carrying either a rifle or pistol while they played.

Jarrad started with the Adelphi Band when he was ten years old, and has been playing brass instruments since before he was strong enough to hold them up by himself. And we have the pictures to prove it.

Eric Dieterich-Tuba: Between Laura being blonde, and Eric being an attorney, the rest of us don't have any jokes we can share out loud during practice, anymore.

Regardless, Eric is a graduate of the University of Toledo with degrees in both music and law. While there, he played in the Marching Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and Frackenkraße Brass Quintet. Eric currently plays in the Circleville Pumpkin Show Band (1998), Adelphi Band, and joined The Pickaway Brass in 2005. Eric has also completed many neat arrangements for our group, several of which are on today's program. He'll share which ones they are based on how much applause they receive. Be sure to clap loud for each song.

Becky Ohlinger-French Horn: Becky has performed with the Brass for almost our entire history, as schedule conflicts would develop for our previous horn player. She became a full-time member in the late 1990's, and is grateful to play in a group where the French Horn usually has something more interesting to play than after-beats, which is typically the fare for that instrument in other band music.

Becky is a graduate of Teays Valley High School and The Ohio State University. While at OSU, Becky played in the Concert Band, has performed with the Rockwell Band (13 years), and currently plays with the Circleville Pumpkin Show Band (1991). Becky teaches 5th grade at Walnut Elementary in the Teays Valley School District.

Jeff Mathew-Trumpet: Known as "*the person who brings the most instruments to practice*", Jeff recently left the state adult and juvenile prison systems. They call it "released", he calls it "retired". Regardless, Jeff is a graduate of Zane Trace High School and The Ohio State University. He currently keeps busy playing in school musicals, the Adelphi Band (42 years), the Pumpkin Show Band (18 years), mowing things if they're green and tall, and repairing things because they were hidden in the grass and he mowed over them. He also tries to stay up to date on "*The Young and the Restless*" and was literally stunned when Victor and Nikki got divorced.

