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WAUKESHA AREA SYMPHONIC BAND PRESENTS “*The Color of Movement*” CONCERT

WAUKESHA, WI.... The Waukesha Area Symphonic Band (WASB, www.wasband.org), under the baton of Music Director Dr. Walter Rich, will present its annual fall benefit concert on **Friday, November 3, at 7:30 p.m.** in Shattuck Auditorium on the Carroll University campus, 218 N East Avenue. This concert will feature a Tango performed by members of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio and will benefit Healing Hearts of Waukesha County (www.healingheartsofwaukeshaco.org). Admission for the concert, “***The Color of Movement***” is \$10. Tickets are available by calling WASB at **262-333-8012** or Healing Hearts of Waukesha County at **262-442-4300** and will also be available in the Shattuck Auditorium lobby on the evening of the concert.

“***The Color of Movement***” will include performances of classic and contemporary wind band music. The concert will feature works by Jack Stamp, Claude Debussy, Rossano Galante, Julie Giroux, Robert Buckley, John Barnes Chance, Hayden Wood, Leonard Bernstein and Astor Piazzolla.

The Waukesha Area Symphonic Band (WASB) is a group of volunteer musicians dedicated to enriching the community’s cultural life through performance of outstanding wind and percussion music at the highest artistic level. Membership in the Symphonic Band is open to adult wind and percussion players by audition or conductor invitation. WASB hosts a Concerto Competition each year that is open to musicians 9th through 12th grades in Waukesha, Milwaukee, Washington, Ozaukee, Dodge and Jefferson counties. Each spring and fall WASB presents a concert through its **Waukesha Works for People (WWfP)**, a program providing social benefits to the community through charitable concerts. The Waukesha Area Symphonic Band has recorded two compact discs, *The Coming Glory of the Light: Wind Music of Waukesha Composers*, and *Celebration*, recorded for the 20th Anniversary of the Women’s Center, Inc., the 1997 inaugural WWfP beneficiary.

Music Director Dr. Walter Rich is the conductor of the Edgewood College Concert Band. He also teaches instrumental music at Holy Angels, St Frances Cabrini, and St. Mary’s Schools in West Bend. He is the conductor of Oconomowoc American Legion Band and the Watertown Area Chamber Orchestra. Dr. Rich holds an undergraduate degree in Music Education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Master’s Degree in music performance from Northwestern University, where he studied with Mr. Arnold Jacobs, the legendary Principal Tuba player of the Chicago Symphony. He earned his PhD in Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Rich has taught music education at the University of Wisconsin - Madison and worked with student teachers at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He served as an adjunct faculty member at Indiana State University teaching studio tuba and performing with the faculty brass quintet. He was previously the conductor of the Sheboygan Area Youth Symphony. He also served as Assistant Professor of music at Lakeland College. Dr. Rich has been principal tuba in the Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra, the Champaign-Urbana Symphony, and the Racine Symphony Orchestra. Dr. Rich has conducted a number of clinics with area bands and honors groups and has been an adjudicator for solo and ensemble festivals sponsored by the Wisconsin School Music Association.

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