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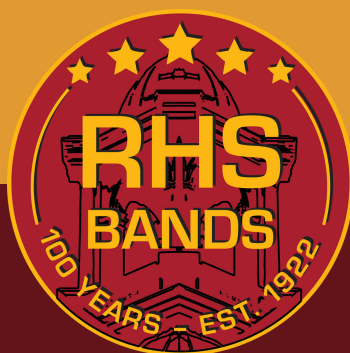




# Dorothy Zimmerman

First known RHS Band Member!  
Class of 1925

Was in the first band during the  
1922-1923 school year!



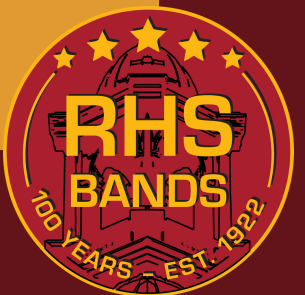
# Oldest HS Band in North Jersey

November 12, 1925

The Ridgewood Herald

As far as we know, this is the only High School band in Northern New Jersey, and Ridgewood High can certainly be mighty proud of these musicians who have done such a good job. Miss Greenlaw deserves all the credit for forming and teaching the group.

The Second Half

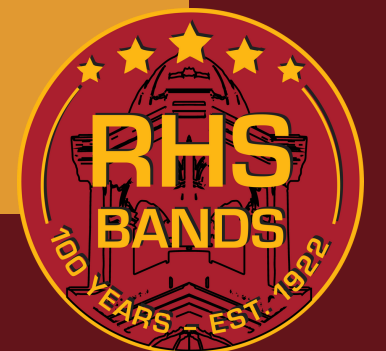




# First time playing at RHS Graduation

1935

Donald Cook  
Director





# The Willow Club

Present day Jazz Ensemble

## BETA GAMMA HAVING DANCE Willow Club Playing at Woman's Club February 22

The Ridgewood Chapter of the Beta Gamma Sorority will have a dance at the Woman's Club on Saturday evening, February 22. One of the most popular local orchestras, the Willow Club, will play. This group of musicians is made up chiefly of High School students, which is expected to add to the enjoyment of the evening.

Tickets may be obtained from Kay Mullins, Ri. 6-1563 and Bernice Trudup, Ri. 6-1958-J.



First Performance | 1936

First Group Picture | 1940





# Tunes in June

June 1952

The Sunday News

1951 | First Tunes in June  
Performance



**TOMMY KESSINGER AND Glenn Taylor of the Union Street Elementary Orchestra urge everyone to support the "Tunes in June" Band Concert on the High School Field, Friday, June 6, at 8 p.m. Proceeds of this concert will purchase additional instruments so that more children in the fourth and fifth grades will have an opportunity to study in the instrumental program in the Ridgewood Schools. Tickets may be purchased at Agel's, Metronome Studios, and The Jay Store. (Picture by Arthur Mills)**





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Colorguard instructor Sue Chobanian and twirling instructor Patti Wojtowitz developed the award winning band front.

The Sunday News

Nov. 16, 1980

# First RHS Marching Band Championship





# ESTABLISHING THE LOOK OF THE RHS BAND



1936



1953



1963



1981



1988



2022





**Symphonic Band**



**Concert Band**



**Wind Ensemble**



**Marching Band**



**Jazz Big Band**



**Jazz Lab**

Pit Orchestra All-Eastern Band Region Jazz Band Maroon & White Recitals  
 All-State Jazz Band Tri-M **2022** Band Council  
 All-State Band Region Band All-National Band Bergen County Band



**Brass Ensemble**



**Clarinet Ensemble**



**Flute Ensemble**



**Percussion Ensemble**



**Saxophone Ensemble**



**Winter Guard**





# Educational Travel

Southern California

Virginia Beach

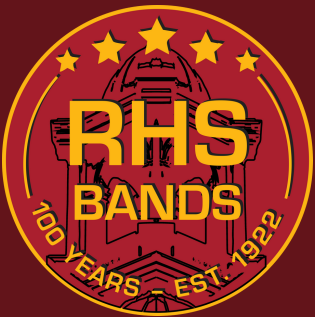
Washington, DC

Boston

USS Intrepid

New York City





# Notable RHS Band Alumni



**Nelson Riddle**

Composer and Arranger  
Capital Records - Frank Sinatra & Rosemary Clooney  
Academy Award & 3 Grammy Awards



**Sonny Igoe**

Jazz Drummer  
Benny Goodman Orchestra  
NBC Orchestra | Ed Sullivan Show



**Sean Connors (2000)**

Third Coast Percussion  
GRAMMY Award Winner!



**Peter Folliard (2002)**

Dean of the Augustana School of Music  
Former Conductor, United States Air Force Band



**Lily Josefsberg (2011)**

Principal Piccolo, San Diego Symphony  
Sub - New York Philharmonic



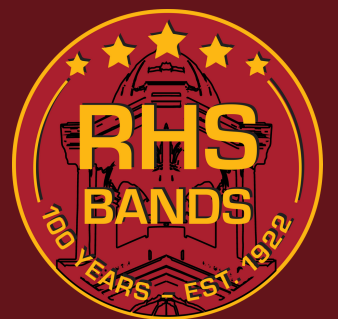
**Victoria Chung (2014)**

Principal Oboe, Richmond Symphony  
Adjunct Professor, University of Richmond



# MORE THAN JUST MUSIC...

- Aerospace & Aeronautical Engineering
- Animal Science
- Accounting
- Arts & Entertainment Industries Management
- Biochemistry
- Biological Science
- Business Management & Administration
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Creative Writing
- Economics
- Education
- Engineering & Engineering Management
- Exercise Science
- Forensic Science
- History
- Hospitality and Tourism Management
- Industrial Design
- Industrial Engineering
- International Relations
- Molecular Biology
- Music Education
- Music Performance
- Naval Engineering
- Nuclear Engineering
- Neuroscience
- Political Science
- Pre-Med
- Psychology
- Social Studies Education
- Sociology
- Special Education
- Statistics
- Stage Management
- Supply Chain Management
- Writing





# COLLEGE DESTINATIONS OF OUR GRADUATES

- Brown
- Georgetown
- Notre Dame
- Michigan
- Duke
- Juilliard
- Eastman School of Music
- Northwestern
- USMA West Point
- USNA Annapolis
- Harvard
- Columbia
- Cornell
- Stanford
- Princeton
- NYU
- University of Virginia
- Rice University
- Syracuse
- Williams
- Johns Hopkins
- MIT
- University of Delaware
- UCONN
- Boston University
- University of Chicago
- Yale
- Dartmouth
- Vanderbilt
- University of Cincinnati - CCM





HELEN GREENLAW

1922-1928

FLORENCE WALLER

1928-1930

DONALD COOK

1930-1959

WARREN GRIM

1959-1966

JOHN LOCHNER

1966-1968, 1969-1976, 1982-1983

MURRAY COLOSIMO

1968-1969

JOSEPH LORINI

1976-1979

CHRISTIAN WILHJELM

1979-1983

DAVID SLOTHOWER

1983-1985

RAYMOND PETTIT

1985-1988

**RIDGEWOOD HS  
BAND DIRECTORS  
1922-2022**

HENRY HEYZER

2005-2011

JEFFREY HAAS

1988-PRESENT

JOHN LUCKENBILL

2011-PRESENT







# WARREN GRIM

Led RHS Band from 1959-1966

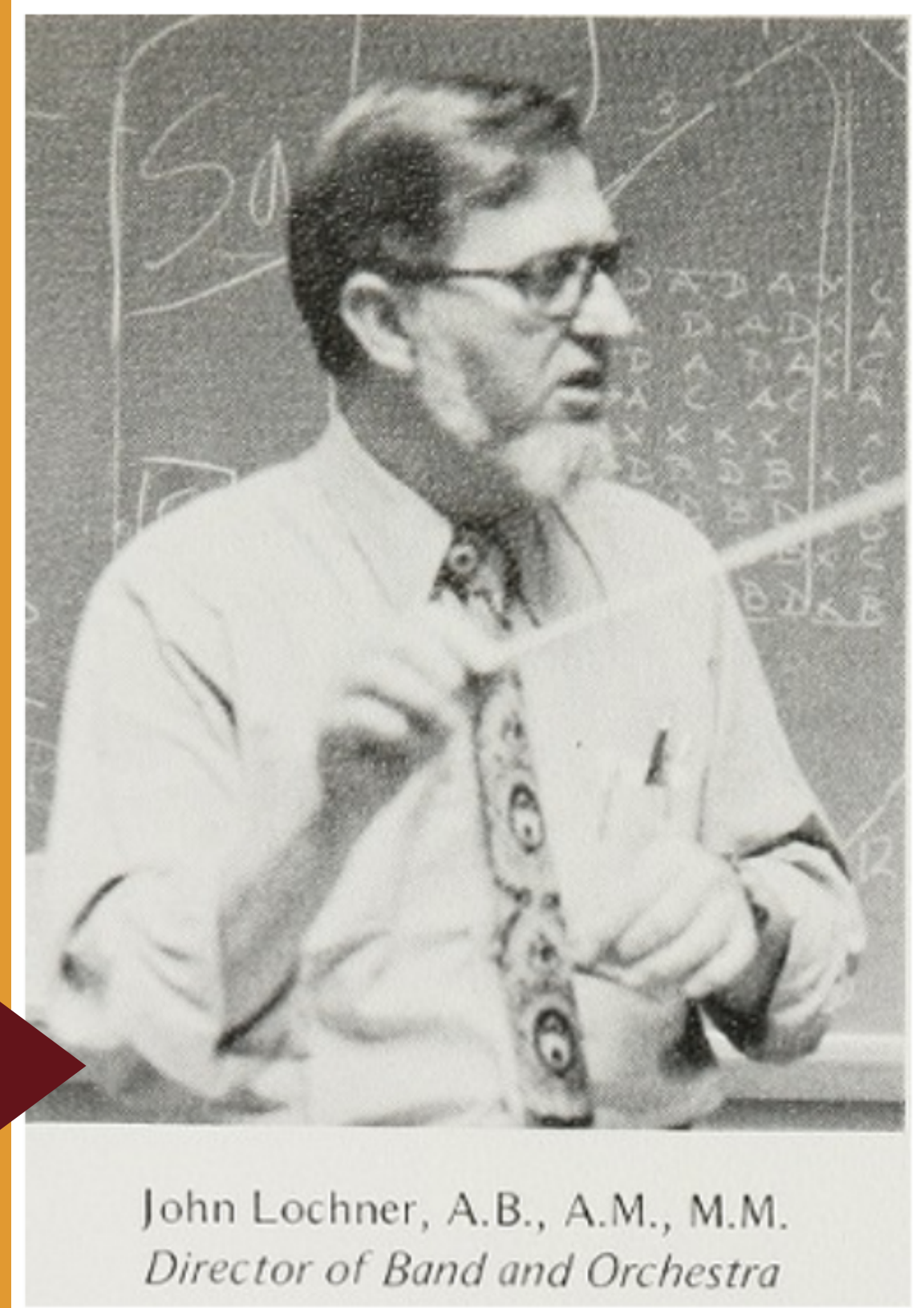
Musical Director of the Ridgewood Village  
Band

# JOHN LOCHNER

Led RHS Band: 1966-1968, 1969-1976,  
1982-1983

1985 Ashby Award Recipient

Conductor of the Ridgewood Symphony  
Orchestra

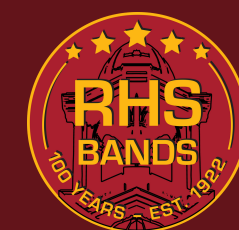


1972 Arrow





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# VERA WITTE

SENIOR: CLASS OF 2023  
RHSMB DRUM MAJOR  
CLARINET - RHS WIND ENSEMBLE





# RHS BANDS

## 100th Anniversary Events



The RHS Band Program is celebrating our 100th Year Anniversary during the 2022-2023 school year.

We hope you can join us for one or more events!

**JULY 4 PARADE | ALUMNI BAND & FAMILY BBQ**

Join the 100th Anniversary Edition ALUMNI BAND & march in the Ridgewood July 4 Parade, followed by a Family BBQ on the RHS Front Lawn.

**FALL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

October 7 | Home Football Game  
POST Game get together | Location TBD  
October 8 | See the RHSMB @ MetLife Stadium

**WINTER CONCERT | DECEMBER 7, 2022**

Come see the RHS Bands in Concert, joined by several RHS Band ALUMNI as guest soloists.

**SPRING CONCERT | MARCH 28, 2023**

We've commissioned 3 composers, including a Band Alumnus, to write new pieces in celebration of the Anniversary. Come hear the WORLD PREMIERE performances!

**JAZZ IN THE WOOD | MAY 21, 2023**

Join the RHS Jazz Ensembles for a dinner concert with RHS Alumni and friends of the program as guest artists!

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**MORE DETAILS COMING...**

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FACEBOOK: RHS BAND ALUMNI GROUP

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