

THE CHAMBER CONCERT BAND (CCB) is the premier concert band at Valparaiso University. Membership is by audition and students of all majors are encouraged to participate. The Chamber Concert Band is one of Valpo's touring ensembles. Outreach performances have included schools, churches and community events throughout the United States, Canada, and Malta.

Recent honors have included performances in historic Severance Hall, Cleveland, and five times in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, Chicago. In January of 2006, CCB performed a feature concert in the Indianapolis Convention Center Sagamore Ballroom for the state convention of the Indiana Music Educators Association. CCB will be a featured ensemble at the 2011 statewide convention of IMEA in Fort Wayne, Ind.

CCB's debut CD, *and they gathered on Mount Carmel*, contains the first professional recording of this major new work by Jesse Ayers and has received rave reviews from leaders in the concert band profession throughout the country. The second and third CDs, *One Nation* and *Yankee Doodling*, were produced in 2002. In the spring of 2006, CCB's fourth CD, a live concert in the authentic style of John Philip Sousa and his band, *Spirit of the March King*, was released. The Chamber Concert Band recording project seeks to create and disseminate artistic recordings of the finest in concert band literature. When possible, major works are recorded under the supervision of the composer so that the interpretation accurately reflects the composer's intentions.