The OLLI New Horizons Band practices each Monday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Cultural Arts Building at the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW).

Parking and music are provided for all registered members.

John LaCognata, Ph.D., Director

New Horizons’ band gives me the opportunity to play music in a setting I was too rebellious to be involved with growing up. I’m living my “if I had it to do over again” dream. Thank you UNCW, OLLI and New Horizons!

Melanie Retzke, alto saxophone

When I retired and left Baltimore, my clarinet teacher said, “Find a group to play with.” New Horizons was made to order – my first concert band experience since high school! It is not only fun to make music together, but I have met some terrific people too.

Mike Plaut, clarinet

It’s never too late—indeed this is very true for me. Playing the trumpet from 1948 until 1960 was a special part of my life. However, marriage, fatherhood and my flying career began to fill up all of my time. My trumpet was stowed away until 2007 when I became a member of the New Horizons Band. Words cannot express what the New Horizons family has done for me.

Jerry Tate, trumpet

I began playing trombone when I was age 53 on a dare from my then high school freshman son. I really enjoyed it and just messed around with it for three years. When the New Horizons Band started up, it was a perfect opportunity to get some experience playing with a group. Boy, did I have a lot to learn! Two things exceeded my expectations; how hard it was to play with a group and how much fun it was. It’s been great and I hope to keep playing for many more years.

Jim Phillips, trombone

The New Horizons Band gave me the chance to again play two instruments I had not touched for 45 years. Most of the skills returned with practice, just like re-learning how to ride a bike. The experience has been not only an intellectual stimulant but also just pure fun. Creativity comes in many packages and making music with the New Horizons Band is one of the best.

Judy Smith, clarinet and alto saxophone
Each member is responsible for bringing their own instrument (with the exception of percussion). If you need an instrument, we can help you find a source for purchase or rental. If your instrument needs repair, we can help you find reliable repair service.

For further information, please contact our Membership Chair, Betty Garrett at 910.686.7345.

To learn more about the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UNCW and to register for the New Horizons Band or other courses, go to: http://www.uncwil.edu/dpscsc/AdultEdCourses.htm or call 910.962.3195

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Berthold Auerbach

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