



PITTSFIELD OPEN BAND (POB)

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VALUES AND GOALS

The Pittsfield Open Band is a part of AACTMAD (Ann Arbor Community for Traditional Music and Dance). We are musicians who gather regularly to:

1. **Play Traditional Music:** The band is a place to learn and play traditional music (reels, jigs, waltzes, and related tunes) at dance tempo.
2. **Promote Enjoyment and Creativity:** The band fosters a relaxed, fun atmosphere where musicians of all skill levels can experiment and create music together.
3. **Perform for Dances and Events:** POB plays music for contra dances and similar events, a few times a year. Participation in this activity is optional.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT

1. Musical excellence and a love for traditional music and rhythm.
2. Respect for each other's ideas and contributions.
3. Embracing creativity, fun, and a passion for traditional music.

HOW TO JOIN

1. New members join by signing up for the email list at POBmusicians@groups.io
2. Members attend jam sessions and rehearsals on a regular basis.
3. Members are encouraged to learn the list of core tunes so they can play these tunes at dance tempo, either by ear or from sheet music.
4. The list of core tunes changes over time, by consensus, based on suggestions from our members.

SUMMARY

The POB, under the umbrella of AACTMAD, brings together musicians with a shared love for traditional music. POB strives for musical excellence, creativity, and inclusivity; our performances serve the community while providing a platform for learning and fun for all members.