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**The Pensacola Civic Band Resumes Concerts,
Celebrates 50th Season and New Director**

The global pandemic took a toll on the arts and music industry cancelling or postponing concerts and performances across the world. In the early part of 2020, the Pensacola Civic Band was preparing a concert to celebrate the retirement of our long time director Don Snowden. It was one of the many that had to be canceled and unfortunately the band was never able to reschedule the concert or celebration.

In the summer of 2021, Pensacola State College began to search for the person who would replace the legendary director who led the bands at PSC and the Pensacola Civic Band for 33 years.

In July of 2021, Pensacola native, Doug Holsworth was named the Director of Bands for Pensacola State College. Holsworth will be the instructor and conductor for the PSC Concert Band, Jazz Band and the Pensacola Civic Band. And what better way to introduce the new director than through music.

On October 2, 2021, the Pensacola Civic Band will start its 50th Season with a concert held at the Pensacola Saenger Theatre entitled “Passing The Baton.” This concert will be one of celebration and introduction. First, we will celebrate and honor Don Snowden for his many years of music education and excellence. “Having Don Snowden at the podium is a tremendous way to kick off the 50th season of the Pensacola Civic Band and allow the Pensacola community to say thank you one more time,” says new director Doug Holsworth. After Don Snowden conducts the first piece of the concert, he will pass the baton to the new director and we will be immersed in music that will help introduce him.

The remaining pieces for the concert are comprised of music that highlight the life story of Mr. Holsworth. A U.S. Army veteran and graduate of the University of Alabama and the University of Florida, Holsworth has a varied background of music and performance that will shine through the music played.

Featured in this concert are the singers of the Pensacola Children’s Chorus Ambassador Choir. The Ambassador Choir is comprised of veteran PCC singers in grades 7-12. These singers are chosen for their advanced vocal and listening skills as well as strong commitment to community service and supporting others. The Ambassador Choir endeavors to showcase the benefits of music education and reveal the transformative power of music.

The Pensacola Civic Band invites everyone to join us on the evening of October 2nd for the “Passing The Baton” concert. The concert will begin at 7:30pm at the Pensacola Saenger Theatre. Tickets are $13 plus applicable service fees and can be purchased at the Saenger Theatre box office located on Jefferson Street in downtown Pensacola.

Come join in celebration of a career that has influenced countless students, another season of great music provided by the oldest community band in the area, and welcome the new director of the Pensacola Civic Band. For more information, please visit [www.pensacolacivicband.org](http://www.pensacolacivicband.org/), or follow us on Facebook @pensacolacivicband.

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