



# Riverside Concert Band 150 years old



**July 4th 1876**

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## The Beginning



- President Ulysses S. Grant announces national Centennial Celebration.
- Riverside makes plans for the Centennial Celebration.
- Local Musicians volunteer to perform at the Celebration.
- Thousands attend Riverside's Historic celebration.
- The Band performs for the first time in public on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1876, for America's Centennial Celebration.

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## Fairmount Bandshell



- 1920 - Bandshell Dedication at Fairmount Park. (September 26, 1920) Dedicated to the BAND
- The Bandshell was rebuilt and dedicated to the band in 1986 and again 1992.
- The Bandshell was rededicated to the band with each renovation.
- The Band played many concert for Riverside at the bandshell for years.

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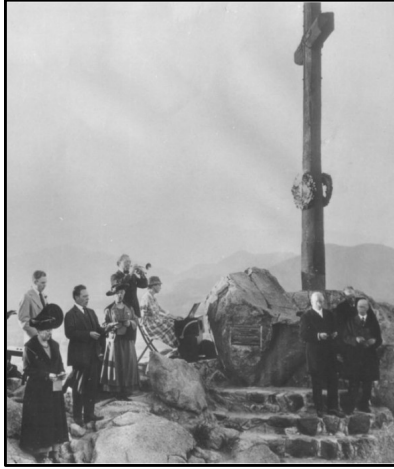
## Historic Dedications



- 1891 - Victoria Street Bridge
- 1903 – Riverside Courthouse Cornerstone and Time Capsule
- 1920 – Fairmount Park Bandshell Dedication
- 1990 – Richard Nixon Presidential Library
- 1999 – Martin Luther King Statue Dedication in Riverside
- 2003 – Casa Blanca Family Learning Center Dedication
- 2008 – Orange Terrace Community Center
- 2014 – Naming of Bobby Bonds Park

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## Historic Celebrations



- 1876 – America’s Bicentennial Celebration. (July 4, 1876)
- 1909 – First Easter Sunrise at Mt. Rubidoux
- 1915, 1916, 1935 – San Diego World’s Fair and Exposition
- 1915, 1916 – San Francisco World’s Fair and Exposition
- 1990 – Ramona Bowl Summer Concert Series
- 1991 to present – Riverside National Cemetery
- 1996, 1999, 2000 – Orange Blossom Parade
- 1999, 2002 – Fourth of July at UCR Sports Arena

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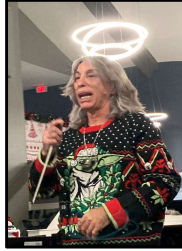
## Media Events



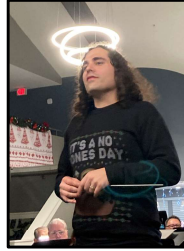
- 1925 – KFI Radio 640, Los Angeles, California at 9:00-10pm, Wednesday April 1st.
- 1925 – KFI Radio 640, Los Angeles at 8:00-9:00 pm, on May 12th.
- 1927 – KFXB Radio 1430, Big Bear, California. Commercial advertising for Hospitality Day.

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## Meet the Band



Ray Pedroza  
Conductor



Austin Davis  
Assistant



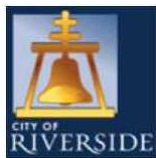
Riverside Concert Band Members

- All Volunteers
- Oldest All Volunteer Band in America
- Multigenerational
- High School to Seasoned Professionals
- All Occupations
- Rehearsal Every Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:00 pm
- Approximately 12 Concerts each Year
- No Cost to Join, and No Weekly Fees or Duties to Maintain Membership
- All People With a Love of Music are Welcome and Invited to Join

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## Moving Forward

- The Riverside Concert Band is excited to be actively involved in Riverside events.
- The Band received a small grant for the Festival this year.
- Going Forward we hope to continue to be an integral part of Riverside History through financial support from the city, access to the Band Shell at Fairmount Park for concerts yearly, and performing at city events.
- Thank You City Council for your support.



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# 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert

*Riverside Concert Band's 150th Anniversary*

*Bring a chair or blanket  
& enjoy the music!*

*Food Trucks  
Available on Site*

## Festival at Fairmount

*featuring*

11:00 AM ..... Traditional Cahuilla Birdsingers of Southern California

11:20 AM ..... American Legion Post 79 Colorguard  
National Anthem by Nannette

11:30 AM ..... Moreno Valley Wind Symphony

12:30 PM ..... Empire Wind Ensemble, San Bernardino

1:30 PM ..... Pomona Concert Band

2:30 PM ..... Valley Winds Community Concert Band,  
Temecula

3:30 PM ..... Riverside Concert Band

 **Donate**

**Saturday, April 25, 2026**  
**11am - 5pm**

Fairmount Park in Riverside  
2601 Fairmount Blvd, Riverside, CA 92501

*\*No alcohol permitted*