



# THE FORTE



NEWSLETTER OF THE FRISCO COMMUNITY BAND  
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## CALENDAR

(through June, 2005)

**Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Spring Concert

**Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Collin County Community  
College Jazz Festival

**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Fair Park Starlight Concert

**Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Concert in the Park

**Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Concert in the Park

## BAND STATISTICS

Total Members	73
Registered, Paid	51
Registered, Unpaid	3
Unregistered, Unpaid	19

*The Frisco Community Band is supported by private donations and dues from individual members. If you have not paid your dues, please contact Suzy Scott or John Smith.*

## FCB OFFICERS

President:	JD Smith
VP:	Bill Roach Elizabeth Lyon
Secretary:	Scott Sterrantino
Treasurer:	Suzy Scott

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



2004 was a great year for the Frisco Community Band. For our first calendar year we had about fifteen separate performances given by the Concert Band, Jazz Band, and ensembles. Our charter states that the FCB will have at least four performances a year. We surpassed this big time, and will perform even more in 2005.

The Holiday Concert was a great success. We had a lot of spectators that weren't actually family members, and received really positive feedback from the community, including Mayor Simpson. I want to thank everyone involved for making the concert a huge success.

I also want to thank everybody that volunteered to work at Barnes and Nobles over the holidays. We raised about \$600 for the band, and got good exposure to the community, and hopefully even picked up a few new musicians.

The holidays were also busy for the Frisco Brass ensemble, who performed all over Frisco as well as in McKinney and Lancaster. They played for the special needs residents of the Lancaster Residential Center in Lancaster, which was a real "feel good" holiday performance for all involved. Frisco Brass also played for the City of Frisco, the Blockbuster Corporation in McKinney, Frisco First United Methodist Church, and serenaded around town at retirement homes, fire stations, and the city library. I realized when we were at out serenading that we should play for groups in the city more often rather than just during the holidays. The groups we played for really enjoyed the entertainment and were very appreciative. I encourage each ensemble to work into your performance plan trips out into the community. Incidentally the Brass also earned \$300 for the FCB.

The annual membership drive is occurring. Well, actually, right now we are having a "daily" membership drive. We are actively trying to recruit more members to join the Concert Band. Tell everybody you know, including friends, foes, family, co-workers, that the FCB is recruiting. Our goal this year is to increase the Concert Band membership to have a consistent 90 musicians at rehearsal. The Jazz Band sections are full now, which means that they will probably start having tryouts or having, if I may borrow from theatre vocabulary, "understudy" musicians that practice with the Jazz Band but do not perform unless needed.

We are quickly coming up on the first anniversary of the Frisco Community Band. March 11, 2004 was the Concert Band's first rehearsal. Plans for our first annual FCB banquet are in the works. Stay tuned for more info...

In music,  
John "JD" Smith

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: DR. DARYL TRENT

**Full Name:** Daryl Trent  
**Birthday:** 9/11/1953  
**Birthplace:** Alamogordo, New Mexico  
**College:** B.M.E – Howard Payne University  
M.A. – West Texas State University  
Ed.D. – Texas A&M Commerce  
**Instrument:** Baritone, trombone  
**Favorite color:** blue  
**Favorite food:** brownies  
**Favorite day of the week:** Sunday

Dr. Trent is married and has two children, Kelly (26) and Kristen (19). He also has two grandchildren, Marissa (5) and Tyler (2). They have two Rat Terriers and one cat.

**Favorite sport:** Basketball  
**Favorite TV show:** O’Rielly Factor  
**If you could eat dinner with any 3 people (dead or alive) whom would you choose?** Ted Trent (dad), Jesus Christ, King Solomon  
**In my spare time I like to** wood work – build furniture.  
**I always look forward to** my wind symphony rehearsals  
**When I grow up, I want to** do what I am doing now!  
**I have always wanted to** see Alaska.  
**I will retire** soon.  
**I joined the band because** if Frisco is to have a community band – I will have a part in it.  
**The one song I would like the FCB to play is** We do what I like to play.

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## SOME NOTES FROM THE FRISCO COMMUNITY JAZZ BAND...

The Frisco Community Jazz Band was formed in May of 2004, as an extension of the Frisco Community Band, with the goal of uniting all levels of players with the desire to play big band style jazz. Since the inception, the band has solidified into a core group of people, that show up every Sunday afternoon to rehearse. The band has really matured from a musicality standpoint, giving us the ability to play more difficult charts that we thought would not be reachable this early in the stage. We are currently working on charts that will be performed at the Collin County Community College Jazz Festival in April. This will give us the opportunity to play for a group of respected clinicians, and get some feedback on how we are doing, and what we can do to get to the next level.

This group is very unique in that the style is very different from the typical community band setting. We have played every style of big band music from old ‘40s and ‘50s standards to modern day funk and salsa style charts. The band is made up of a unique blend of “semi professional” players, to players who haven’t touched a horn in many many years. This gives us the opportunity to learn from various individuals within the group on many different levels. The Frisco Community Jazz Band is lead by Gary Pearce and Brian Bass. Both are also players in the band, often splitting the lead trumpet book while the other is directing and working the band.

We will be performing in concert in March with the other groups associated with the Frisco Community Band, in addition to our performance at the CCCJ Jazz Festival. If you get a chance, please come out and support this unique genre of music. Many times we have heard that the big band sound is dying. In fact many public schools have dropped Stage Band from the curriculum. For that reason, community bands such as this are becoming an increasingly popular way for students, young and old, to learn more about the big band style, and continue to keep the music alive.

Come on out and support the Frisco Community Bands!

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