

WHO WE ARE:

R.O.M.E. (Rome's Own Musical Ensembles) is a non-profit (501-c3) corporation established in 2001 to administer the activities of its affiliate musical groups and special events. The mission of R.O.M.E. is to strengthen the community by offering affordable, family-friendly musical programs and to provide a performance outlet for area musicians.



Dr. Sam Baltzer is the founder, volunteer artistic director, and conductor of R.O.M.E. Sam earned a Masters of Music Ed. from North Texas Univ.

(1979) and a Doctor of Music Ed. from Indiana University (1989). He retired in 2023 after a 44-year career teaching music at middle and high schools, Indiana Univ., and three colleges in Rome, GA. He is an active performer, conductor, and published composer/arranger. A native of St. Louis, MO, Sam and his wife, Janet, have lived in Rome since 1987.

NW GA WINDS is a 60+ piece, all-volunteer, Concert Band formed in 1987. Members come from six counties and include adults from all walks of life and students from local high schools and colleges. Favorite themes have included Pirates of the Oostanaula, Americans in Paris - A Musical Tour de France, The Bard and The Band, and Arrivederci Roma.

Clock Tower Jazz Ensemble, founded in 1988, is an 18-member professional jazz Big Band. Its members are the area's best jazz musicians and guest vocalists. The band performs everything from swing era standards to Motown and Sinatra hits.

A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the season-long celebration of the Ruby (40th) Anniversary of the NW GA WINDS! Since our founding, we have performed about 400 concerts and 4,000 pieces of music and are still going strong! Join us this season as we feature some of our favorite music and guests.

I'm very grateful to everyone who makes this possible: the musicians, audience, donors, sponsors, technicians, venues, and support groups. The adventure has been a true pleasure. Here's to many more musical memories!

I'll see you at a concert soon!

Musically yours, *Sam*



Get on the R.O.M.E. Bandwagon!

WWW.ROMESOWNMUSIC.ORG

Our new website has concert information, and links to contact us or to make a donation online. This QR code will take you there:



Donations may be mailed to: R.O.M.E., Inc.; 23 Ridgeview Drive SE; Silver Creek, GA 30173. Email: sambaltzer12@gmail.com



2026-2027 CONCERT SERIES



DR. SAM BALTZER
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR
NW GA WINDS
CLOCK TOWER JAZZ ENSEMBLE

With major support from the Floyd Co. Board of Commissioners, the Rome City Auditorium, and...



THE SPIRES
AT BERRY COLLEGE



Westminster
Presbyterian Church



MONTESSORI
SCHOOL of ROME



WELCOME TO R.O.M.E.'S

40th Season!

OUR RUBY ANNIVERSARY

All concerts are at the Rome City Auditorium, 601 Broad St., Rome, GA 30161

Programs are FREE, no ticket needed, and last about one hour.



Special Event

SUN. SEPT. 20, 4:00 P.M.
'ARTS ALIVE ROME!'

Sample the best of the Clock Tower Jazz Ensemble, Three Rivers Singers, Roman Festival Brass, Rome Shakespeare Festival, and the NW GA WINDS!



THURS. OCT. 8, 7:00 P.M.
'CELEBRATING 40!'

NW GA WINDS favorites featuring star vocalists Rachelle Barr and Marvin Williams!



Special Event

THURS. OCT. 15, 7:00 P.M.
'LET IT SING!'

Guest celebrity Doront'e Evans and jazz combo performs hits by Sam Cooke, Stevie Wonder, and more!



THURS. NOV. 19, 7:00 P.M.
'JAZZ IT UP!'

Clock Tower Jazz Ensemble and Guests light up the stage!



TUES. DEC. 8, 7:00 P.M.
'NO PLACE LIKE ROME FOR THE HOLIDAYS'

NW GA WINDS and Guests perform Rome's premier holiday event!



TUES. FEB. 23, 7:00 P.M.
'SINGING FROM THE RAFTERS'

NW GA WINDS with the Shorter Chorale and Rome Community Gospel Choir raise the roof!



Special Event

SAT. & SUN. FEB. 27-28, 4:00 P.M.
'ROME JAZZFEST'

Featuring jazz combos (Saturday) and Big Bands (Sunday) from Rome, Jacksonville State University, Berry College, Carrollton, and Atlanta!



SAT. APR. 10, 4:00 P.M.
'ACROSS THE BIG POND #27'

NW GA WINDS with bagpipes, dancers, singers, and much McMore! Enjoy R.O.M.E.'s Annual Celtic Gala!



THURS. APR. 22, 7:00 P.M.
'SWINGING FOR THE FENCES!'

Clock Tower Jazz Ensemble and Friends put the jump in your jive!



TUES. JUNE 8, 7:00 P.M.
'WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL'

NW GA WINDS and Guests honor our military and celebrate America!

