

## 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 four affiliate musical groups and other special events. The mission of R.O.M.E. is to help build a better community by providing quality, affordable, family-oriented musical programs; and to provide a performance outlet for area musicians.

Dr. Sam Baltzer is the founder of R.O.M.E. and its affiliate ensembles, and serves as its volunteer artistic director and conductor. Sam earned a Masters of Music Education from University of North Texas and a Doctorate in Music Education from Indiana University. He retired in May, 2023 after a 44-year career of teaching music at middle school, high school, Indiana University, and three colleges in Rome, GA. He remains active as a performer, conductor, and composer/arranger. A native of St. Louis, Sam and his wife Janet have lived in Rome since 1987.

The NW GA WINDS, founded in 1987, is a 60+ member, all-volunteer concert band. Its members come from a six-county area and include adults from all walks of life and students from area colleges and high schools. The WINDS are the backbone of the R.O.M.E. concert series, performing five concerts each year. Favorite themes include Across the Big Pond, Pirates of the Oostanula, Americans in Paris: a Musical Tour de France, Arrivederci Roma, and annual holiday and patriotic events.

The 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 the band performs everything from swing era standards to Motown and Sinatra hits.

## A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR:



Dear Friends,

Last year was such a success for R.O.M.E. We had eight great concerts with record crowds and outstanding guests, we revived our Young Audience show, performed at the MLK celebration, and welcomed many new donors and sponsors. I am very proud that we are entering our 39th season as an all volunteer community organization. We have presented over 400 free concerts since our founding in 1987.

This year, I look forward to a new partnership with Floyd County Schools, as the WINDS moves its rehearsals to Pepperell Middle School. It is a beautiful facility and I'm grateful to the Pepperell Middle and High School band directors, who are WINDS members, for their support. Clock Tower Jazz Ensemble will continue to meet at Rome High School. We are very appreciative of the on-going support from The Spires at Berry College, Montessori School of Rome, the Rome Area Council for the Arts, West Rome Baptist Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and many of you, which allows us to present our events free of charge. Finally, we couldn't do what we do without the many musicians and guests who volunteer their time and talent to make the music happen! 'It takes a village' to run a band program, and y'all make it a pleasure!

Thanks to each of you, and see you at a concert soon!

Musically yours,

Send comments or request to be added to the R.O.M.E. mailing list to [sambaltzer12@gmail.com](mailto:sambaltzer12@gmail.com)

Donations are much appreciated and checks may be mailed to: R.O.M.E., Inc., 23 Ridgeview Drive, Silver Creek, GA. 30173

**"Rome's Own"**  
**R.O.M.E.**  
Musical Ensembles Inc.

*2025-2026*  
CONCERT SERIES

**NW GA WINDS**  
**CLOCK TOWER JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

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**DR. SAM BALTZER**  
*Artistic Director  
and Conductor*

*Celebrating*  
**39** years of  
COMMUNITY  
MUSIC  
EXCELLENCE

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

THE SPIRES  
AT BERRY COLLEGE

west rome

Westminster  
Presbyterian Church

MONTESSORI  
SCHOOL of ROME

PEPPERELL MIDDLE SCHOOL  
DRAGONS

RACA  
Rome Area Council  
for the Arts



# ROME'S OWN MUSICAL ENSEMBLES

ALL CONCERTS ARE AT THE ROME CITY AUDITORIUM  
601 BROAD ST, ROME, GA 30161

All programs are FREE, open to all with no ticket needed, and most last about one hour.



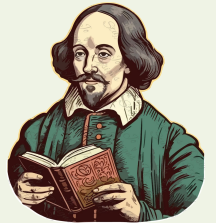
**THURSDAY, SEPT 4, 7 PM**  
**'EASE ON DOWN TO ROME'**

An encore performance featuring music from 'The WIZ' with a local all-star cast and live pit band.



**THURSDAY, FEB 26, 7 PM**  
**'AS YOU LIKE IT: THE BARD AND THE BAND'**

NW GA WINDS and guests offer classical and Broadway music inspired by William Shakespeare.



**THURSDAY, OCT 9, 7 PM**  
**'RETURN OF CREEPY CLASSICS: Haunting Melodies from Stage and Screen'**

NW GA WINDS with guests Indra Thomas, Maryann Kyle, and Pepperell Choirs perform hits from 'Wicked,' 'Harry Potter,' 'Phantom of the Opera,' and more.



**SATURDAY, APR 11, 4 PM**  
**'ACROSS THE BIG POND 26'**

NW GA WINDS celebrate 26 years of Celtic pageantry with bagpipes, Irish dancers, singers, and much MacMore!



**THURSDAY, NOV 20, 7 PM**  
**'FELIZ NAVIDAD'**

Clock Tower Jazz Ensemble plays Latin jazz and holiday arrangements.



**THURSDAY, APR 23, 7 PM**  
**'AIN'T NOTHING BUT THE BLUES'**

Clock Tower Jazz Ensemble presents exciting big band jazz with guest artists.



**TUESDAY, DEC 9, 7 PM**  
**'NO PLACE LIKE ROME FOR THE HOLIDAYS'**

NW GA WINDS and guests celebrate the joyous season.



**TUESDAY, JUN 2, 7 PM**  
**'WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL'**

NW GA WINDS and guests honor Juneteenth and July 4th with rousing American music.

