

Palouse Community Band musicians of all ages share the passion for music

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Band members share their talent by performing for the community.

MOSCOW, ID - High school students, talented community members and professional musicians on the Palouse have been collaborating for nearly 40 years to entertain and educate the community.

Tonight Reporter Rachel Dubrovin shows us what it takes to be a part of the Community Band of the Palouse.

There's no age requirement when it comes to joining the Community Band of the Palouse.

"There are people that are in their eighties, there are people that are in their teens," said Clarinetist Mary Ullrich. "You can see these young guys over here, and under my hat I have grey hair. I've been in the band since 1970... No, 1984."

"I started in 1975 and I've been part of the band all along," said Baritone Horn player Ben Jenness.

But you will need a passion for music.

"I'm 86 years old, and I've been playing probably since, oh about 75 years," said French Horn Player David Seamans. "And I just don't want to stop."

This community band welcomes musicians of all skill levels that want to learn more about their instruments.

"The older people who have more knowledge than me, it's fun listening to what they have to say, because they can tell me a lot of stuff that I don't know about what I'm doing and I just like learning a lot from them," said Percussionist David Ward.

"The older people playing show them it can be fun their whole life, it's something they can do," said Seamans.

And musicians that want to share their talent by performing for the community.

"I've always found that it's an excellent way of relieving stress from the day," said band member

Jenness.

"It really relieves the frustrations in life," said Clarinetist Becky Behre. "It also kind of stimulates a different part of your brain than you've been working on all day."

They practice once a week... and perform for free.

"I know the music does so much good for all of us, so it's a great thrill to work on it and bring forth a musical product that other people can enjoy," said Conductor Denise Snider.

And they play classical and recognizable tunes that the younger kids enjoy just as much as the older generations.

"I don't know how else to describe it but 'fun,' because it is," said Clarinetist Jacob Ward. "That's what it is."

"We see the hope for the continuity, that it's going to keep going into the future, and that this music will stay alive," said Seamans.

The latest performance was at Gladish Community Center in Pullman on Tuesday night. The band practices on Tuesday nights at Pullman High School... and you can find more information on the [Community band of the Palouse website](#).