

Brief History.numbers

Year	Event	Exact Date
1981	The New River City Wind Ensemble, which will later become the Austin Symphonic Band, is founded by a group of Austin Civic Orchestra musicians looking for a group to perform wind music when there are more wind musicians than ACO can accommodate. ACO helps the nascent group with organizational details and rehearsal space. First Music Director is R. Frank Simon.	about August 1981
1982	Band adopts the name Austin Symphonic Band Frank Simon leaves to take a position at the UT Performing Arts Center. David Parker becomes interim conductor.	about June 1982
1983	Randol Bass, now a nationally-known composer and arranger of music, becomes ASB's second Music Director. The first concert at Zilker Park's outdoor Hillside Theater.	about January 1983 5/22/83
1984	The Austin Symphonic Band incorporates on April 26, 1984. Receives 501-(c)3 status from IRS. Joint production of a Christmas concert with First United Methodist Church, KVUE-TV wins an "Angel" public service award. Broadcast on KVUE.	12/8/84
1985	First ASB performance under the Zilker Park Christmas tree.	12/15/85
1986	Richard Floyd becomes ASB's third Music Director in January.	1/7/86
1987	ASB performs live on-air from KMFA-FM.	9/19/87
1988	Performs at Texas Bandmasters Association in San Antonio. John H. Hanson gives ASB his entire wind band sheet music library. Joint concert with Air Force Band of the West in Zilker Park.	7/24/88 8/5/88 10/23/88
1989	Austin City Council passes a resolution naming the Austin Symphonic Band the Official Band of the City of Austin. Band invited to perform the Grande Finale Concert at the 43rd Mid-West International Band and Orchestra Clinic. ASB performs with the Dallas Brass at Mid-West.	Jun-89 6/1/89
1990	Performs by invitation at Texas Music Educators Association conference, the first time a community band has been invited to TMEA.	2/7/90
1991	Band's first-ever concert at Palmer Auditorium, a Sousa Spectacular featuring James Saied, guest conductor, and Brian Bowman, euphonium, guest soloist, is a sell-out.	2/19/91

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	Official band for the "Governor's Welcome Home Ceremony, Capitol Salute to Texas Troops."	6/30/91
	Blue Santa kick-off concert with Sgt. Sam Cox, announcer, and Cactus Pryor, narrator, in Bates Recital Hall, University of Texas.	11/24/91
1992	Musicians perform on stage at ALO's performance of "La Boheme."	1/10/92
	Joint concert with Dallas Brass at Palmer Auditorium.	2/18/92
1993	Band performs at American Bandmasters Association conference, New Orleans.	3/3/93
	Austin premier of deMeij's Symphony No. 1 "Lord of the Rings" with Don Toner [Live Oak Theatre] providing vivid narration.	11/21/93
1994	John Philip Sousa Foundation awards its "Sudler Silver Scroll" to ASB.	3/8/94
	First independence day celebration with fireworks at Round Rock's Old Settler's Park.	7/4/94
1995	ASB supplies off-stage banda for ALO's "Rigoletto."	Jan-95
	Joint concert with River City Pops at Palmer Auditorium.	2/28/95
	ASB performs at Texas Bandmasters Association conference.	7/23/95
1996	Joint concert with Rhythm and Brass at Palmer Auditorium.	2/27/96
1997	First-ever performance in Pflugerville.	2/18/97
	Musicians perform on stage at ALO's performance of 'La Boheme.'	Mar-97
	ASB performs the concert "An Evening with Patick Sheridan," tuba, guest soloist.	3/27/97
	Band invited to perform two concerts at 51st annual Mid-West International Band and Orchestra Clinic.	12/20/97
1998	Band puts on Sousa Spectacular - first-ever weekend date for ASB at Palmer Auditorium.	3/20/98
	Invited by Lake Travis Arts League to play a patriotic concert at Lakeway.	7/3/98
	Invited to perform at National Band Association / Texas Bandmasters Association conference in San Antonio.	7/26/98
1999	Band performs at dedication ceremony of the Barbara Jordan Passenger Terminal at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.	4/24/99
<b>Notes of events that occurred later than 1999.</b>		
	First subscription series initiated.	?

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	Band assumes responsibility for annual "Record & CD Sale" from KMFA-FM.	
	Second subscription series includes first-ever subscription event sellout.	
	ASB MicroBand formed for service and other events.	
2000	Band members perform at Austin Lyric Opera's "Aida," Austin Musical Theatre's "Music Man," and at the opening of the 2000 Junior Olympics National Men's Gymnastic Finals.	
	ASB's Richard Floyd invited to be conductor of National Band Association's National Community Band.	
	Band's 20th anniversary season!	
	Mid-West	
	Seattle	
	TBA	
	ABA in Dallas	
	Austin City Hall Plaza	
2006	Richard Floyd celebrates 20 years as Music Director of ASB	1/7/06
	Richard Floyd receives TBA award.	
	ASB 25th anniversary celebration.	4/28/07





