

The Chardon Polka Band School Assemblies and Programs:



The Chardon Polka Band, a group which travels coast-to-coast performing for Oktoberfests and other events, offers uniquely styled educational programs and assemblies for schools. The band's school programs are exciting and entertaining, while engaging kids and teaching lessons about music and creativity.

The members of The Chardon Polka Band were all fortunate enough to have a variety of musical experiences and opportunities to learn about music at very young ages. It is for this reason that the band shares a common passion for

bringing their music to youth across the county. In Northeast Ohio and beyond, The Chardon Polka Band endeavors to bring unique educational programs to schools and other youth programming venues. These school programs engage kids with creativity and earnestness as the band teaches and plays. As is the case with their typical stage show at a fair or festival, audience participation is instrumental in the band's school programming as well.

The Chardon Polka Band's typical school assembly serves to:



- Help children get excited about music
- Inspire creativity
- Expose children to a variety of musical instruments and styles
- Emphasize the importance of practice and perseverance
- Bolster activity with movement and music
- Encourage kids to be unique, have a positive self image, and dream big



Emily Kouwe, one of the group's two saxophonists, is also a former full-time teacher. Emily majored in Music Education at Westminster College and taught K-12 general music, band, and choir. She's combined her classroom experience with her love of performing to help develop The Chardon Polka Band's one-of-a-kind school assemblies and programs.

The Chardon Polka Band truly enjoys bringing their brand of music to children through youth activities and school programs. Children of all ages respond to the band's honesty, personas, and fun music.

Quotes:

"The Chardon Polka Band puts on some of the most fantastic children's programs at our library. The kids not only LOVE their programs, but they also LEARN so much about music, rhythm, instruments, movement, & more! They bring SO MUCH energy to their programs that the kids, and even adults, enjoy their work. Book them-they are great!"

Christina Mihalic, Youth Services Manager
Burton Public Library (OH)

"Our kids really enjoyed your concert. Not only did you play music that the kids enjoyed but they also learned something about your music. I would highly recommend you to any school."

Andy Carner, Principal
St. Mary's School, Berea (OH)



"This band will have the kids on their feet, participating and captivated. They will mesmerize the students with their personalities and upbeat program, sparking their creativity and motivating them through music and movement."

Jan Abernathy, Science Teacher
Greenville Public Schools (PA)



About the Band:

The Chardon Polka Band consists of five members who perform on accordion, banjo, guitar, drums, saxophone, clarinet, and flute. The group possesses backgrounds and education in music performance, vocal performance, children's literature, musical theater, radio, television, and music education.



The original Chardon Polka Band was founded by five teenagers in the halls of Chardon High School (Geauga County, OH) in 2003. Almost fifteen years later, that little school project has evolved into a career and nationally known entity. The Chardon Polka Band is noted for being innovative and extremely adaptive with the ability to please almost any audience; whether it be a kids program at the library or the patrons of a local senior center. The band has made a name for itself by adding a colorful twist to the traditional genre of the polka.



Based in Ohio, but performing all across the country, The Chardon Polka Band is not your average polka band. They are a group that brings new life and energy to this traditional music. The band got their start in the Cleveland music scene; playing countless area fairs, festivals, and venues. While remaining very active in Cleveland, the band can often be found taking their music on the road and performing at a variety of events across the United States. From performing at an NFL game to headlining for some of the largest Oktoberfests in the nation to opening for the prestigious Cleveland Orchestra; the band loves pleasing crowds anywhere and everywhere. Some of the other highlights of the band's years in the music industry include opening for Weird Al Yankovic, performing on "CBS This Morning", performing on ESPN's "First Take", being the subjects of a reality TV program called "Polka Kings", and performing at Red Rocks in Colorado.



Types of performances and services offered:

The style and content of the band's school performances and programs varies by school and the type of assembly requested. The band has helped kids learn about a variety of topics from fire safety to maps. The group does:

- Large group assemblies
- Small classroom programs
- Special-education performances and assemblies
- Topical sessions and assemblies (movement, fire safety, creativity, instruments)
- Test Prep Motivation

The Chardon Polka Band enjoys working alongside schools and teachers to build the right program to fit their specific wants and needs.

Booking:

To book The Chardon Polka Band for a school assembly or inquire about pricing, please contact the band through Jake Kouwe at 440-554-4486 or chardonpolkaband@gmail.com

Pricing varies upon school location, duration, and type of assembly.