



The Sedalia Symphony

What is it?

The Sedalia Symphony is a local musical organization now in it's 85th Season. Many local high school and adult students perform in each of the four concerts each season.



Image from the April 2019 Concert, courtesy of Jay Fahnestock

The Beginning 1935

- ❖ Women from the Helen G. Steele Music Club
- ❖ The Great Depression
- ❖ Highway 65
- ❖ Missouri Pacific Shops
- ❖ Mr. Abrielle Rosenthal

The First Concert November 26th, 1935



- ❖ Musicians- Mrs. Edith Donath
- ❖ Location
- ❖ Guest Artists- Miss Velma Lyon soprano
- ❖ Eight songs performed total

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WWII

World War II for America was a very challenging time. How was a symphony supposed to stay in operation?

- Players left, how would they get more?

Guest Artists

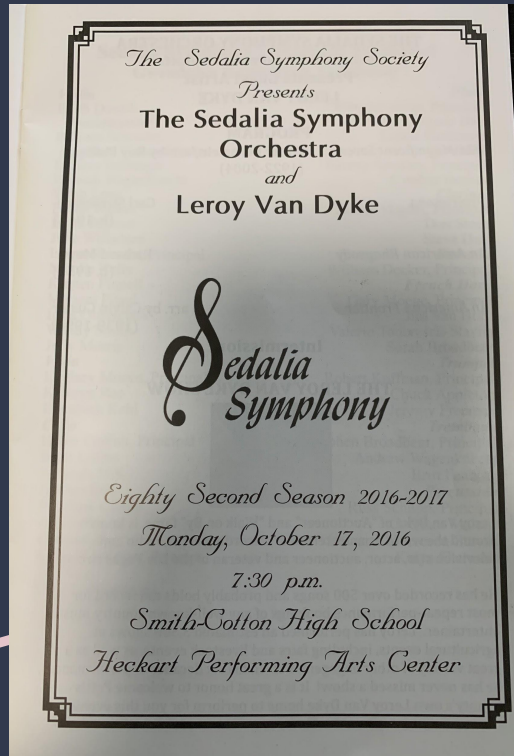


Image from Sedalia Symphony 2016 Program

- ❑ Duke Ellington, 30th Anniversary
- ❑ Glenn Miller Orchestra
- ❑ Dave Barton, folk music
- ❑ Cathy Para, folk music
- ❑ Many ragtime performers
- ❑ Joan Cochran: Accordion
- ❑ The Harmonicateers: Finlandia
- ❑ Bernard Mumaw, a dancer
- ❑ Marshall Izen, pianist
- ❑ Liverpool Legends, Beatles Impersonators
- ❑ Texas Tenors
- ❑ Leroy Van Dyke

New Conductor, New Concerts



Image courtesy of Sedalia Symphony

In 1980, Mr. Abe Rosenthal retired as the 2nd longest conductor of any orchestra in the United States. Mr. Harold Johnston took his place as conductor right after. During his time he started many things.

- Scholarship
- Christmas POPs Concert
- Handel's Messiah

Interesting Information

- ❏ How long has it been in operation?
- ❏ Where has the group performed?
- ❏ Who else conducted?
- ❏ Mrs. Edith Donath



Then

Now



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