

The „Bavarian Teachers Big Band“ is organized as a registered association. At the moment it includes 40 active members. All of them are teachers at non-vocational schools and come from all administrative districts of Bavaria. The band was founded in September, 1993 by Professor Joe Viera, its bandleader for many years, and its former manager Walter A. Neubeck on the occasion of a course at the Bavarian in-service training centre for teachers at Dillingen in Bavaria.

The object of the association is the promotion of art and culture in the field of big band music at non-vocational schools. This is achieved on the one hand by concerts of the active members and on the other hand by in-service training courses. In this way contacts with schools, music schools and musical associations at the respective places of the concerts are to be improved, both on a regional level and beyond.

Concerts at schools are often performed together with their respective schoolbands. At the same time each school is offered a workshop directed by the band members. These activities are complemented by public concerts and performances abroad (Italy, China). In order to reach a wider public the band has recorded three CDs: Night Journey, Shanghai Blues, Better than TV and Keep the Customer satisfied. Any school, music school, musical association or other organization may arrange concerts with the BTBB. We are just one phone call away. Since spring 2001 the band has been managed and led by Thomas Zoller, the renowned composer, arranger, sax player and professor at the „Hochschule für Musik Carl-Maria-von-Weber“ in Dresden. The band's precision and verve, already praised in many reviews has been raised to an even higher level. In 2014 the Band found a new director, Hugo Siegmeth. The repertoire of the band covers a wide range of musical styles: swing, bebop, blues, ballads Latin and also funk. They use only little electronic equipment and are able to perform with a smaller number of players, too.

Yours sincerely Friedrich Held