

Musician Mondays

Timothy Swanson, President and Cellist

My name is Tim Swanson. I play the cello and am the current President of the North Port Symphony Orchestra. I joined the N.P.S. in 2015 after retiring and spending my winters here in North Port. I began playing the cello when I was in the fourth grade. I had asked my parents if I could play the drums but they strongly recommended the cello, and the rest is, as they say, history. I started on the piano at age 5 which certainly helped me learn the cello more easily. I've now been playing for approximately 57 years. My father enjoyed singing, so music was always part of our family. My mother posted the words to church hymns over the kitchen sink and encouraged us four boys to sing while we washed and dried dishes. My middle and high school years were filled with choir and orchestra classes. In middle school, I was fortunate to win a scholarship to attend a two-week program at the Interlochen Music Camp in Michigan. This is when I really began to get serious about the cello. I thoroughly enjoy playing with the N.P.S. orchestra. Maestro Romanski constantly challenges us with a variety of interesting music; to participate with such a fine group of musicians is truly a joy for me. I'm sure I speak for all orchestra members when I say how anxious we are to once again resume practicing and performing for all those who continue to support the North Port Symphony.

