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Introduction

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Back in 1858, the first band was organized in Arkansas City. It was a small group of men who gathered to play music for the community. Over the years, the band has grown and changed many times. It has been known by various names, including the Arkansas City Band, the Arkansas City Community Band, and the Arkansas City Municipal Band. The current band was organized in 1937 by W.D. MacAllister, who was elected its first director. The band has since become one of the most prominent musical organizations in the city, performing at a variety of events and venues.