

Orillia SILVER BAND

Noteworthy

Edition 2 – Winter 2018

The Orillia Silver Band has wrapped-up a very busy Christmas season, performing in four Santa Claus Parades, three concerts and a special Christmas event at the Champlain Manor Retirement Residence. And we somehow fit a video recording session in the middle of all that, another first for the Band.



The Band's Trombone Section. L-R, Howard Lee, Mackenzie Walsh, Henry Legge and Laura Christie. Missing: Rick Reid. Photo Credit: Philip Jackman

Sponsors Play a Crucial Role

Each year, a number of Orillia businesses step up and sponsor the Band's various activities. They are listed below,. Sponsorships such as these are critical to the success of any arts and culture organizations. These

businesses receive many requests for support every year.

The Band thanks our sponsors for their support. It enables the Band to contribute back to the community through benefit performances, scholarships, support for the Orillia Music Festival and the commissioning of new works.

The Band encourages you to support these local businesses! Without them, many of the local organizations that contribute to Orillia's diverse arts scene would not be able to continue.

Video Recording

The Orillia Silver Band made its first video recording at the Orillia Opera House in November, performing Ty Watson's *A Life Well Live*. We will be posting it shortly on the Band's YouTube channel, so stay tuned.

2017 Highlights

Here are just some of the highlights from 2017:

- Concerts in Orillia, Barrie, Parry Sound, Collingwood and Alliston
- Benefit Concert in support of **Hillcrest Lodge**

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- Special Christmas concert at **Champlain Manor Retirement Residence**
- Church services at the Orillia Salvation Army and in McKellar
- Hosted a reading session in August for brass players from around the region
- Supported the Orillia Kiwanis Music Festival and Salvation Army Christmas Kettle drive
- Commissioning a new work, **A Life Well Lived**
- Participating in the Orillia, Coldwater, Huntsville and Wasaga Beach Santa Claus parades
- Performed a summer concert at Orillia Aqua Theatre; rained out in Gravenhurst, again.



The Band performs with the Sound Investment Community Choir in Collingwood, December 9, 2017

Looking Ahead

The Band has another busy year ahead. We will kick-off the year with a concert on **Friday, March 23, 7:30 pm at St. James' Anglican Church, Orillia.**

The Band will have just finished recording a new Holiday CD at St. James'. Sorry, the CD will not be available until the Fall.

Then in April, the Band will host the Canadian Band Association/Ontario Brass Band Weekend, culminating in a concert on **Sunday afternoon, April 29 at St. Paul's Centre.** Details to follow.

And we are looking forward to returning to the Aqua Theatre for a Sunday evening concert.

Stay tuned for more events planned throughout the year.

Meet the Band



Fran Harvey joined the Band in 2013 as Solo Cornet player. A retired school administrator with Music and education degrees from the University of Toronto and Athabasca University, Fran is also Conductor of the Metropolitan Silver Band in Toronto. Fran has performed with groups ranging from the

Royal Regiment of Canada Band and the Northdale Concert Band to various community orchestras, bands, jazz bands and musical productions.

Now retired, Fran and Paul can be found enjoying their Muskoka home, where she is playing trumpet, cornet, tuba or bass in a myriad of local groups, teaching brass students, or conducting the Metropolitan Band when she is not playing with the Orillia Silver Band at one of our many performances each year.

Staffing

The Band welcomes Joe Krommenhoek joining our front row cornets. Joe is a member of the Metropolitan Silver Band and Intrada Brass, and travels to rehearsal each week from Scarborough.

And we welcome back Rick Reid on bass trombone from his sabbatical at Trent University.

Keep In Touch

That's all the news for now. Watch for updates on our Webpage (www.orilliasilverband.com) and follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/orilliasilverband). We'd love to hear from you!

Let us know what we are doing right; what could be improved; and what we can do to make your attendance at one of our performances a better experience for you!

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