

Orillia SILVER BAND

Noteworthy

Edition 4 – Fall 2018

The Orillia Silver Band has been enjoying a well-deserved break after a busy summer, with performances in Gravenhurst, Washago and Orillia. Rehearsals have resumed and, in late August, we visited Dunchurch for an annual church service and concert.

Looking Ahead

This Fall, the Band has two major events.

On **Saturday, October 13 at 7:30 (St. Paul's Centre)**, the Band will be performing a fund-raiser concert for Hillcrest Lodge in Orillia, providing assisted housing for seniors in need. As part of the Orillia Jazz Festival, this concert is an annual favourite with audiences. The concert will include music of Rimsky-Korsakov, Glenn Miller & Henry Mancini and feature a number of Band soloists.

Then, on **Sunday, October 28 at 2:00**, the Band will be performing at the **Gravenhurst Opera House**. This is a new venue for the Band and we are looking forward to visiting Gravenhurst again, after performing on a very hot July 1st on the Barge at Gull Lake.

CD Release



In March, the Band recorded a new Christmas CD, ***Christmas Time is Here with the Orillia Silver Band***, featuring some much-loved Christmas favorites. The new CD will be released at our **October 13 Hillcrest Lodge**

Benefit Concert, for a price of \$15. So plan to start your Christmas shopping early; the CD will make great stocking-stuffers!

OSB Ensemble



Earlier this year, the Band formed the **OSB Ensemble**. This group of five talented musicians, led by cornet player Randy Hoover, performs for

smaller groups including service clubs, schools and retirement residences. In addition to providing musical entertainment for functions or events, this

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group also focuses on educating audience members on the origins and style of British-style brass bands.

Meet the Band



Paul Rayment was born and raised in the city of Hamilton, Ontario. He received his basic musical training in the Salvation Army. After high school at the age of 19, Paul was accepted into the Royal Canadian Air Force Toronto Band. Paul performed for two years in the

Toronto Band and eight years with The Central Band in Ottawa. In 1970, Paul embarked on a teaching career; the first three years in Sarnia and the next twenty-one years as head of music of a very active music program at Pauline Johnson Collegiate in Brantford. In both working years and retirement, Paul has remained active in musical activities, including the Staff Band of The Salvation Army, Intrada Brass and The Hannaford Silver Band. He has led various ensembles, music camps, kept active adjudicating cross the country and teaching privately. Paul has just retired from directing the Georgian Bay Brass of Midland for the last eight and is presently enjoying performing with the Orillia Silver Band, carrying on the performing tradition of former OSB relatives John and Albert Hunt.

Staffing

The Band welcomes Heather Mckeown joining our Cornet section. Heather lives in Lindsay and has recently retired from a 30-year music teaching career. She is a McGill University Music graduate on Trumpet and played with both Canadian Armed Forces Regular and Reserve Force bands throughout the years.

More recently, Heather played on the Solo cornet line in various positions with the Whitby Brass Band for 12 years.

The Band also welcomes Simon Downey, playing the Eb Bass. Simon is fortunate to have 'married up' to his wife Allison, celebrating their 20th anniversary in September. They have three boys, so do not have a quiet house - especially as two of them are also band geeks enjoying euphonium and tuba, carrying on the low brass tradition.

Simon learned to play euphonium in The Salvation Army until, at the age of 16, he met his other love - the Eb tuba, which is when he actually started practicing. He has had the opportunity to play with a number of great groups over the years and is grateful to now be enjoying Orillia Silver Band!

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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