

# Orillia SILVER BAND

## Noteworthy

### Edition 7 – Christmas 2019

#### Thank You – We Had A Blast!

The grand finale for our two October concerts in Gravenhurst and Orillia was a boisterous rendition of Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*, complete with cannon fire, lights and smoke! What a way to end the program. Thank you to all who attended.

And a special thank you to our hometown fans who attended our Hillcrest Lodge Benefit Concert on October 27.

#### 'Tis The Season

The Christmas season is a busy time for the band. In early November, the band performed for four nights at Bradford Greenhouse's Christmas Soirées. We will also provide festive tunes for Orillia's Santa Claus Parade on Nov. 17, the St. James' Anglican Church Christmas Market on Nov. 23 and the Coldwater Santa Claus Parade on Dec. 7.

Sleigh Bells & Brass concerts are Adults \$25 and Student/Children \$10. They are available from the individual venue box offices.

A number of other engagements will round out the season - a Christmas program at Trillium Manor on December 5 and a final carol program on December 19 at Champlain Manor.

#### Thank You To Our Sponsors!

Without our generous sponsors, the band would be limited in the number of community activities it can carry on during the course of the year. We are most grateful for their continued support. Please support these sponsors and let them know how important their sponsorship of the band is to you.

Listed below are the band's sponsors for 2019.

#### New CD - *Couchiching Classics*



The band is pleased to announce the release of its 3<sup>rd</sup> CD -- *Couchiching Classics*. Recorded in October at the Orillia Opera House, the CD includes music performed by the band during the year.

The kids in you and in your life will enjoy *Symphonic Highlights from Frozen* composed by Kristen Anderson-Lopez, Robert Lopez & Christophe Beck. Also on the album is the stirring



The band's annual Sleigh Bells & Brass Christmas Concert at the **Stockey Centre in Parry Sound** is on **December 1**, with a repeat performance at the **Orillia Opera House on December 15**. Get your tickets soon as these concerts are near sell-out each year! Tickets for the

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theme from the movie, *Out of Africa* by John Barry. Our concert goers will remember Kevin Houben's moving and sometime mysterious *Lake of the Moon*. And, by popular request, *A Life Well Lived*. In 2017, the band commissioned Canadian Ty Watson to compose this piece, and we are delighted to include this work on the CD.

The CD will come with a card enabling a one-time download of the entire album. The CD will be available at concerts, in a number of Orillia stores and the Orillia Museum of Art & History.

## SHINE!

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70 YEARS OF ORILLIA

The Orillia Silver Band is marking its 70th Anniversary. To celebrate the occasion, the band is partnering with the Orillia Museum of Art & History and Mariposa Arts Theatre to produce a new show: **SHINE! - 70 Years of Orillia**. The show will feature a series of stories and vignettes about events in Orillia's history over the last 70 years, a video montage of photos and film and music performed by the band & guests spanning the period.

**SHINE!** will run on Sunday afternoon, March 22 and Saturday evening, April 4, 2020 in the Lightfoot Theatre of the Orillia Opera House.

### Meet the Band – Karen Richards, Eb Horn



A retired chartered accountant and chief financial officer, Karen moved to Muskoka several years ago with her husband Steve. While Karen's primary instruments are flute and piccolo, she decided to learn how to play

the french horn upon retirement and subsequently joined the Orillia Silver Band on Eb tenor horn 2½ years ago.

While the flute remains her first love, Karen also enjoys having her brass voices to express herself

musically. "The voices are quite different, but have opened doors to play in ensembles and genres which are not typically available to flutists."

Before moving north, Karen played with the Richmond Hill Philharmonic Orchestra, Brampton Concert Band, and various chamber ensembles and pit orchestras in the GTA. She currently performs with, on one instrument or another, the Orillia Silver Band, Muskoka Concert Band, Northwood Brass, Muskoka Big Band, and pinch hits for the North Bay Symphony occasionally. She continues to enjoy playing in local musical theatre productions and chamber ensembles.

### Keep In Touch

That's all the news for now. Watch for updates on our Website [www.orilliasilverband.com](http://www.orilliasilverband.com). Or follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/orilliasilverBand](https://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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### And a Little Brass Humour...



"I don't know how these rumors start, Gene, but believe me, nobody is accusing you of being a whistle blower."