

Orillia SILVER BAND

Noteworthy

Edition 5 – Spring 2019

The Orillia Silver Band has been working hard over the winter preparing programs for concerts in February and May, including a contribution to a benefit concert for the Salvation Army Church, Orillia.

Looking Ahead

The Band will be performing on May 28 at the Home Hardware Ladies Night, June 8 for the Lakehead University Orillia Convocation and July 14 at the Aquatheatre in Couchiching Beach Park. We will be taking a few short weeks off from rehearsing and gather again on August 25 for a Sunday Service and concert in McKellar, Ontario.

The Band will also be recording a new CD in the coming weeks, for release later this Fall. More later on our Fall schedule and the CD release.

SHINE! – 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 other local arts groups 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.

OSB Quintet



The OSB Quintet, a group of five OSB musicians playing music on a variety of instruments, has performed recently at a number of churches, clubs and service organizations around Orillia. The Quintet performed at the Easter Service of the Orillia Presbyterian Church, the May Banquet of the Canadian Federation of University Women as well as the Ladies Luncheon of the Champlain Seniors Service Club.

If you are interested in having the Quintet perform for your local club or organization, please don't hesitate to contact us at the email listed below.

Support Our Sponsors

Listed below are the Band's sponsors for 2019. Without these sponsors, the Band would be limited in the number of community activities it can carry on during the course of the year. Please support these sponsors! Let them know how important their sponsorship of the Band is to you.

City Of Orillia Grant

In May, the Band received a grant from the City of Orillia towards the cost of performing three concerts this year in the Orillia Opera House. The Band sincerely appreciates the assistance of the City of Orillia and its acknowledgement of the importance of arts & culture to this community.

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Dedicated to the Community

The Orillia Silver Band is dedicated to contributing to Orillia and the surrounding community. Among the activities this year:

- Benefit concerts for Hillcrest Lodge and the Salvation Army Church
- Donation to Orillia Kiwanis Music Festival
- Performances at the Lakehead University Orillia Convocation and Ladies Night at Home Hardware, a major Band sponsor.
- Awarding the Harry Peacock Scholarship
- Volunteering in music education programs and for the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign
- Performing during the Sunday evening concerts at the Aquatheatre & the Santa Claus Parade.
- Christmas concerts at local retirement homes.

Meet the Band – Paul Minnoch, Percussion



Paul started making money playing drums when he was thirteen years old (nothing like that to wake up a teenager) and has been busy ever since playing everything from Polka Bands to Strip Clubs to Buckingham Palace for Charles and Diana, The RCMP Musical Ride and

the UN troops stationed in Cyprus.

Some of the groups that he has played for including the Orillia Silver Band are; the many groups within the Royal Regiment of Canada Band where he became the section leader, The Metropolitan Silver Band, the Brampton Symphony Orchestra, the Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra as well as the Northdale, North York, North Toronto, Encore and Muskoka Concert Bands. Scheduling can be a problem, especially when you add in at least 17 theatre productions that he can recall.

On the pop and Jazz scene, Paul has been honoured to play with some of the best, including Tony Collacott, Lorne Lofsky, Robert Guerriere, John Guerriere, Jack Long, Mike Cockeram, Benny Lewis and many others in addition to numerous big bands.

Band's Favourite Music

You might ask: Do Band members have favourite pieces of music? The answer is, of course, yes. For this writer, it started with Paul Lovatt-Cooper's *Dark Side of the Moon* – very moving. Holiday music can be challenging, but a relatively new piece by Morten Lauridsen's entitled *O Magnum Mysterium* is also a powerful composition.

Are there pieces that are not necessarily favourites? Possibly, but that we will save for another time.

Spring Draw

At our May 12 Beach concert, ballots were collected in a draw for a \$25 gift certificate from Kelsey's Restaurant and two tickets to a show at the Orillia Opera House. Congratulations to Mr. Murray Rowan whose name was drawn after the concert. Thanks to the Opera House for donating the show tickets!

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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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