Blacksburg Community Band

Virginia Tech Squires Student Center
Old Dominion Ballroom
March 13, 1999
8:00 pm

In joint concert with

Peninsula Concert Band, Inc.
Blackburg Community Band

About the Conductor:
The Blackburg Community Band is directed by Ed Schwartz. A native of the Chicago area, Schwartz is a graduate of the University of Illinois School of Music with degrees in music education. He was a soloist and trombone section leader in the 84th Army Band in Stuttgart, West Germany and principal trombonist for the Illini Symphony.

Before coming to Blacksburg, Schwartz was the founder and director of the Newark Community Band in Newark, Delaware. Currently on the Virginia Tech faculty in Educational Technologies and co-director of the New Media Center, Schwartz works with the application of interactive optical and digital multimedia technologies to education.

About the Band:
The Blackburg Community Band is an all volunteer community organization formed in 1989 under the auspices of the Town of Blacksburg, Department of Parks and Recreation. The ensemble performs in an average of 25 concerts each year throughout the New River Valley, reaching more than 7,000 people.

The BCB has three primary objectives:
1. Provide an opportunity for community members to rekindle their past interest in music.
2. Encourage adults to begin a musical experience.
3. Provide live performances for the community, especially audiences who traditionally cannot afford to pay for live groups or who, because of age and disability, cannot attend performances.

Membership in the band is open to individuals of all ages and ability levels from the New River Valley and surrounding areas. No auditions are required, and there are no dues or fees. Members volunteer their time and talents. Current members range in age from teenagers to senior adults. All share the common bond of having fun by making music and sharing this joy with the community.

The Blacksburg Community Band President is Amy Hall.

Peninsula Concert Band, Inc.

About the Conductor:
Peninsula Concert Band Director of Music is Daniel J. Steiger. First Lieutenant Steiger is currently Executive Officer and Associate Conductor of the United States Continental Army Band at Fort Monroe, Virginia. LT Steiger has his undergraduate degree from Ithaca (NY) College and his MA in conducting from George Mason University. He has taught conducting at the Armed Forces School of Music and was assistant conductor of the wind ensemble at Old Dominion University from 1993-1996.

About the Band:
The Peninsula Concert Band presented its first concert at Hampton's Darling stadium under the baton of C.W.O.(retired) Michael A. Quinto on July 3, 1950. A retired Army Bandmaster, Quinto, was the band's founder and initial music director. All of the band's directors since have been current or retired military band leaders. Originally known as the Hampton Community Band under the sponsorship of Hampton Roads Post #31 of the American Legion, the band received its charter in 1956 as a not-for-profit organization. A few years later the band was adopted by the Newport News Schools' Adult Education Program and became the Peninsula Community Band.

The Peninsula Concert Band is a not-for-profit, educational organization devoted to presenting quality musical programs to the local community. The band's mission is to provide all interested folks an opportunity to play with like-minded instrumentalists. The band welcomes all musicians, and no audition or dues are required for membership. The only requirement is enthusiasm.

The Peninsula Concert Band President is Chip Barclay.
Blacksburg Community Band, with the Peninsula Concert Band, presents:

A Midwinter Festival of Music

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Bravura...............................................................C.E. Duble
For the New Day Arisen........................................Steven Barton
Prayer of Saint Gregory........................................Alan Hovhaness
Richard Everitt, Trumpet Soloist
Wein Bleibt Wien..................................................Johann Schrammel, arr. Gosling Mol
Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral
from "Lohengrin"...................................................Richard Wagner
Amparito Roca......................................................Jamie Texidor, arr. Aubrey Winter
A Song for Friends................................................Larry Daehn

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The Purple Carnival..............................................Harry L. Alford, arr. Frank Erickson
Rio Chama...........................................................Steven E. Brown
Steven E. Brown, Conductor
Funiculi Funicula.................................................Luigi Denza, arr. Philip Lang
A Slavic Farewell..................................................Vasiliy Agapkin, arr. John R. Bourgeois
Sinatra In Concert................................................arr. Jerry Nowak

The Peninsula Concert Band and The Blacksburg Community Band

Radetzky Marsch...................................................Johann Strauss
Irish Tune from County Derry..................................Percy Aldridge Grainger
John Williams: Evening at Pops................................arr. John Higgins
First Suite in Eb for Military Band
1. Chaconne
2. Intermezzo
3. March

America the Beautiful........................................Samuel Augustus Ward, arr. Carmen Dragon
The Stars and Stripes Forever..................................John Philip Sousa
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