First Night

Thanks to everyone who came out for the performance on New Year’s Eve. There were approximately 1,200 people who attended Blacksburg’s first annual First Night. We had over 40 members who performed at the Middle school auditorium. There were a total of 22 acts that performed across the downtown area from the Lyric theatre and Henderson lawn to the Middle school and Library. The town was pleased with the turnout and hopes to double the number of performers next year. At the end of the evening, there were fireworks that could be seen from Henderson lawn and several hundred people were on hand to watch.

From the Pres.

This year’s concert is sure to be our best yet, with Jim Sochinski guest conducting and several great selections that Ed has chosen. Yes, I'll be up there, too. But we need to get the word out to the full community that we are here, so spread the word to your friends, co-workers, and other music lovers!

Wouldn't it be great to pack that big room?!?!? Steve

New Officers

Thanks to the new officers for agreeing to serve for the year 2001.

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Alto sax

Members At-Large:

Alane Homer  
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Volunteers Needed

Anyone interested in working on committees to support the band throughout the semester, please contact one of the officers. There are several committees available. Any amount of time that you have to give will be appreciated.

- MEMBERSHIP (VP)
- SOCIAL COMMITTEE (VP)
- OPERATIONS (VP)
- LIBRARY (SEC)
- PUBLICITY (SEC)
- NEWSLETTER (SEC)
• HISTORICAL (SEC)
• FUND RAISING (TR)
• BUDGET (TR)

CURRENT PROJECTS NEEDING ASSISTANCE:
• Help with sorting music
• Help with updating band schedule posted at music stores

Upcoming Events
Roanoke Symphony Monday Night Classics IV is presenting Star-crossed lovers with a finale featuring a new concert adaptation of Shakespeare’s immortal Romeo & Juliet. Monday January 22 at 8:00 pm at the Roanoke Civic Center (Tickets: $13-28 343-9127, www.rso.com).

Join the Independence Quartet as it journeys through the complete string Quartets of Beethoven in 2001: A Beethoven Odyssey. The performance is at the Lyric Theatre on Tuesday January 23 at 7:30 pm. There will also be a pre-concert lecture at 7:00 pm. (Tickets: free, 951-4771 www.thelyric.com).

David Ehrlich and Friends will perform on January 27 at 8 pm and January 28 at 3 pm. David Ehrlich is a violinist who will perform with Sergei Babyan, piano, Rami Solomonow, violinist, and Nicole Johnson, cellist. Works will include the Brahms Piano Quartet in G minor and Schubert’s String Trio. (Tickets: $5 University Unions and Student Activities: 231-5615 www.sota.vt.edu)

Louise Billaud, piano, will play works from Beethoven, Cesar Frank and Kabalevsky at Preston Hall at Radford University on Sunday January 29 at 8:00 pm (Tickets: $3 831-5265 www.radford.edu/~cvpa-web/ruarts.html)

SCHEDULE
During the spring, the band meets from 7:30-9:30 in the Blacksburg High School Band Hall. Sometimes particular instruments will meet from 7:00-7:30. The band is currently practicing music for the spring concert.

Upcoming Concerts:
Spring Concert, TBA
Fourth of July-Radford, July 3, 2001
Fourth of July-Blacksburg, July 4, 2001

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