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BLACKSBURG COMMUNITY BAND

Jay A. Durner, Conductor

Steven E. Brown, Associate Conductor

25TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Sunday, April 13, 2014

3:00 pm

Blacksburg High School Auditorium



President's Note

What an exciting year! The Blacksburg Community Band is celebrating its 25th anniversary season. It is hard to believe that the band had its first rehearsal on January 18, 1989 in the old Blacksburg High School band room. From that original rehearsal, the band has grown to an average of 60 members including over a dozen original members who



have been with the band since it started 25 years ago. As an all-volunteer organization, the Blacksburg Community Band has been fortunate to have dedicated and enthusiastic members. Each year the band performs in an average of 25 concerts throughout the New River Valley reaching over 7,000 people. Local music brings the community together, provides entertainment for people from all walks of life, and helps increase the quality of life for those who experience it. The band has a great mission of providing a musical outlet for citizens of the Town of Blacksburg and surrounding areas who are interested in rekindling or continuing their interest in music. The band brings together members of the community with different musical skills, professional backgrounds, and ages but who all share a love of music. We look forward to the band celebrating many more years of music.

Thank you for coming out to support the Blacksburg Community Band and we hope you enjoy our 25th Annual Spring Concert!

Jennifer Hundley

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Conductor's Note

Today marks a monumental celebration in the world of community bands – the 25th anniversary of the Blacksburg Community Band. Like small businesses, many groups don't make it this far. The fact that the band is still performing after a quarter of a century is certainly a tribute to the founder, Mr. Ed Schwartz and all of the original members that are still with the band today.



It is certainly an honor to be able to take over the reins of such a fine band and being at the helm for just under a year, I have a stronger acquaintance with the members, understand what types of music they would like to play, and also a better feel for the direction that the band may take. I believe that we are on the beginning of a great adventure as we move into the next part of the band's life!

Today's program features selections that have been played by the band throughout the last 25 years. Some of them are classic pieces of the band literature and others have been selected based on audience appeal. I am sure that on today's program, there will be something for everyone.



As we progress through the upcoming concerts and future seasons, look for some theme based concerts, such as a night at the opera, an evening of swing, a children's concert and perhaps a short tour of Broadway. One of my objectives for the Band is to increase our concert venues and increase our audiences!

Twenty five years is a milestone. I would like to thank you for all of your past support of the band, and certainly hope that we will continue to receive it in the future!

Jay A. Durner

Blacksburg Community Band

FLUTE

Megan Bender (1)
Susan Brooker-Gross (6)
Thomas James Godfrey (18)
Andrew Mah (1)
Vicki Scarratt (13)
Sarah Showalter (1)
Leda Stubbs (24)
Mary Walters (13)

OBOE

Jessica Dickenson (1)
Julie Montecalvo (1)
Emma Nichols (1)
David Wells (4)

BASSOON

Nathan Dove (1)
Beth Paterson (1)
Jonathan Rapp (3)
Mary Rhoades (25)*

CLARINET

Elizabeth Bowles (25)*
Emily Craine (2)
Carl Derfler (13)
Terri Fisher (16)
Bayli Foley (1)
Karen Haga (25)*
Megan Hall (1)
Alane Homer (22)
Renee Jacobsen (24)
Mary Keffer (25)*
Emily Kennedy (1)
Kendra Kohl (25)*
Bruce McGarvey (12)
Julian Schenker (2)
Lisa Utz (8)

ALTO CLARINET

Carol Baker (10)
Barbara Self (25)*

BASS CLARINET

Dixon Smiley (8)

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Debby Good (8)
Charlie Katz (1)
Jim Mitchell (20)
Karl Sanzenbach (20)
Rachel Tracy (7)

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Mack Hilton (1)
Steve Hulburt (19)

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Cassandra Dillon (3)

FRENCH HORN

Jennifer Hundley (6)
Derry Hutt (16)
Terry Nicholson (13)
Evan Wood (2)

TRUMPET

Lloyd Blevins (1)
Dave Fried (6)
Rich Gruss (2)
Joel Hodges (1)
Scott Malbon (2)
Jim Marchman (25)*
Daniel McPherson (18)
Bill Murphy (14)
Eric Paterson (1)
Nolan Wages (3)

TROMBONE

Daniel Casey (2)
Patrick Casey (2)
Dean Chiapetto (19)
Alice Cox (4)
Katie Lucot (3)
Armie Tatpong Tulyananda (2)

BARITONE

Betsy Davies (17)
Kai Duncan (25)*
David Kibler (15)
Gary McDaniel (6)
Sarah St. Jean (1)

TUBA

Jamous Bitrick (2)
George McNeill (12)

PERCUSSION

Steve Brown (19)
Matt Chan (1)
Glen Chilcote (1)
Harriett Cooper (16)
Alan McDaniel (15)
Bob Schoner (6)

BAND OFFICERS

President: Jennifer Hundley
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Secretary: Terri Fisher
Treasurer: David Kibler
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Hospitality: Kendra Kohl, Renee Jacobsen
Program: Terri Fisher

Concert Program

Jay A. Durner, Conductor (5)

Steven E. Brown, Associate Conductor (19)

Ed Schwartz, Founding Director (25)*

SPRING CONCERT 2014

Star Spangled Banner Francis Scott Key, John Stafford Smith

Bravura (1994) C. E. Duple

Suite of Old American Dances (2008) Robert Russell Bennett

I. Cake Walk

III. Western One Step

The Afternoon of a Faun Claude Debussy, arr. Harold L. Walters

– Presentation of Founder's Scholarship –

Radetzky March (2007) Johann Strauss, arr. Alfred Reed

Pineapple Poll (2006) Arthur Sullivan, arr. Charles Mackerras

I. Opening Number

IV. Finale

Irish Tune from County Derry (1994, 2009) Percy Grainger

Puffin' Billy Edward White, arr. Mark E. Wolfram

From the Log of *The Red Dragon* (world premiere)
Steven E. Brown

My Fair Lady (1996, 2004)
Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe, arr. Robert Russell Bennett

Hoagy Carmichael In Concert (1993) arr. Warren Barker

America the Beautiful Samuel Augustus Ward, arr. Carmen Dragon

Founder's Note



Shortly after moving to Blacksburg in the fall of 1988, I found that there was no community band in the area and I knew that I had to start one. I had recently come from Newark, Delaware where I had found the opportunity to form a community band six years earlier.

I drew from this experience to bring this model to Blacksburg. I knew that a community band would be a tremendous asset to Blacksburg and essential in the quality of life for the musicians and community alike. Playing concerts for local events, retirement villages, local organizations, as well as for smaller outlying communities, it was clear that there would be plenty of opportunities for a group like this to perform. From the growing list of musicians that I spoke with, it was evident that an all-inclusive group was necessary with no dues and no auditions. It was important to me to listen to all ideas about the band and make sure that everyone played an important role in setting the band's direction.

On January 18, 1989, the Blacksburg Community Band held its first rehearsal. The group was comprised of 36 musicians who were a bit nervous, but very excited about performing music



once again. The first concert was four months later at Mountain Lake for their annual Mountains of Misery Bike Ride on May 14. This first public concert boasted 38 musicians and an enthusiastic audience. On April 27, 1990, the band celebrated the first anniversary concert featuring 40 musicians on stage.

Fast forward to the 10th year of the band. At this point, there were still over a dozen musicians who had been with the band since the first year. Clearly, the band had become an important part of their

lives, and with over 20 concerts per year, the band was still important and in demand by an enthusiastic community. The band now had 50 musicians on stage for the 10th anniversary concert.

As the band entered the 20th year, no fewer than 15 musicians were still performing from the original group. At this juncture, it is evident that the band was more than an important part of their lives, it was part of their core identity. Even at this point, the band was still performing more than 20 concerts per year. The band featured over 80 musicians on stage that year!

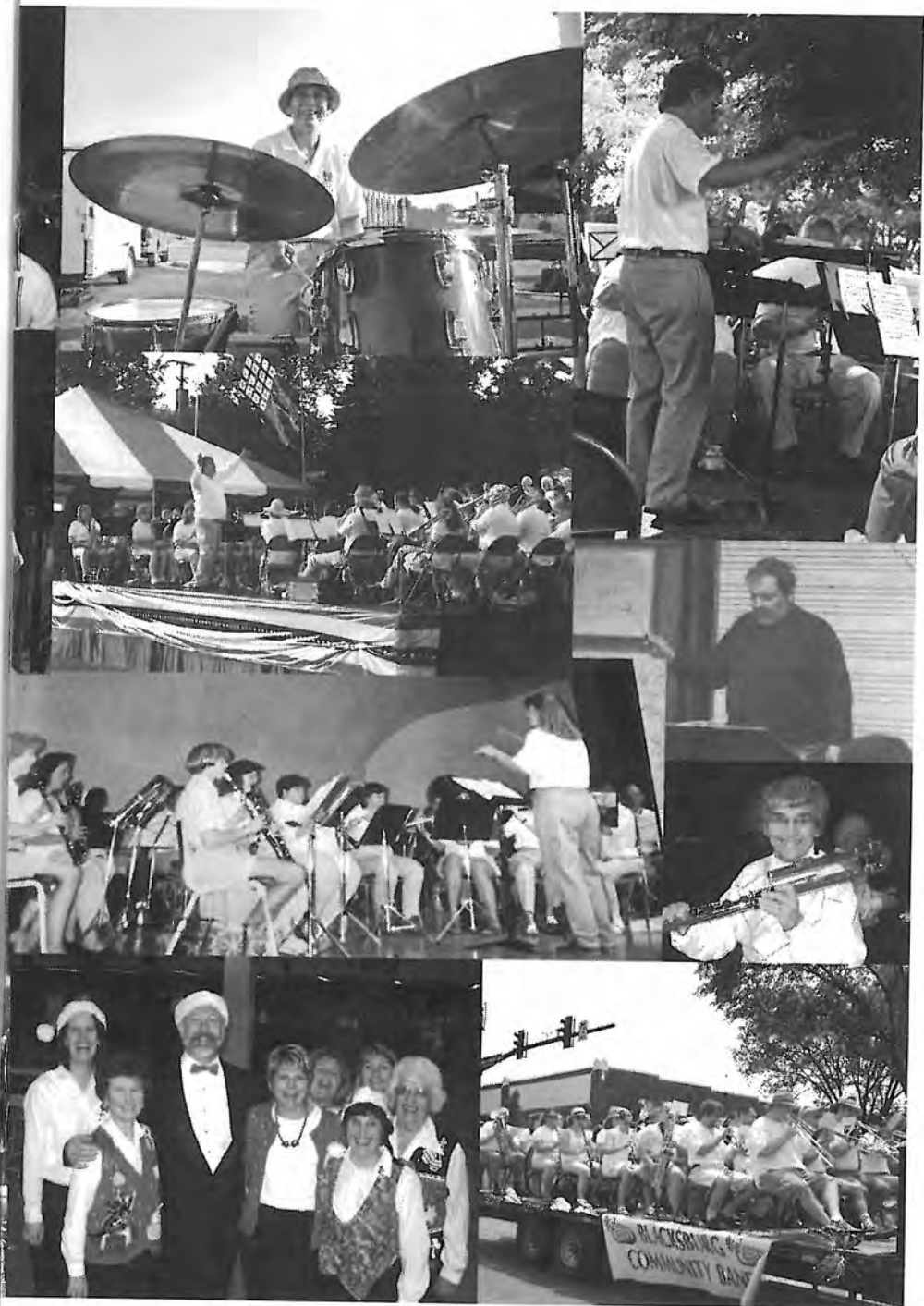
Now the band celebrates its 25th year. A quarter of a century! That represents 25 years of service to the community with over 522 concerts performed, 938 rehearsals and literally hundreds of musicians, both young and old, who have played with this group. The band has come a long way since 1989, with a larger-than-ever membership, an extensive music library, an effective fund-raising effort which keeps the band functioning, and a growing inventory of percussion and other equipment necessary for concerts. This success is due to the amazing energy, hard work and enthusiasm of all the dedicated members of the band. A tremendous amount of work goes into running the band by members who have donated their time to work as a Band Officer or on one of the band committees. My sincere thanks go out to all that have played in the band and my heartfelt appreciation goes to all of my wonderful friends that have donated their time and expertise



over the past 25 years to make this band the great organization which you see and hear on stage today! For over 24 years, it was my great honor to be the Music Director and Conductor of this wonderful group and I will treasure the memory of every minute of it!

Ed Schwartz





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