

2016 Annual Report of the St. Johnsbury Band

The St. Johnsbury Band had an active season in 2016 with the regular summer concert series at the band stand in Courthouse Park sponsored by the Town of St. Johnsbury. We are requesting the same appropriation for 2017. The concert season consists of 10 summer concerts (weather permitting) with the first one of the season being at St. Johnsbury Health and Rehab, with the balance being on the bandstand in Courthouse Park. 2016 saw both a growth in the audience attending the summer concerts and members playing in the band.

Just before the start of the 2016 concert season, the State of Vermont made significant improvements to the bandstand lighting with improved light fixtures and repainted the bandstand's ceiling with a white gloss paint to make reading the music a lot easier in our evening concerts. (For a picture of the band playing under the new lights, go to www.stjohnsburyband.org.) The Band also performed for St. Johnsbury's Memorial Day Observance where guest vocalist Janet Edmondson performed 'America the Beautiful.' The band performed in the Festival of Bands concert with the bands from St. Johnsbury School and St. Johnsbury Academy. Over the summer several students participated in the band.

The summer concert season opened up at the bandstand June 20th with Town Clerk Stacy Jewell and St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce Tara Holt being "Celebrity Scoopers" for a free ice cream social.

Each summer concert featured a different program with a free ice cream social and we wish to thank our ice cream social sponsors: Armstrong Better Hearing and All About Flowers, the Caledonian Record, Community National Bank (2), New England List Services, NVRH, Passumpsic Savings Bank (2) plus an anonymous sponsor. We hope to offer free ice cream socials at each concert again in 2017.

The Band performed two benefit concerts; one to support the St. Johnsbury Academy's Melissa Jenkins Scholarship Fund and another on Veterans Day to support the St. Johnsbury History and Heritage Center. The band had paid performances out of town for the 4th of July and the Lyndonville Stars & Stripes Parade. All the band members and officers volunteer their time and talents and an honorarium is paid to the Musical Director Gary Aubin and the Assistant Musical Director Kirsten Harter.

At the annual meeting November 28, 2016 the following individuals were elected: Gary Aubin; Musical Director, Kirsten Harter; Assistant Musical Director and Treasurer, Dianne Wyllie; Secretary, Jim McGregor; Music Librarian, David Askren; Web Manager, David Hare, Manager; Debi Smith, Assistant Manager; and Davina Whitehill was elected to the Board of Directors. Stacy Jewell was made an honorary member of the band. John Goodrich volunteered to lead a committee looking into a permanent display of the Band Memorabilia at the St. Johnsbury History and Heritage Center. Jim McGregor is looking into grants so the Band might participate in the Eastern States Exposition (the "Big E") on Vermont Day and others.

Considerable work was done with the Music Library by Jim McGregor and David Askren getting it available to search on on-line. This resulted in two inquires to duplicate out of print music and permission was granted to reproduce them by the current copyright holders. One piece of music was for a college concert band in Spain, and the other was for a high school band in Florida.

Please consider playing with the band in our 2017 season. Membership is open to all musicians with music reading skills and a concert band style instrument. (Instruction and some "loaner" instruments

may be available; please inquire.) We rehearse at the Caledonia Court House Monday evenings; please see the calendar on our website for concert times, locations and details.

Donations for our New Music Fund are accepted at each summer concert and throughout the year. The St. Johnsbury Band is a non-profit 501c3 tax exempt organization and donations are tax deductible.

Visit us at www.stjohnsburyband.org where you will find our current band calendar, news, history and more. E-mail manager@stjohnsburyband.org and Like us on Facebook for updates. We look forward to providing the residents of St. Johnsbury another summer of concerts from the bandstand

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