

A  From The Conductor's Podium

Jim Wheeler, Conductor
Park Rapids Area Community Band
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Park Rapids, MN 56470
218-237-2434

January 22, 2002

Dear PRACB Members, Associates and Friends,

A warm Happy New Year greeting to you and yours from the Board of Directors and the Librarian.

Our Winter Holiday Concert was a success in so many ways. We have never received so many positive comments from those in attendance. People were deeply touched by the singing and playing of "Salvation Is Created". I was very impressed that your singing matched the pitch when the band resumed playing. Other selections that people enjoyed the most were "Christmas In The Round" and "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers". Overall, I feel that the concert made a lot of people feel good inside.

So, on we go with our schedule for spring and summer;

The Spring Concert will be given on Sunday, April 14th at 3:00 PM in the new Century Middle School Cafetorium. The rehearsals leading to this concert will be on the following Saturdays; February 23, March 9 and 23, April 6 and 13. Rehearsals start at 10:00 AM and last until 12:00 noon and are held in the Park Rapids Area High School Bandroom except the April 13th rehearsal which will be held in the Century Middle School Cafetorium so we can get used to the new surroundings.

The annual pre fireworks July 4th Concert is on Thursday this year at 8:00 PM behind the Pizza Hut. The rehearsals before this concert will be on June 15 and June 29.

We are planning another overnight trip the first weekend in August. This will be on August 3 and 4. We will be going to Duluth where the temperature will be cooler and the crowds larger. Also, that week in Duluth will be the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the American School Band Directors Association so it will be an exciting time to be there. We will play two or three concerts, one that will be on the Canal Park Waterway.

Back to our Spring Concert, mark your calendar with the concert and rehearsal dates and refer to it as we go through the schedule. We have only 5 rehearsals before the concert and it is not a huge time commitment. As I have said many times before, everyone is important to our band. We have an excellent community band program because we have good players on all of the parts. I'm taking a line from "Phantom of the Opera" when I Say **ALL I ASK OF YOU** is to keep me informed if you have to miss a rehearsal or if you cannot play in a concert. This is very important to me in my planning and preparation. Thank you.

Personal regards,

Jim Wheeler, Conductor
PRACB
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Region 2 Arts Council

Solon Green
Manager/Treasurer
Park Rapids Area Comm
15923 Freedom Drive
Park Rapids, MN 56470

Dear Solon:

The Region 2 Arts Council
R2AC/McKnight grants

Although your request was
grants round resulted in
alternate source of funding
Professional timpani.

I enjoyed speaking with
regarding the Board's decision

Sincerely,

Terri Widman
Executive Director

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Region 2 Arts Council

March 18, 2002

Solon Green
Manager/Treasurer
Park Rapids Area Community Band
15923 Freedom Drive
Park Rapids, MN 56470

Re: GenOps-2002-05

Dear Solon:

On Monday, March 18, the Region 2 Arts Council Board held its review of applications for the General Operating Support Program.

Because of the competition for the funds available, you did not receive full funding, but I am pleased to let you know that you were awarded \$1,033 toward your purchase of needed equipment including xylophone, concert bells and chimes. This same award will be made to you each year for three years, pending approval of your interim reports.

Enclosed are two grant contracts, please sign both and return one. Also enclosed is a Request for Payment form that must be completed and returned. Both documents are due back in 30 days.

We applaud the PRACB's steps towards innovation and growth as evidenced by the diversity in musical selections that you perform, by the diversity in performing groups, and your involvement in the Red Cross fundraising event for the victims of the September 11th tragedy.

We appreciate that PRACB offers a way for musicians to continue practicing their art form, and that you provide an excellent opportunity for people of different ages and different walks of life to interact in a creative endeavor. We also like that your members represent a wide geographic area around Park Rapids. Your band definitely serves a need in our area and we are fortunate to benefit from the volunteer efforts of so many talented musicians.

Sincerely,


Terri Widman
Executive Director

NCMA, Community Band receive operating grants

The Region 2 Arts Council recently awarded \$10,683 through its general operating support program.

Among the recipients was the North Country Museum of Arts in Park Rapids which received \$2,000 to be used toward operating expenses, including a portion of the curator's salary.

The Park Rapids Area Community Band received \$1,033 to purchase a xylophone, concert bells and chimes.

PRACB spring concert

The Park Rapids Area Community Band will present its 11th annual spring concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14 at the Century School cafeteria.

The program will spotlight American patriotism and salute New York. Featured soloists will be Dawn Kovacovich on piccolo, Glenn Seibel on euphonium and the Ted Mann Saxophone Quartet from the University of Minnesota.

"The PRACB Dance Band will play its usual crowd-pleasing role as they add an exciting change of pace with three selections," conductor Jim Wheeler said.

There is no admission charge; a free will offering will be received.

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Park Rapids Area Community Band

Members Welcome You to

The 11th Annual Spring Concert

Jim Wheeler, Conductor

David Kerkvliet, Associate Conductor

Kadence Schermerhorn - Student Conductor

Randy Resley, Dance Band Leader

Announcers

Bill Bair and Major Katy Garza-Bair

Sunday April 14, 2002
at 3:00 p.m.

Park Rapids Century School Cafetorium





Concert in the Cafetorium

Quote: "There are moments when music should be caressed and hugged gently and handled with discipline and respect - I suppose that is why they have conductors." ... Chub Ulmer, Mandan News, 9/5/96.



*Glen Seibel playing
"Sounds From the Hudson"
Euphonium soloist*



*Dawn Kovacovich playing
"Fantasy on when Johnny Comes
Marching Home"*



*Conductor
Jim Wheeler*



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Ted Mann quartet to perform

The Ted Mann Saxophone Quartet from the University of Minnesota will be featured in the Park Rapids Area Community Band's spring concert to be presented at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14 in the Century School cafetorium. This is the quartet's fourth appearance in Park Rapids. Other concert highlights include "Songs of Earth, Water, Fire and Sky," a new composition for the concert band influenced by the Native American tradition. "An American Elegy" is dedicated to the victims of the 9/11 World Trade Center terrorist attacks. "The Phantom Regiment" by Leroy Anderson and "God Bless the USA" with a vocal octet will be performed. John Phillip Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever" will conclude the program. Quartet members include David Groh, baritone saxophone; Kristen Hanich, tenor saxophone; Michael Sedki, alto saxophone and Anna Marie Wytko, soprano saxophone.



Playing in the hall before the Concert



★ 76 Trombones, Summertime and more

Prior to the fireworks the Park Rapids Area Community Band will present a free outdoor performance at the city beach by the



Community band part of celebration

What can be more like small-town USA on the Fourth of July than family picnics, parades, a band concert and fireworks?

"The Park Rapids Area Community Band is proud to be a part of this year's celebration," said director Jim Wheeler.

The community band will perform at 8 p.m. July 4 in the park area behind Pizza Hut.

Highlighting the program will be four marches, all of different character, said Wheeler, with John Philip Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever" concluding the concert. Several patriotic selections are included in the evening presentation, such as "An American Elegy," "America... The Dream Goes On" and "Armed Forces Salute."

Soloist Nadine Wheeler will sing George Gershwin's "Summertime." A trumpet quartet is featured in Harold Walters' "Trumpet Filigree."

The Park Rapids Area Community Band is a nonprofit organization. Dave Kerkvliet serves as associate conductor.

In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the Park Rapids Area High School auditorium at 8 p.m.



ALLEN UNDEM / ENTERPRISE

Music from Guadalcanal to River City

The Park Rapids Area Community Band really did play "76 Trombones" this year at its annual concert in the park preceding the Fourth of July fireworks show. A huge and appreciative audience watched and listened to the band perform from its "concert hall tent." The eclectic program included patriotic numbers, jazz, show tunes, gospel favorites and a funeral elegy and, as always, ending with its signature rendition of "The Stars and Stripes Forever." The band's calendar lists upcoming summer concerts in Duluth, Chisholm and "Water Music" in Hackensack.

March 13, 2002

Dear PRACB Members,

This card is a reminder of the remaining rehearsals before our Spring Concert on April 14th. They are; March 23, April 6 and April 13. The rehearsals will begin at 9:30 am in an attempt to gain lost rehearsal time from having to cancel the March 9th rehearsal due to the storm.

The April 13th rehearsal and the concert on April 14th will be held at the new Century Middle School here in Park Rapids.

See you then.

Sincerely,
Jim Wheeler, Conductor
(218) 732-2434



The Park Rapids Area Community Band
Presents
"A Summer Concert Series, 2002"

Thursday, July 4th in Park Rapids – "Pre-Fireworks Music" – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 3rd in Duluth – "Lakeside Ramble" – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 4th in Chisholm – "Music on the Iron Range" – 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 17th in Hackencack – "Water Music Concert" – 3:00 p.m.

Jim Wheeler, Conductor
Dave Kerkvliet, Associate Conductor
Aaron Kjenaas, Announcer

PROGRAM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER..... John S. Smith, arr. Higgins

GUADALCANAL MARCH Richard Rogers, arr. Leidzen
from "Victory at Sea"

AN AMERICAN ELEGY Frank Tichelli
Dave Kerkvliet, Conductor

SUMMERTIME..... George Gershwin, arr. Wheeler
Nadine Wheeler, Soloist

SELECTIONS FROM THE MUSIC MAN Meredith Willson, arr. Lang

THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM Mitch Leigh, arr. Bencriscutto
from "Man of LaMancha"

TRUMPET FILIGREE Harold Walters
Trumpet Quartet: Randy Resley, Bill Sanger, Bob Poore, Tom Giles

THE PHANTOM REGIMENT LeRoy Anderson

AMERICA . . . THE DREAM GOES ON John Williams, arr. Higgins
Featuring the Vocal Chords

THE ENTERTAINER..... Scott Joplin, arr. Frackenhohl

ST. LOUIS BLUES MARCH..... W. C. Handy, arr. Gray

ARMED FORCES SALUTE arr. by Bob Lowden

THE STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER John P. Sousa, edited by Brior



Pre-Fireworks Music



Vocal Chords



Trumpet Quartet

CHAIR ENDOWMENT PROGRAM

As a means of raising much needed funds for the operation of this program, the PRACB initiated a Chair Endowment Program five years ago. An individual or any business establishment can endow a chair in the concert band. The cost is \$100. New endowers and renewals are being solicited at this time. These gifts can be anonymous or can be given as a memorial and they are tax deductible as the PRACB is a (501C3) non-profit organization.

Endowments can be mailed to: **PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND**
Attn: Solon Green, Treasurer
15923 Freedom Drive
Park Rapids, MN 56470

2001-2002 CHAIR ENDOWERS (\$100 Gift)

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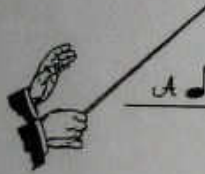
THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER



Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



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June 3, 2002

Dear PRACB Members, Associates and Friends,

Thank you for your efforts in dressing formally for our Spring Concert. The Band looked great! It was perhaps our most interesting program but it was too long – that was my fault. Everyone, band members and audience members, liked the acoustics of the cafetorium at the new Century Middle School. But the benches were too uncomfortable. The audience liked being close to the band. All in all, it was a good beginning. So, on we go to our Summer Concert Series. A reminder that the Summer concert dress is white blouses and dress shirts with black slacks, socks and shoes. Men will wear a black bow tie if the weather is cool. Everyone needs to provide their own heavy black music stand for the outdoor concerts.

Here is our Summer schedule of rehearsals and concerts; (All rehearsals for the Summer Concert Series will be held in the Century Middle School Bandroom beginning at 10:00 am until 12:00 noon.)

Rehearsals: June 15th, June 29th, July 27th, and August 10th.

Concerts: Prefireworks Concert, July 4th at 8:00 pm behind the Pizza Hut here in Park Rapids.

Two concert overnight trip to Duluth and Chisholm on August 3rd and 4th.

Second Annual Water Music Concert in Hackensack on August 17th at 7:30 pm.

Duluth-Chisholm Trip Information:

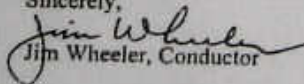
Bus transportation will be paid for by the PRACB from the performance fee received from the Hackensack Concert. Paul Ramsay is handling the room reservations for us at the Downtown Duluth Motel 6. The rates are; (All rooms are double.) \$55.99 for one person, \$61.99 for two, \$64.99 for three, and \$67.99 for four. To reserve a room send Paul a check for \$20.00 made out to him and he will return it to you when you get on the bus. The deadline for this is July 1st. Paul's address is 16596 Wolf Pack Road, Menahga, Minn. 56464. His phone number is 538-6694.

The bus will leave from the Century Middle School at 10:00 am on Saturday, August 3rd. This will give us time to check into the Motel, change, relax and proceed to the Waterfront to set up for the 5:00 pm concert.

The concert in Chisholm is at Iron World at 2:00 pm on Sunday, August 4th. Solon has made all of the arrangements and it should be a wonderful experience.

It is going to be a fun, music filled summer for our band and I'm looking forward to it!

Sincerely,


Jim Wheeler, Conductor

Concert
July 13, 2002 12 P.M.
for
Nevis Centennial-
Muskie Days-
School Reunion



12 P.M. Concert



Featuring The Vocal Chords



Randy Resley
"Trumpeter
Soloist"



Aaron Kjernaas
"Announcer"



Nadine Wheeler
"Soloist"





DULUTH/IRON WORLD CONCERT ITINERARY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD

8:30 AM-Depart for Duluth from the Park Rapids High School
11:30 AM-Picnic lunch along the way
1:00 PM-Arrive at the Canal Park Area in Duluth
1:00-4:00 PM-Free time
4:00 PM-Meet at the bus and depart for Lake Place Park
4:15 PM-Set up for concert
5:00 PM-Concert
6:30 PM-Depart for Perkins near Motel 6
8:00 PM-Check into the motel

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH

9:00 AM- Check out of motel
9:30 AM-Bus to Perkins for breakfast
11:00 AM-Depart for Chisholm
1:00 PM-Arrive at Iron World/set up for concert
2:00 PM-Concert
3:30 PM-Depart for Park Rapids (lunch along the way)

GENERAL INFORMATION

We will be staying at Motel 6 in West Duluth. The address is: 200 South 27th Ave. West (I-35 and 27th Ave. West). The phone number is (218) 723-1123. The exit # is 254. As we cannot check into the motel until after 3:30 PM we will need to travel in our concert attire which is our summer black and white with dress blouses and shirts. Men, bring your black bow ties.

In Duluth, we will be playing the concert at Lake Place Park which is located ½ block off from Superior Street-between 1st Ave. East and 3rd Ave. East. The park is out in the open so be prepared with sunglasses, head coverings and water bottles. While we are setting up, Dave Kerkvliet's, Mom, Debra, will be playing the bagpipes. This should attract people to our site.

THINGS TO DO IN CANAL PARK AREA

The Minnesota All-State Bands and Jazz Ensemble will be playing a concert at the D.E.C.C. at 1:30 PM. An 1800's sailing frigate with active cannons is docked near by and people can tour it. This is an 1813 tall ship.

The William A. Irvin flagship of the Great Lakes fleet is open for tours. A folk festival is going on in Leif Erickson Park until 5:00 PM. It is quite a walk from the Canal Park area, however. The Great Lakes Aquarium and Omni Theater are also in the area.

COMING UP

Saturday, August 10th-rehearsal, 10:00 AM at CMS
Saturday, August 17th-Water Music Concert in Hackensack at 3:00 PM

Jim Wheeler, Conductor
PRACB
218) 237-2434



NEWS RELEASE
07/16/02

The Park Rapids Area Community Band (PRACB) will be presenting a concert at the Lake Place Park off Superior Ave at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 3rd. Highlights of the program will include four marches, all of different character, with John Philip Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever" concluding the concert. Several patriotic selections will be included on the concert. "An American Elegy" will be performed in memory of the victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11th. John Williams' stirring composition "America...The Dream Goes On" will showcase a vocal ensemble. Nadine Wheeler will be the featured vocal soloist singing George Gershwin's "Summertime" and a trumpet quartet will be sure to please the audience as they play Harold Walters' "Trumpet Filigree."

The first rehearsals of the PRACB were held in October of 1991. A 45 member Concert Band presented the premiere concert on December 7, 1991 as a part of a program observing the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The PRACB was officially incorporated in 1993 and is a register 501C-3 nonprofit organization with the State of Minnesota.

Jim Wheeler is the co-founder and conductor of the PRACB. His love of band music was instilled by his high school band director, Clarence Arsers in Chatfield, Minnesota. After graduating from Chatfield High School, Jim enlisted in the United States Air Force and was the trombone soloist with the 541st Air Force Band during the Korean War. He received a B.A. degree in Music Education from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa and a Master of Music in Performance, Mankato State University. Having taught instrumental music for 24 years, he ended his teaching career at the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul. Jim's most influential music teachers were Clarence Arsers, Weston Noble, Henry Charles Smith, and Herman Hertz.

Dave Kerkvliet is the associate conductor of the PRACB and the percussion section leader. He graduated from St. Bernard's High School in St. Paul when Linda Nizialek was the band director. Dave earned a B.A. degree in Music Education from Augsburg College. He begins his seventh year of leading the bands at Sebeka High School.



PORT OF DULUTH FESTIVAL

BUS TRIP



**U.S. BRIG
NIAGARA**

*1813 Tall Ship
replica that we toured*

*Our Concert lasted
for 15 minutes
as it started to rain again.*



*Canal Park
Aerial Lift Bridge*



*Debra
playing
To attract*

*Ker Kvliet
Bagpipe
people to our site*



Concert

*in Lake Place Park
5 p.m. Aug 3, 2002*



*Dave K. coming
to conduct
"An American Elegy"*



*Unloading the bus for the
5 p.m. Concert in Duluth*

AUGUST
4th



NOON



Jim Wheeler conducting
P.R.A.C.B.
2 P.M.
Concert



Nadine Wheeler
Performing

'Summertime'



CHISHOLM, MINNESOTA

August 4, 2002
2:00-3:30 pm
Amphitheater
Stage

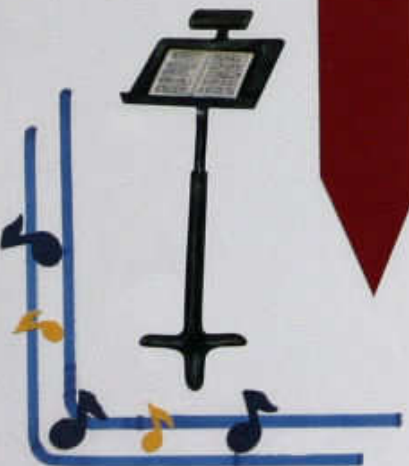


Park Rapids Area Community Band

One Performance Only!

Ironworld welcomes the Park Rapids Area Community Band to its amphitheater stage for a community performance during the St. Louis County Fair.

*2nd day of
Bus Trip, the Band toured
'Ironworld', visited the
Museum, walked the Parks &
rode the Mesabi Railway.
a 2.5 mile trolley ride around
the Ben-Lodgoff Mine & Lho
Location. Nadine Carlson-R.
had her ride.*





August 8, 2002

Mr. Solon Green
Park Rapids Area Community Band
15923 Freedom Drive
Park Rapids, MN 56470

Re: Cultural Arts Series Selection – August 4, 2002

Dear Mr. Green:

Thank you for your kind comments regarding Ironworld staff. I diligently passed them along to Mark Pommier, his assistants and supervisor. Regrettably, attendance figures were disappointing, however I want you to be aware that our measure of success with the new "Cultural Arts Series" (brochure enclosed) is not judged solely on attendance (especially during the St. Louis County Fair), but more on the introduction of the series selections to the 2002 season (a diverse entertainment and activities outside of a festival atmosphere). Previously, performances were focused almost entirely within a 2-4 day event setting. It is our hope to provide a variety of unique opportunities to our region's visitors and tourists during non-event dates. We are pleased that overall, the introduction of the series in 2002 has met our expectations.

Enclosed please find the State of Minnesota pay warrant in the amount of \$150.00 representing contracted services from the band. Please sign the receipt and return in the pre-posted envelope provided. Thank you for your contribution to Ironworld Discovery Center.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie C. Brownell".

Julie C. Brownell
Special Events Coordinator

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HACKENSACK LAKESIDE BAND CONCERT



Bring your lawn chair, sit in Hackensack's beautiful lakeside park and listen to the

***PARK RAPIDS AREA
COMMUNITY BAND***

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2002, 3:00 P.M.
HACKENSACK LAKESIDE PARK**

In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the Hackensack Community Building. No admission fee will be charged. However, a collection will be taken to help with expenses.



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HACKENSACK LAKESIDE CONCERT

PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2002, 3:00 P.M.

The Park Rapids Area Community Band
Presents
"A SUMMER CONCERT SERIES, 2002"
Jim Wheeler, Conductor
Dave Kerkvliet, Associate Conductor
Aaron Kjenaas, Announcer

This organization is supported, in part by a grant provided by
Region 2 Arts Council through funding from the Minnesota State
Legislature and this concert is sponsored by the
NORTHWOODS ARTS COUNCIL

Hackensack Community Building



Park Rapids Area Concert Band -

*Thank you - Thank you
- Thank you.*

*What a wonderful
treat for all of us in the
"North Woods" to have
such talent so close
at hand.*

*Keep up the
great work - We
love you.*

*Northwoods
Arts Council*



Hackensack concert

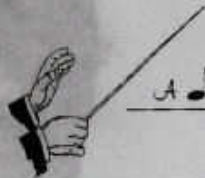
The Park Rapids Area Community Band will perform a lakeside band concert at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17 at the Hackensack lakeside park.

Bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the Hackensack Community Building.

No admission will be charged but a free will offering will be received.

The event is sponsored by the Northwoods Arts Council.

Andie Carlson



A From The Conductor's Podium

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September 9, 2002

Dear PRACB Members, Associates, and Friends,

It was another successful summer concert season! The concerts at Ironworld and Hackensack were musical highlights for me. A special thank you to those of you that helped keep our band going this past summer.

We are beginning our 12th season this month. That is a wonderful accomplishment! Starting a new concert season is always special for me. Most of our long-time regulars return plus a few new members join up with us to put the program selections together for our 12th Annual Winter/Holiday Concert on Sunday December 1st. It will be presented in the Century Middle School (CMS) Cafetorium at 3:00 pm on that day. The program, subject to change, looks like this:

- DUBINUSHKA: A wonderful Russian winter piece by Rimsky-Korsakov
- CELTIC CAROL: Robert W. Smith's new setting of "Greensleeves"
- A CHILD'S SONG: A beautiful change of pace selection
- HOLST WINTER SUITE: All arranged by Robert W. Smith
 - "On This Day Earth Shall Ring"
 - "In the Bleak Mid Winter"
 - "Old Brenton Carol"

As usual, our Dance Band will try to steal the show with their performance.

- KING OF KINGS: A band fanfare based upon Handel's "Messiah"- a repeat from 2 years ago.
- UKRAINIAN BELL CAROL: A special arrangement alla Lorie Line
- THE FIRST NOEL: A Morton Gould special
- CHRISTMAS WINDS: An exciting setting of traditional Carols
- THE SCOT'S BRIGADE: This special march by James Ployhar is based upon "Auld Lang Syne" and dedicated to our Community Band. It could become our traditional Winter/Holiday Concert Closer.

Here is our rehearsal schedule: All rehearsals are on Saturday mornings from 10:00 am to 12 noon and are held in the CMS band room. September 28*, October 5, ~~12~~ 26, November 2, 16, 30.

*At our first rehearsal we will have a "Welcome back and Welcome to" reception with coffee, cider and donut "rounds" being served. Our band historian Alice Hagen and Sue Sanger will be giving tours through our band history albums.

- Here is my 3-year summer travel performance plan:
- 2003= Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorials.
 - 2004= Winnipeg, Canada
 - 2005=Vienna, Austria

We are planning to have a band picture taken before the concert on December 1st.

If you have any changes in your life, like name, address, phone number, please call Solon Green or me. Make a commitment to be a part of a darn good Community Band, and if your schedule doesn't permit you to do so, please let me know. It is very important for my planning.

Oh, by the way, the temperature in Vienna today is 76 degrees.

I look forward to seeing you on the 28th.

Personal regards,

Jim Wheeler
Jim Wheeler, Conductor
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PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

"A unique community band program serving the Park Rapids community and surrounding area"

IRS 501 (C-3) status

Dear PRACB Friend:

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Here is a sample of our performance activities for the past year, in case you may have missed any of them:

- *Park Rapids New Century School (middle school) Dedication Ceremony
- *9/11 Benefit at the American Legion
- *Dinner Dance Fund Raiser at the American Legion
- *Winter/Christmas Concert at the New Century Middle School in PR
- *PRACB Awarded Region 2 Arts Council Grant
- *Spring Concert at the New Century Middle School in PR
- *PRACB Dixie Band 4th of July Parade
- *Pre-Fire Works "Patriotic Performance", City Beach July 4
- *Concert Road Trip to Duluth National Band Masters Convention, August
- *Concert Road Trip to Chisholm- Performed at World Famous "IronWorld"
- *Hackensack Northern Arts Council Concert, August

As you can see we have been busy rehearsing, traveling and performing as one of central Minnesota's great Community Bands. Your support is critical to the continued success of our organization. We have enclosed for your convenience, a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Please make your check out today to PRACB.

Sincerely,

Denny P. Ulmer
PRACB President

Karen Onstad
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Park Rapids Area Community Band
"A Unique Community Band Program"

Dear PRACB Friend:

November, 2002

We wish to thank you for your support of the 2002-2003 Park Rapids Area Community Band "Endowment Campaign." Thanks to friends like you, our campaign this year has been successful and allowed us to purchase several pieces of much needed musical equipment. This equipment will be housed at the Century School in Park Rapids where it may also be utilized by students in the Band program at Century School. Another way in which your support is helping the PRACB support the Arts in the Community. Thank you for your support for the Arts with the PRACB program.

In addition to our thanks, we'd like to remind you of our upcoming, annual Holiday Concert to be held on Sunday, December 1st, 2002 beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Park Rapids Century School Cafetorium. This year's concert promises to be filled with a number of favorite holiday musical selections including a CELETIC CAROL composed by Mr. Robert Smith and VARIATIONS ON A UKRAINIAN MELODY which was arranged by our talented conductor, Mr. Jim Wheeler. Our Dance Band will also perform several selections. We look forward to seeing you at the Concert and hope you will bring all of your friends with you as well.

The Park Rapids Area Community Band is entering its twelfth year of providing music in the Park Rapids, Minnesota and surrounding area. The PRACB is widely recognized as an outstanding, community band program. Our success is due to the support from friends like you, the talented and dedicated musicians who make up our membership and the support of the communities in the Park Rapids area. Again, thank you for your support and happy holidays.

Sincerely,

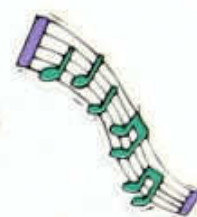


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PARK RAPIDS AREA
COMMUNITY BAND MEMBERS



WELCOME YOU TO

THE 12TH ANNUAL

WINTER HOLIDAY CONCERT

Jim Wheeler, Conductor

David Kerkvliet, Associate Conductor

Randy Resley, Dance Band Leader

Aaron Hjenaas, Announcer

Sunday, December 1, 2002
3:00 p.m.

Park Rapids Century Middle School Cafetorium



Cafetorium





Jordan to perform for educators

Liza Jordan, a junior at Park Rapids Area High School, has been selected to perform a recital with six other "outstanding high school musicians" Friday, Feb. 14 at the Minneapolis Convention Center as part of the Minnesota Music Educators Association convention. Jordan will perform Carl Maria von Weber's "Concertino," the solo for which she received a perfect score at the district contest in November. "Liza is a very special student," said Jim Wheeler, conductor of the Park Rapids Area Community Band. "She sets very high goals for herself and she has the desire and work ethic to reach them." Jordan is a member of the Area High School band and Area Community Band. She's a Minnesota All-State Orchestra member and has earned "best of site" for her solos at district contests.



Community band to present concert

The Park Rapids Area Community Band begins will present its 12th annual Winter Holiday Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday Dec. 1 at the Century School cafeteria.

The program also includes traditional Christmas carols and concludes with a march composed by James Ployhar, called "The Scot's Brigade," which is based on "Auld Lang Syne" and dedicated to the Park Rapids Area Community Band.

Fifty wind and percussion musicians from Park Rapids and the surrounding area will present a program of holiday music.

The 17-member Dance Band also will be featured on the program performing "Frosty the Snowman," "Away in a Manger" and "Angels We Have Heard on High."

Program highlights will include Robert Smith's new setting of "Greensleeves" titled "Celtic Carol."

There is no admission charge. A free will offering will be taken. A reception will be held following the concert.

Pianist Roz Pederson will be featured in "Variations on a Ukrainian Melody," an arrangement by conductor Jim Wheeler.



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Roz Pederson will be the featured pianist in the Park Rapids Area Community Band's Winter Holiday Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1 at the Park Rapids Century School Cafeteria. Pederson will perform conductor Jim Wheeler's arrangement of "Variations on a Ukrainian Melody."

November 16, 2002

Dear Supporter of the Arts,

This is your invitation to join us as the Park Rapids Area Community Band (PRACB) presents its annual Winter/Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 1st at 3:00 P.M. in the Park Rapids Century Middle School Cafeteria.

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There is no admission charge. A free will offering will be taken. A reception follows the concert.

Your Community Band



From The Conductor's Podium

Jim Wheeler, Conductor
Park Rapids Area Community Band
304 Park Street
Park Rapids, MN 56470
218-237-2434

January 15th, 2003

Dear PRACB Members, Associates and Friends,

Our Winter Holiday concert was a big success! The band played very musically and it was a joy to direct. I hope you received as many accolades about our performance as I did. Some comments directed to me included, "I liked the variety of music." "There were some wonderful moments of balance and blend." "I can't believe a town this size has such a fine band." The free will offering brought in \$734.85.

Our band picture turned out great! There will be two samples on display at our first rehearsal. You may order a picture at that time if you so desire.

At our Board of Directors meeting on 1/6/03 the following schedule was set for the up-coming rehearsals and concerts; all rehearsals are on Saturday mornings from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon and are held in the Century Middle School band room.
Rehearsals; February 8 and 22, March 15 and 29, April 12 and 26 and May 10 (in the cafeterium).

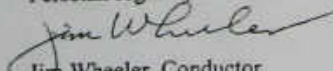
Concerts; Sunday, May 11th, 3:00 pm in the cafeterium (Yes, we know it is Mother's Day and the opening of fishing season, but try and find a better time).
Friday, July 4th, 8:00 pm pre fireworks concert behind the Pizza Hut
Saturday, August 9th, 3:00 pm Northwoods Arts Council Concert in Hackensack.
Saturday, August 16th, 1:00 pm Veterans Memorial Dedication Concert here in Park Rapids.

I have sent letters to Mt. Rushmore National Memorial and the Crazy Horse Memorial requesting permits to perform there on Saturday, July 19th. The trip plans would be to bus out to Rapid City, SD on Friday, stay overnight and play two concerts on Saturday. We would stay overnight Saturday and return on Sunday. If we are invited to perform at these places I will ask the Board of Directors to sanction the trip. Then Paul Ramsay and I will figure out an estimated cost for each person for the bus transportation and two nights lodging. After that we will see who is interested in making the trip.

Remember everyone is important to our band. But if your schedule does not permit you to be with us, please let me know. It is very important for my planning. Make a commitment to be a part of a darn good Community Band.

Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you on February 8th.

Personal regards,


Jim Wheeler, Conductor
218-237-2434





Roz Peterson - Pianist
Jim Wheeler - Conductor
Debra Kerkvliet - Bagpiper



Featured in the Dance Band
Betsy Danielson



Rollie Haugen + Darrel Rodekjer



U.S. Honor Musicians
Amber Allebaek
Tiffany Seibel
Kadence Schermerhorn
Liza Jordan



PRAC B "Roadie"
Myron Swinner



Jim + Nadine Wheeler

Cookies + Coffee
Served after
the Concert

Turnished
By
Band Members



Jan + Paul Host



3M supports the Community Band

Tim Wheeler (center), an employee of 3M Wonewok, presents a check for \$1,000 to Solon Green (left), manager, and Jim Wheeler, conductor of the Park Rapids Area Community Band. The financial support is made possible through a grant from the 3M Greater Minnesota Community Relations Council and is in keeping with 3M's commitment to support local fine arts programs.

3M Wonewok Conference Centre

21254 County 24
Park Rapids, MN 56470-0327
218 732-7271

January 15, 2003

3M

Park Rapids Community Band:

Representing 3M Wonewok, I am pleased to present the Park Rapids Community Band the enclosed check for financial support for year 2003. Supporting the Arts and Culture in communities where 3M has a presence continues to be one of the 3M Foundation, Inc. area of focus. All of us at Wonewok wish the Community Band continued success in your mission to bring quality music to the residents and visitors in the surrounding area.

On behalf of 3M, the 3M Foundation, and all employees at Wonewok, our best regards for the New Year.

Bill Steen
Operations Manager
3M Wonewok



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Park Rapids Area Community Band

2002



December 2002





CHARMIN MICHELLE

Photo by Tom Corcoran

**CHARMIN
MICHELLE,**
guest vocal soloist with the
Park Rapids Area
Community Band
& Dance Band

Sunday, May 11, 2003
3:00 P.M. at the
Park Rapids Area
Century Middle School



Open rehearsals with the
Concert Band &
Dance Band on
Saturday, May 10th –
11:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M.

Vocal Clinic by
CHARMIN MICHELLE
2:30 – 3:30 P.M.



Performing with the Dance Band



*Terrific
Singer*



Singing with the Concert Band



Community bands feature Minneapolis guest vocalist



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Rehearsing for a spring concert

Jim Wheeler (right) conducts the Park Rapids Area Community Band in rehearsing for the band and Dance Band's spring concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 11 at the Century School. Guest vocal soloist will be Charmin Michelle, who will conduct a vocal clinic and open rehearsals with the bands Saturday, May 10.



Guest vocalist Charmin Michelle will appear with the Park Rapids Area Community Band and Dance Band in a spring concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 11 at Park Rapids Area Century School.

Michelle, who is from the Twin Cities, will be featured with the Concert Band and the 17-member Dance Band. This is a return visit for the artist who sang with the Golden Strings in the final program in the Heartland Concert series last spring.

Saturday the public is invited to open rehearsals of the Concert Band and Dance Band from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Century School. Michelle will present a vocal clinic from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday's 12th annual concert will offer an exciting program of band music and fea-

ture many outstanding wind and percussion musicians from Park Rapids and the surrounding area, says Jim Wheeler, conductor.

The concert program in-



May 1, 2003

Dear Supporter of the Arts,

This is your invitation to join us when the Park Rapids Area Community Band (PRACB) presents it's 12th annual Spring Concert on Sunday, May 11th at 3:00 P.M., in the Park Rapids Century Middle School Cafetorium.

An exciting program of band music will feature many outstanding wind and percussion musicians from Park Rapids and the surrounding area. Our guest vocal soloist is Charmin Michelle from the Twin Cities. She will be featured with the Concert Band and the 17 member Dance Band. Charmin returns to Park Rapids after having sung with the Golden Strings on the final Heartland Concert series program last spring.

There is no admission charge. A free will offering will be taken. A reception follows the concert.

Your Community Band



Charmin Michelle



cludes "Sterling Brass" (a concert march), "Jefferson: A Vision for America" (with announcer Bill Zigmant), "Someone to Watch Over Me" (featuring the guest soloist) and "The Golden Ear" (a Spanish pasodoble).

The Dance Band and Michelle will perform "Fever."

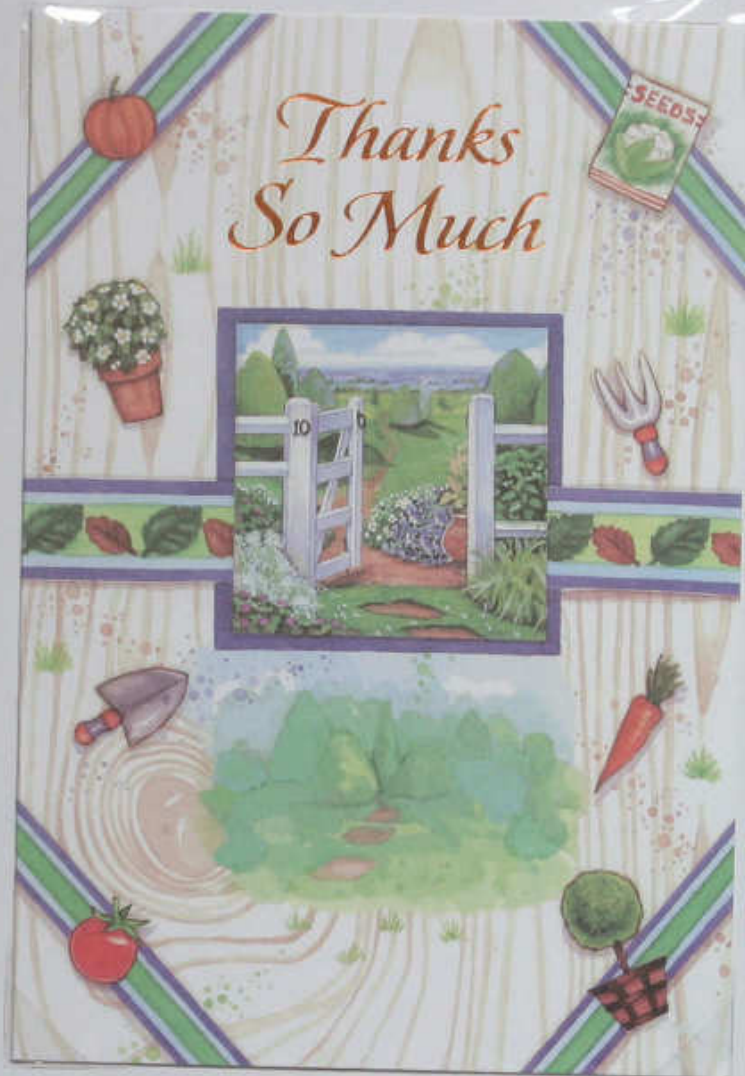
Also on the program are "A Celebration of Freedom" (an original composition by Wheeler), "Prairiesong" (a hoedown a la Aaron Copland), "Star Dust" (featuring the guest soloist), "America, the Beautiful" and, of course, the band's signature closing piece, "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

There is no admission charge. A free will offering will be taken. A reception will be held following the concert.

Honorary band member



Conductor Jim Wheeler presented an official cap and honorary band member designation to Ray Novak of Park Rapids at the spring concert of the Park Rapids Area Community Band Sunday at Century School. With a Memorial Day theme, the concert was dedicated to Novak, 92, who served in the infantry in France and Germany in WWII. An active supporter of the band and appreciator of good music, Novak was a violinist in past years.

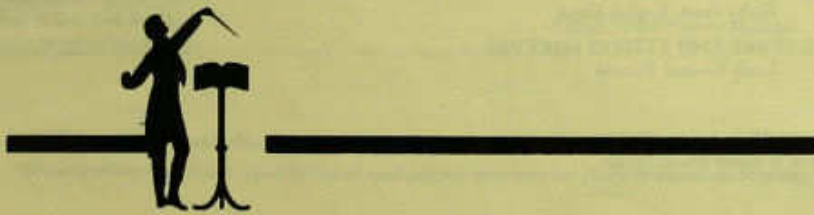


WELCOME TO A CONCERT OF EXCITING BAND MUSIC
PRESENTED BY
THE PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

12TH ANNUAL
SPRING CONCERT

Jim Wheeler, Conductor
David Kerkvliet, Associate Conductor
Randy Resley, Dance Band Leader
Bill Sigmant, Announcer
Featuring:
Charmin Michelle, Guest Vocal Soloist

Sunday, May 11, 2003
3:00 p.m.
Park Rapids Century Middle School Cafetorium



Bill Sigmant, Announcer



Linda Koehne



Randy Resley, Dance Band Leader



Deanne J. - Craig Haugen



Stars & Stripes Forever "Encore"

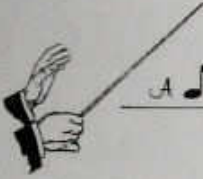
Written by Jim Wheeler



Dance Band



Associate Conductor, Dave Kerkvliet



A From The Conductor's Podium

Jim Wheeler, Conductor
Park Rapids Area Community Band
304 Pearl Street
Park Rapids, MN 56470
218-237-2434

6/10/03

To: PRACB Members, Associates and Friends
From: Jim Wheeler
Re: Summer Schedule, misc.

Greetings! We had a wonderful response from the audience to our Spring Concert performance. The free will offering brought in \$690.00 plus a \$100.00 chair endorsement. It was a fun program and I certainly enjoyed conducting the PRACB.

On the downside, I have to cancel our trip to the Black Hills. There just weren't enough people able to go. I hope we can do this some time in the future. Thank you to those who did make a commitment to go.

Here is our schedule (slightly revised) for the summer:

Rehearsals: Saturdays, June 14 and 28 and July 12 (please note the August 2nd rehearsal has been cancelled). Rehearsals are at the Century Middle School, 10:00 am to 12 noon.

Concerts: July 4th: 8:00 pm in Park Rapids behind the Pizza Hut, please be in your chair at 7:40 pm. In case of incimate weather, the concert will be held in the Century Middle School Cafetorium at 8:00 pm. August 9th: 3:00 pm in Hackensack, site to be announced. August 16th: 1:30 pm in Park Rapids at the Veterans Memorial (South on Hwy 71).

Concert Dress: Black slacks, white shirts and blouses, black shoes and socks, men bring black bow ties. Everyone needs to bring their own heavy black music stand.

Tentative Programs: (subject to change)

July 4th
Star Spangled Banner
Sterling Brass
American Salute
Bring Him Home
Jefferson, A Vision for America
An American Elegy
America
The Impossible Dream
Rhythm of the Winds
Alexander's Ragtime Band
Rushmore
The Stars and Stripes Forever
Stars and Stripes Encore

August 9th (Changes include)
Hymn To Joy
Prairiesong
Fantasy on When Johnny Comes Marching Home
First People
A Celebration of Freedom

August 16th (Changes include)
Armed Forces Salute
Hymn To The Fallen

I'm looking forward to these concerts!

Personal regards,

Jim Wheeler, Conductor
304 Pearl Street
Park Rapids, MN 56470
(218) 237-2434





Summer Schedule:

Concerts: July 4th 8:00 PM behind Pizza Hut
July 19th 1:30 PM at Crazy Horse Memorial
7:00 PM at Mount Rushmore National Memorial
Aug. 9th 3:00 PM Northwoods Arts Council at Hackensack
Aug. 16th 1:00 PM dedication of the Veterans Memorial here in Park Rapids

Rehearsals: June 14, 28 and July 12 (Saturdays)
10:00 AM to 12 noon at the Century Middle School band room

Summer Selection
Alexander's Ragtime Band
America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)
American Salute
An American Elegy
Armed Forces Salute
1st South Dakota Infantry March
Hymn To Joy
Hymn To The Fallen
National Emblem
Ol' Man River (in preparation)
Songs of Earth, Water, Fire and Sky

DATES: July 18th, 19th and 20th

INFORMATION ON TRIP TO THE BLACK HILLS:

INTENERY: Friday, July 18th

6:00 AM: depart from Park Rapids by coach bus
Noon: stop in Mitchell, SD for lunch
6:30 PM: arrive at motel in Rapid City for over night

Saturday, July 19th

9:30 AM depart for Crazy Horse Memorial
10:30 AM arrive at Crazy Horse Memorial
11:00 AM view video of Crazy Horse Memorial
11:30 AM lunch at the on site cafeteria
1:00 PM set up for concert at 1:30 PM
3:00 bus ride to the mountain
5:00 depart for Mount Rushmore National Memorial
6:00 PM set up for concert
7:00 PM concert
8:30 PM depart for motel in Rapid City

Sunday, July 20th

7:00 AM depart for Park Rapids
1:00 PM stop in Mitchell for lunch
7:30 PM arrive back in Park Rapids

COSTS:

Super 8 Motel in Rapid City = \$84.00 double room per night, including tax and continental breakfast

coach bus for transportation is \$3,434.00 divided by the number of people going. If 40 band members ride the bus it would be \$85.00 each. I am writing a grant request to the Region 2 Arts Council for the cost of the transportation, which would help everyone, if it is approved. Free admission, video viewing and bus ride to the Mountain at Crazy Horse Memorial. Cafeteria lunch will be \$7.25 includes tax and tip. At Mount Rushmore, free admission, parking for cars \$8.00, bus \$25.00.

Play Lists:

Spring Concert May 11th

Warm up Selections:

A Childhood Hymn
Ammerland
Cool Warm ups
They Led My Lord Away
With Quiet Courage
Yorkshire Ballad

Program

A Celebration of Freedom*
Ancient Voices*
America The Beautiful*
Jefferson: A Vision For America*
La Oreja De Oro
Praiesong
Rhythm of the Winds*
Sterling Brass*
Someone To Watch Over Me
The Stars and Stripes Forever*
Stars and Stripes Encore*
The Star Spangled Banner*

*Summer Repeat Selections



July
4th



Pre-Fireworks Music 8pm



Mark Egge
Alto Saxophone Soloist



LAKESIDE CONCERT AUGUST 9, 2003



THE PARK RAPIDS
AREA
COMMUNITY BAND

- Pledge of Allegiance
 Star Spangled Banner.....Frances S. Key, John Smith
 arranged by John Higgins
 A Celebration of Freedom (Fanfare).....Jim Wheeler
 National Emblem March.....E. E. Bagley
 edited by Frederick Fennell
 Bring Him Home.....arranged by John Moss
 From "Les Miserables"
 Holiday For Trombones.....David Rose
 Tom Giles, Conductor
 The Impossible Dream.....arranged by Frank Bencrisutto
 Randy Resley, trumpet soloist
 Sterling Brass, Concert March.....James Barnes
 Hymn To Joy.....Arranged by James Ployhar

INTERMISSION

- Comrades of the Legion.....John Philip Sousa
 edited by Jim Wheeler
 Prairiesong.....Carl Strommen
 America, My Country 'Tis of Thee.....arranged by
 John Cacavas
 Alexander's Ragtime Band.....Irving Berlin
 trumpet/cornet section feature
 America the Beautiful.....arranged by Carman Dragon
 The Stars and Stripes Forever.....John Philip Sousa





The Park Rapids Area Community Band
Presents



"A Summer Concert Series, 2003"

Friday, July 4th in Park Rapids – "Pre-Fireworks Music" – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 9th in Hackensack – "Northwoods Arts Council" – 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 16th in Park Rapids – "Veteran's Memorial Dedication" – 1:30 p.m.

Jim Wheeler, Conductor
Dave Kerkvliet, Associate Conductor
Aaron Kjenaas, Announcer
Ray Novak, Honorary Band Member

PROGRAM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER Francis S. Key, John Smith
arranged by John Higgins

STERLING BRASS, CONCERT MARCH James Barnes

AMERICAN SALUTE Morton Gould
Based on "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" Transcribed by Philip Lang

BRING HIM HOME Arranged by John Moss
From "Les Miserables"

SONATINA Wolfgang A. Mozart
Mark Egge, Alto Saxophone Soloist Arranged by Karl Webb & James Ployhar

JEFFERSON: A VISION FOR AMERICA Robert W. Smith
Aaron Kjenaas, Announcer

AN AMERICAN ELEGY Frank Tichelli
Dave Kerkvliet, Conductor

AMERICA; MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE Arranged by John Cacavas

THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM Arranged by Frank Bencriscutto
From "The Man of LaMancha"
Randy Resley, Trumpet Soloist

ALEXANDER'S RAGTIME BAND Irving Berlin
Arranged by Paul Murtha

RHYTHM OF THE WINDS Frank Erickson

RUSHMORE Alfred Reed
Audience Sing-A-Long

THE STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER John Philip Sousa



Park Rapids Area Community Band

15923 Freedom Drive Park Rapids, MN 56470

August 21, 2003

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Here is a sample of our performance activities for the past year:

- Dixieland Band, downtown Park Rapids (Labor Day Weekend)
- Spring Concert at the New Century Middle School in Park Rapids (May)
- Dinner Dance Fund Raiser at the American Legion (October)
- Winter/Christmas Concert at the New Century Middle School, Park Rapids (December)
- PRACB Dixieland Band 4th of July Parade
- Pre-Fireworks "Patriotic Concert", City Beach, July 4th
- Dedication of Veteran's Memorial here in Park Rapids
- Haekensack Northern Arts Council Concert (August)

Plans for another year are underway. We have been busy rehearsing, traveling and performing as one of central Minnesota's great Community Bands. Your support is critical to the continued success of our organization. We have enclosed for your convenience, a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Please make your check out today to PRACB. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

Your PRACB Board of Directors

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**ALL VETERANS
MEMORIAL
DEDICATION**

ALL VETERANS MEMORIAL



From those who gave their all, to
you who remembered them
with this memorial.

**PARK RAPIDS
MINNESOTA
AUGUST 16, 2003**



*Pre-Veterans Memorial
Dedication Concert
1:30pm*



Memorial Dedication August 16, 03



WELCOME TO A CONCERT OF EXCITING BAND MUSIC

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13TH ANNUAL

WINTER / HOLIDAY CONCERT

Jim Wheeler, Conductor

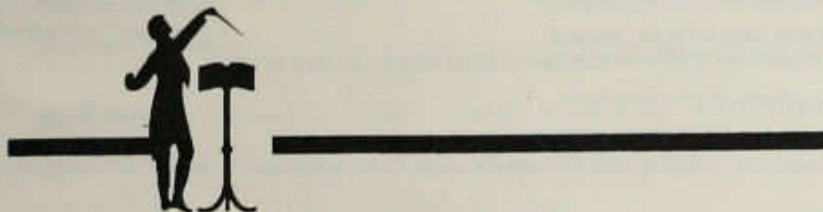
David Kerkvliet, Associate Conductor

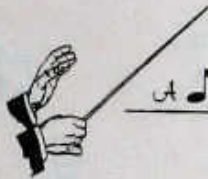
Randy Resley, Dance Band Leader


Sunday, December 7, 2003

3:00 p.m.

Park Rapids Century Middle School Cafetorium





A  From The Conductor's Podium

Jim Wheeler, Conductor
Park Rapids Area Community Band
904 Pearl's Street
Park Rapids, MN 56470
218-237-2434

September 2, 2003

Dear PRACB Members, Associates and Friends,

This month we begin our 13th year. For me personally, it has been a tremendous accomplishment to be a part of a community band program that has grown and developed into one of the better bands in our state. For that I thank members for their dedication and I salute the more than a dozen charter members who are still active in the band. During our "journey" we have been able to share music with so many people at different places on various concerts, but none was more special than our recent participation at the All Veterans Memorial dedication here in Park Rapids on August 16th. Total strangers have stopped me on the street to say how impressed they were with our band.

So on we go. Here is our schedule for the fall and early winter that leads to our winter/holiday concert on Sunday, December 7th at 3:00 p.m. Rehearsals: September 27, October 11 and 25, November 1 and 15, and December 6. All rehearsals are held in the Century Middle School bandroom beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

The program for the concert will be in three parts:

1. Christmas Time in Vienna
2. Dance Band selections
3. Special arrangements of holiday favorites

Somewhere in the program we will perform "March from 1941" as we remember the bombing of Pearl Harbor on Sunday, December 7th, 1941. So, mark your calendars and make a commitment to be with us. With only six rehearsals it is critical for my planning to inform me if you have to miss a rehearsal, or if your schedule does not allow you to participate.

I look forward to seeing you on September 27th.

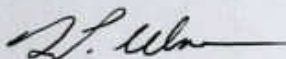
Sincerely,

Jim Wheeler, conductor
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Park Rapids Area Community Band

TO: Members & Musicians
Park Rapids Area Community Band

FO: Denny Ulmer, President



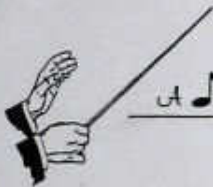
DA: 2-16-04


It is with much regret that the PRACB Board of Directors accepted the resignation letters, effective the end of the Spring 2004 concert season, of our Conductor Jim Wheeler and Band Librarian, Nadine Wheeler at the meeting of the PRACB Board on 1-19-04. I hope you will agree with me that these two individuals, their hard work and extensive dedication to the PRACB over some 13 years, will represent a tremendous loss to our organization.

A number of you have expressed a desire to do something special for Jim and Nadine. I am suggesting each PRACB Member consider contributing up to \$10.00 to be used toward a "retirement" gift for Jim and Nadine. With some 50 plus members, we could well express our appreciation. Please make checks out to Denny Ulmer and mail to PO Box 20797 Co. 1, Park Rapids, Mn. 56470. If you have a story to share about Jim or Nadine, please include it with the check. We will compile them in a book for them.

In addition, there will be an open house immediately following rehearsal on Saturday, April 24, 2004. The party will be hosted at Denny & Kathy Ulmer's on the east side of Fish Hook Lake which is 3 miles north of the Holiday Gas station in Park Rapids on Hubbard Co. Hwy 1. Food and beverages provided.

The PRACB will go on and must go on. The PRACB Board will begin immediately the process of finding a Conductor and will also ask that someone step forward to fill the Librarian's position. If you have any ideas, references or suggestions, please feel free to contact myself or members of the Board.



A  From The Conductor's Podium

Jim Wheeler, Conductor
Park Rapids Area Community Band
304 Peace Street
Park Rapids, MN 56470
218-237-2434

January 16, 2004

Dear PRACB Members, Associates and Friends:

It is that time again, so wet those reeds, buzz those lips and loosen those wrists.

I have selected some exciting music for our Spring Concert and I hope you will join us for that event.

Here is our schedule of Saturday morning rehearsals for the winter/spring session:

- February 7th and 21st
- March 6th and 20th
- April 3rd, 17th, and 24th

All rehearsals are held in the Century Middle School band room from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, with the exception of the rehearsal on April 24th, which is our "dress rehearsal".

The Spring Concert will be presented on Sunday afternoon, April 25th, at 3:00 p.m. in the Park Rapids Area High School Auditorium. Please note the change of the performance site. I have asked Solon to schedule the concert there as we are losing people at the Century Middle School Auditorium because of the uncomfortable seating situation. Our "dress rehearsal" on Saturday, April 24th, will be on stage in the high school auditorium.

I look forward to seeing you at our first rehearsal of the winter/spring session on Saturday, February 7th.

Sincerely,



Community band to 'Deck the Halls'

The Park Rapids Area Community Band will present its 13th annual winter holiday concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 at Century Middle School cafetorium. Fifty area musicians will perform a program of seasonal music including music from Vienna at Christmas time. The 17-member dance band will perform three holiday selec-

tions and the concert band will conclude the program with special arrangements of popular holiday tunes. The musical event concludes with the traditional "A Scot's Brigade," a march in the British band style based upon "Auld Lang Syne." No admission will be charged. A free will offering will be received.



Wheeler to retire from Community Band

BY LU ANN HURD-LOF
THE ENTERPRISE

Jim Wheeler, conductor of the Park Rapids Area Community Band (PRACB), will retire at the conclusion of the band's Spring Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Area High School auditorium.

Several special guests will participate in the concert in honor of Wheeler's departure.

One guest will be the conductor's younger brother, Gene Wheeler of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA. He is retired from the military and from Northrup Aviation, and he plays coronet.

Another coronet player Sunday will be Sam Arsers, New Ulm, a high school classmate of Wheeler's, who is a retired trumpeter in the US Navy Band in Washington, DC.

Ellis Holcomb will play French horn. Holcomb, who is a charter member of the PRACB, lives in Broomfield, CO.

Guest oboist will be Kristin Poland of Colonial Heights, VA, a student, who is completing her master's degree in music performance at the University of Minnesota.

At Sunday's concert Linda Koehne will solo on the piccolo for "First People: A Hymn to Mother Earth," a work by Wheeler.

Several pieces by Robert W. Smith are on the program. "Africa: Ceremony, Song and Ritual" will feature percussionists from the Sebeka High School Concert Band. Others are "Precious Lord, Lead Me Home," two movements from "Gemeinhardt Suite" and "In a Gentle Rain" with Ann Clark, alto saxophone soloist.

The dance band will play "Little Brown Jug," "Li'l Darlin'" and Duke Ellington's "Don't Get Around Much Anymore" with Monica Gamble, baritone sax soloist.

Other numbers on the concert band's program are "The Star-Spangled Banner," "Block M: Concert March," "Ode for Trumpet" with Tom Giles, trumpet soloist; "New Mexico March," "Wings of Victory March," "America the Beautiful" and Wheeler's signature piece, "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

Concertgoers will have an added bonus Sunday. During the coffee hour following the concert, a five-piece band from Payap University in Chiang Mai, Thailand will be playing Thai Music.

There is no admission charge for the PRACB's 13th annual spring concert. A free

will offering will be taken.

Wheeler announced his resignation in February and said he is stepping down to pursue other musical interests and opportunities.

"What Solon (Green) and I started in the fall of 1991 has become something very special," Wheeler wrote in a letter to the band's board of directors.

"It has been a fantastic journey watching and listening to the PRACB grow musically. I will greatly miss the wonderful people that have filled my musical soul on so many occasions."

The band's membership averages 50 to 60 members and performs a minimum of three to four concerts a year including a winter, spring and two summer events.

JIM'S MUSICAL JOURNEY...So Far and special students who have inspired him

Chatfield High School Graduate - 1950

United States 541st Air Force Band - 1950-1953

Luther College, Decorah, Iowa - 1954-1957
B. A. Degree Music Education

Band Director: Primghar, Iowa - 1957-1962
Louie Witt, trombone
Pauleen Schueller, clarinet
Carol Brown, oboe

Band Master: Wadena, Minnesota - 1962-1967
Mimzy Davis, clarinet
Margaret Zosel, flute and piccolo
John Kennedy, cornet
Karell Sartell, bassoon

Instrumental Music Educator: Austin, Minnesota - 1967-1974
Pam Kerling, flute
Tim Purcell, French horn
Dan Kallman, trombone
Charlie Wright, tuba

Graduate Assistant: Mankato State University - 1974-1975
M. A. Degree Music Performance

Director of Bands: College of St. Thomas - 1975-1979
Michael Leander, French horn

Music Consultant, Fundraising Consultant - 1980-1991

Conductor and Co-founder of the PRACB - 1991-2004
Liza Jordan, clarinet and flute

Teachers who have inspired him:
C. G. Arsers
Weston Noble
Henry Charles Smith

Eugene Rousseau
Herman Hertz

Open House



Hosts
Denny + Kathy
Ulmer
party after
Band
Rehearsal



Nadine



Denny Ulmer - Jill Johnson
Dora & Newman



Jim Wheeler ...
Sam Anders
Friend of Jim's



Ellis Halcomb
Deane Johnson



Vicki Magnuson - Barb Wilson



Park Rapids Area Community Band

TO: Members, PRACB

FO: Denny Ulmer, PRACB President
Solon Green, PRACB Manager

DA: May 18, 2004

Enclosed please find a letter to all PRACB Members from our new Conductor, Dr. Russell Pesola. Dr. Pesola is retired Professor of Instrumental Music at Concordia College in Moorhead, Mn. The PRACB Board of Directors has been working with him in putting together our upcoming events as well as discussing his vision for the PRACB organization. We are excited and fortunate to have him join us as our Conductor.

Summer schedule of events include:

*July 4th, 2004 Concert at City Beach in Park Rapids

Rehearsals:

June 19 & July 3, 10:00 a.m @ Century School in Park Rapids

*August 14, 2004 Hackensack Concert, Hackensack, Mn.

Rehearsals:

August 14, 10 a.m. @ Century School in Park Rapids
(lite refresher rehearsal prior to departing for Hackensack)

Attendance at rehearsal is expected for those wishing to perform at the concert events listed above.

If you are unable to participate in either of these events, please contact Solon Green, PRACB Manager at 218-732-4366 asap so we can determine appropriate instrumentation needs.

Members are reminded to bring their own black music stands to concerts held outside during the summer months.

Thank You !

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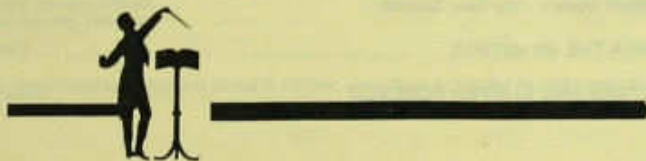
THE PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

13TH ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT

Jim Wheeler, Conductor
David Kerkvliet, Associate Conductor
Randy Resley, Dance Band Leader
Tom Giles, Trumpet Soloist
Bridget Martini, Alto Saxophone Soloist
Danny Ulmer, Announcer

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2004
3:00 p.m.

PARK RAPIDS AREA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



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Announcer



Community Band

The Park Rapids Area Community Band will present its 13th annual spring concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 25 in the Park Rapids Area High School auditorium.

No admission will be charged; a free will offering will be received.



Dance Band



Pre-fireworks concert

Celebrate your patriotism and love of music all at once at the Park Rapids Area Community Band performance, starting at 8 p.m. in Red Bridge Park.

Conducted by Dr. Russell Pesola, the band will perform patriotic music and marches, including "America the Beautiful" and "Wings of Victory."

Band concert

The Park Rapids Area Concert Band will present a lakeside concert at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 in the Hackensack City Park.

In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the Hackensack Community Building.

A free will offering will be received.

The Northwoods Arts Council of Hackensack is sponsor of the event.



First concert for Russ Pesola

4th of July Concert

- The Star Spangled Banner -- Arr. John Higgins
- Wings of Victory -----Frank Ventre
- May Day Carol -----James D. Ployhar
- Tritsch-Tratsch Polka ----- Arr. Alfred Reed
- The Music Man - Highlights - - - Meredith Wilson
- America The Beautiful - - - - -Arr. Carmen Dragon
- The Scot's Brigade - - - - - James D. Ployhar
- Let Us Break Bread Together -- Arr. Thomas Root
- Armed Forces Salute - - - - - Arr. Bob Lowden
- Stars & Strips Forever - - - - - J. P. Sousa



HACKENSACK LAKESIDE BAND CONCERT

Bring your lawn chair, sit in Hackensack's beautiful lakeside park and listen to the

PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2004, 3:00 P.M.
HACKENSACK LAKESIDE PARK

In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the Hackensack Community Building. No admission fee will be charged. However, a collection will be taken to help with expenses.



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New conductor will lead community band

A new conductor will strike up the Park Rapids Area Community Band when it begins rehearsing June 19 for the Fourth of July concert in Park Rapids.

Dr. Russell Pesola, Concordia emeritus professor of music, led the Concordia College Band to national prominence during his 29-year career at the college.

He has an extensive background as guest clinician and conductor and in work-

ing with summer music camps and clinics for high school students and music educators.

Dr. Pesola began his career at Concordia in 1975 after 12 years in the public school systems of Wabasso and Northfield.

Born in Littlefork, he is a graduate of St. Olaf College and received his MA and DMA degrees in trumpet performance from the University of Minnesota.

He continues his active

performance on trumpet with the FM Symphony, Prairie Wind Brass and the Ameriikan Poijat Finnish Brass Septet, which has toured extensively throughout Finland and the United States.

In addition to performance, he continues to arrange and perform numerous pieces for band and various ensembles.

Pesola is an elected member of the American Bandmasters Association

and also is a member of the College Band Directors National Association, the World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles, the Minnesota Music Educators Association, the Music Educators National Conference, and founding member and president of the Minnesota Band Directors Association.

In a letter to members of



Russell Pesola

Pesola:

Will continue Park Rapids' traditions

from Page A1

the Park Rapids Area Community Band, Pesola congratulated former conductor Jim Wheeler and manager Solon Green for their work in building "such a significant and outstanding organization over the past 13 years.

"I am very aware of the special importance a healthy community band can have in so many ways," he wrote, promising to do his best in continuing the traditions the band has established here.

"I look forward to working together with you to make good music and to build significant experiences for both our band members and their audiences," Pesola stated.

He and his wife, Denise, who is the middle school band director in Moorhead, live in Rollag.



May 10, 2004

To the Members of The Park Rapids Area Community Band:

Hello to everyone. I wish to thank you all for the invitation for me to become the new director of the PRACB. My wife Denise and I were so impressed with you as we listened to your final rehearsal with Jim Wheeler. We have enjoyed visiting with Solon Green and members of the PRACB Board of Directors and learning about the history and activities of the band. I am eager to accept that invitation and we are both looking forward to meeting you again to prepare for the Fourth of July concert in Park Rapids.

I have proposed a rehearsal schedule for next year that I hope will work out for everyone. I am involved regularly with three other performance groups as well and the schedule I have suggested allows me to continue performance with them. President Denny Ulmer will inform you of information for the Fourth of July rehearsals and concert. When we first meet in June we can discuss if there are any problems with the fall and winter schedule.

Congratulations to both Jim Wheeler and Solon Green for all of their fine work in building such a significant and outstanding organization over the past thirteen years. I am very aware of the special importance a healthy community band can have in so many ways. I am familiar with excellent adult bands throughout the United States and even around the world, and I will promise to do my best in continuing the traditions the PRACB has established. I look forward to working together with you to make good music and to build significant experiences for both our band members and their audiences.

I hope to see you all soon.

Sincerely,

Russell Pesola

CONVERSATIONS WITH

DAN ULMER



Anna just graduated last week from Park Rapids High School. She played for the Park Rapid

Panthers, she was having a great year, and Uncle Dan found time to take in a home game. It was well worth the trip.

An odd thing happened at the game. I was sitting next to a fellow I'd never met, his name is Jim Wheeler.

My brother introduced us and not too far into the conversation Jim asked if I'd be willing to MC the Park Rapids Area Community Band's spring concert in April.

He said he liked the sound of my voice and that he'd get back to me. I thought he was joking but a few weeks later, I got a letter from Jim in the mail. It was February and I found room on my April calendar, so I marked the day.

My brother is, amongst many other talents, a tuba player and I had never seen him play before. So it was going to be a special adventure, at least until I was informed that a tux was my recommended attire.

The day arrived, the concert was in the Park Rapids High School auditorium, there were around 50 band members, and somewhere around 500 people in the audience. I met Jim for the

second time, both he and my brother had created my idiot cards, and they seemed as nervous as I was.

We ran through the program prior to the actual performance. When we were done it was announced that after 13 years, this would be Jim's last concert as conductor of the Park Rapids Area Community Band.

Within minutes of show time we were all gathered into the high school band room where Jim said his farewell. It was a very difficult moment for everyone. Jim said his goodbye and then with a distinguished look he glanced around the room and announced "Let us go enjoy the moment."

With that, the band took the stage, knocked the crowd's socks off, and life allowed me to tuck away another treasured moment to take with me wherever I go.

Life goes by fast; it's hard to grab the moment, much less find some worth hanging onto. Here's hoping that the moments you get take you to wherever you're supposed to be...and may your trek through life be filled with more smiles than frowns.

It's nice to be back, I look forward to visiting with you again. By the way, if you see either of my loyal readers, please let them know that I'm still struggling with my functional illiteracy.

Dan

3M donates to local programs

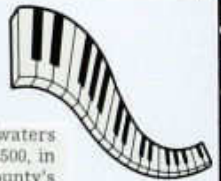


Spring donations from the 3M's Greater Minnesota Community Relations Council were given to local organizations. Paul Ramsay (left) and Solon Green represented the Park Rapids Community Band; Audrey Iverson was the delegate from Headwaters Intervention Center; Carolyn Spangler accepted the check on behalf of Kinship of the Park Rapids Area and Darrin Moe represented the Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District. Bill Steen, 3M Wonewok manager, presented the checks to the recipients.

The Greater Minnesota Community Relations Council (GMCRC), part of 3M, recently donated money to area organizations.

Bill Steen, 3M Wonewok manager, presented Kinship of the Park Rapids Area, a mentoring program for children ages 6-18, \$1,000; Park Rapids Area Community Band \$1,000, to assist with

program costs; Headwaters Intervention Center \$2,500, in support of Hubbard County's summer parks program; and the Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District's Freshwater Festival.



If you want my opinion



Allen Underm

As is often the case I am amazed at the arts and music opportunities available in the Park Rapids area. (Oh, yeah, I guess music is an art form, but you know what I mean.)

A month ago or so LouAnn Dierkhising once again outdid herself with the performance of high school choir groups singing songs from the '60s. I'm still humming some of those nostalgic tunes by the Mamas and Papas, the Beatles, et al. The night I attended we were nearly a half hour early and the auditorium was so full my wife and I couldn't sit together.

Art and music plentiful

Nevertheless, we both enjoyed the program immensely. The concert was excellent, well rehearsed, well choreographed and enjoyable for listeners of all ages.

"Mrs. D's" concerts are so popular I wish she would consider running them for at least two nights, rather than only two performances in one evening.

Not long after that concert, I attended the Lone Wolf Players' production of "Cemetery Club" at Long Lake Theater in Hubbard. That hilarious, yet serious, show was so well attended that the small theater is in the midst of an extended run, starting tonight (Wednesday) and continuing

through Saturday. If you haven't seen it, I'm not the only one who would highly recommend it. Call 732-0099 for tickets.

Beginning July 7, the Lone Wolf Players will perform "A Walk in the Woods." I don't know anything about that play, but based on past experience, I suspect it will be fun and interesting to watch.

In July Gilbert and Sullivan's "Ruddigore, or the Witch's Curse" will be performed with accompaniment in the orchestra pit.



Other opportunities abound. The renowned Borderline Philharmonic will again perform at Hoot Owl Resort in August. If you haven't seen that in past years, give yourself a treat. Show up early and bring a picnic supper along.

On July 4th and other date the community band will be performing. Whether or not you like "The Stars and Stripes Forever," you will probably hear it as well as other Sousa tunes mixed with those by musical geniuses like Gershwin and many others.





Park Rapids Area Community Band

15923 Freedom Drive - Park Rapids, MN 56470

Park Rapids Area Community Band Endowment Program 2004-2005

What: An opportunity to support an outstanding community band organization in the greater Park Rapids, Minnesota area.

When: An annual campaign which begins each August.

Purpose: Support is used for a variety of needed items including purchase of music, Equipment and general operating expenses such as rental of area performance facilities.

How: For the 2004-2005 Endowment Campaign, the PRACB is offering several levels of Support that supporters may choose from. They include:

1. Basic Endowment = \$100.00 annual contribution
2. Charter Membership Recognition = \$200.00 annual contribution
3. Conductor's Podium = \$500.00 annual contribution

All contributions are tax deductible as the PRACB is a 503(c) non- profit organization.

We thank you for your support!

Solon Green
PRACB Manager
15923 Freedom Drive
Park Rapids, MN 56470

218-732-4366

"A Unique Community Band Program"





Park Rapids Area Community Band

15923 Freedom Drive - Park Rapids, MN 56470

September 10, 2004

To Members of the Park Rapids Area Community Band:

My sincere thanks go out to everyone who participated in our 4th of July and Hackensack concerts this summer. It was a great treat for me to work with you and I appreciate every dimension of our time; rehearsals, performances, enthusiastic involvement at its best. Thank you also to Denny Ulmer, Solon Green and the Board of Directors for their dedicated support and planning for everything we do.

I have been putting together a list of pieces of music for us to consider for performances this fall. A few of you have given me some great ideas for what you would like to do. Please feel free to e-mail me at: rpesola@rrt.net.

Here is our schedule for the Fall, 2004 season:

Saturday Rehearsals

(All rehearsals are 10:00 A.M. to noon at the Park Rapids High School)

October 2nd, 9th, 30th, November 6th & 20th, December 4th.
Concert: Sunday, December 5th at 3:00 P.M. PRAHS

Denny and Solon wish to inform everyone that we will be rehearsing once again at the Park Rapids High School effective this fall.

I'll look forward to seeing you at our first rehearsal, coming up very soon.

Sincerely,

Russ Pesola
PRACB Conductor

Park Rapids area band dedicated to living in the past

BY HEATHER LEINEN
THE ENTERPRISE

The Upper Mississippians, a 12-piece band dedicated to keeping 1920s music alive, was an obvious concept for Dennis Block.

Block, founder, conductor and substitute musician of the Upper Mississippians, says he has always been interested in music.

"My mother is musical and my dad was a fan with zero talent," he laughs. "I kind of came out between the two."

According to Block, the Park Rapids-based band is one of only seven "working" bands in the US belonging to the International Society of

1920s Orchestras.

"It's an underserved niche," Block says. "It's very interesting music and it's not overexposed. Even though it's old, it's

new to us musicians and to our audience."

The Mississippians' active library includes about 225 songs from the 1920s, about 25 of which

Block considers "standards."

This Sunday, the public can step back into the 1920s at the Upper Mississippians concert, beginning at 7 p.m.

in the Woodtick Theater in Akeley.

The band, comprised of local amateur musicians, practice once a week from April to November. From 1997 to 2003, the group played every Sunday at Chateau Paulette near Dorset, until fire shut the building down.

This year the Upper Mississippians, along with their "sub-group" that plays New Orleans-style '20s songs, have played about six gigs, including a wedding and an anniversary.



The Upper Mississippians have been performing publicly for nine years.

Band: Finding his musicians

Block says the band was an idea long in coming. Like most mothers, his insisted he take piano lessons at a young age.

He continued to play instruments throughout high school, but gave up performing until his construction career took him and his wife, Gwen, to Saudi Arabia. There they had few choices in the way of recreation, so they decided to join a community band.

When they moved to Connecticut in the early 1980s, the couple joined a Dixieland band that dabbled in 1920s music. In the late 1980s, Dennis and friend Pat Bowen formed a "sub-group" of the band that focused solely on '20s tunes.

Block says he's drawn to 1920s music in particular because it's "inherently happy, melodic, and harmonic. All the things you don't have in today's popular music," he laughs.

In 1994 Block retired and he and his wife moved to Park Rapids. He bought the Connecticut band's musical library and transported it with him in hopes of "starting again" in his new home.

Block says finding members for the group was (and still is) easy. He met musicians through participation in local community bands and asked area high school band directors to give it a try.

"There's a lot of talent everywhere. There's no monopoly on talent in any location or any race or any culture, in my opinion," he says. "It's just a matter of finding it and, often, convincing people that they have it, especially around here. Some of my best players are very modest and still don't believe they're good enough."

Apparently he chose the right people; since they began performing nine years ago, The Upper Mississippians have lost only two members.

Block still keeps in contact with Bowen, personally and professionally. Bowen and his wife collect 1920s compositions and Block helps them catalogue the music, borrowing select pieces for the Upper Mississippians' repertoire.

According to Block, the Bowens garner most of their compositions from places like

the Seattle Public Library and the Library of Congress and from private collections, i.e. sheet music stockpiles hoarded away in attics throughout the country.



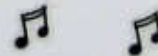
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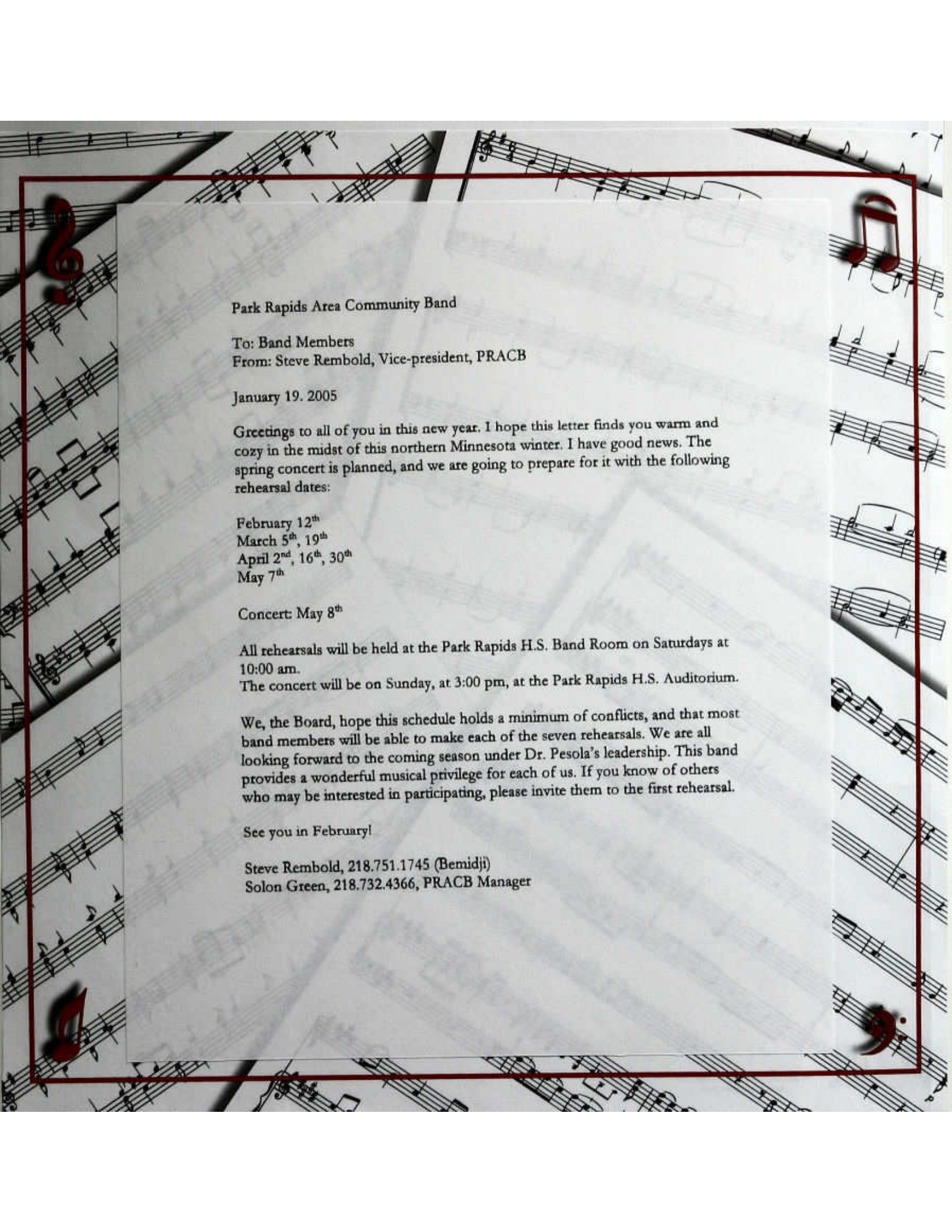


He tells the story of a large collection found in a private Park Rapids residence. In 1998, the owners of a house near Park Ace Hardware had an estate sale and auctioned off more than 100 pounds of sheet music from the silent-movie era. The collector had passed away in 1948; after his death, his wife had stashed the music in her attic for 50 years. Block and Bowden purchased the music and salvaged more than 800 "usable" songs.

They will perform some standards and a few lesser-known ditties Sunday night. Although the Woodtick performance will be a concert rather than a dance, Block says the establishment's owner "does allow dancing in the aisles."

Tickets are \$11.50. For more information, call 218-652-4200.





Park Rapids Area Community Band

To: Band Members
From: Steve Rembold, Vice-president, PRACB

January 19, 2005

Greetings to all of you in this new year. I hope this letter finds you warm and cozy in the midst of this northern Minnesota winter. I have good news. The spring concert is planned, and we are going to prepare for it with the following rehearsal dates:

February 12th
March 5th, 19th
April 2nd, 16th, 30th
May 7th

Concert: May 8th

All rehearsals will be held at the Park Rapids H.S. Band Room on Saturdays at 10:00 am.
The concert will be on Sunday, at 3:00 pm, at the Park Rapids H.S. Auditorium.

We, the Board, hope this schedule holds a minimum of conflicts, and that most band members will be able to make each of the seven rehearsals. We are all looking forward to the coming season under Dr. Pesola's leadership. This band provides a wonderful musical privilege for each of us. If you know of others who may be interested in participating, please invite them to the first rehearsal.

See you in February!

Steve Rembold, 218.751.1745 (Bemidji)
Solon Green, 218.732.4366, PRACB Manager

WELCOME TO A CONCERT OF EXCITING BAND MUSIC

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THE PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND



14TH ANNUAL WINTER HOLIDAY CONCERT



Dr. Russell Pesola, Conductor
David Kerkvliet, Associate Conductor
Dr. David Baldwin, Trumpet Sololist
Denny Ulmer, Announcer

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2004
3:00 p.m.

PARK RAPIDS AREA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



David Baldwin

Spreading holiday cheer

The Park Rapids Area Community Band will perform their 14th annual Winter Holiday Concert at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 in the high school auditorium. Dr. Russell Pesola will serve as the band's conductor; this is his third concert with the group. David Baldwin (right), a professor of trumpet at the University of Minnesota School of Music, will be the concert's featured trumpet soloist. Baldwin has been a member of the United States Military Academy Band at West Point, NY, the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Minnesota Orchestra, the Minnesota Opera and the International Trumpet Guild. The free performance is open to the public and will include such pieces as Country Gardens, Trumpeter's Lullaby, Them Basses and First Suite in E flat for Military Band.



Holiday concert

The Park Rapids Area High School Band will present a holiday concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2 in the auditorium.

Admission is free; the public is welcome.



Community band to present spring concert

The Park Rapids Area Community Band, under the direction of Dr. Russell Pesola, will present its Spring Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 8 at the Park Rapids Area High School auditorium.

Soprano Eeva Savolainen will be guest soloist for the 14th annual spring event.

A graduate of Tampere Conservatory and Sibelius Academy, Finland, she served on the voice faculty at the University of Tampere and taught in the drama department. Savolainen also sang in musical theatre productions.

She moved to Minnesota in 1996 and has performed as a soloist with the Minnesota Orchestra, Oratorio Society and Hamline and North Central university choirs.

Savolainen also has collaborated with many



Eeva Savolainen

Schubert Club, Walker Art Center and Hill House Players.

As a recitalist, she has given concerts in Chicago, Minnesota Orchestra through

Pittsburgh, Michigan, California, Minnesota and Seattle performing mostly seldom heard Scandinavian music. She also is on a voice faculty at Hamline University and is a welcomed performer in many Finnish-American venues throughout the United States.

Being a versatile artist, she also has performed Finnish tangos and other dance music. Currently, she is working on a Finnish children's opera, which will premiere in Michigan this summer.

In her appearance here, Savolainen will perform "Solvejg's Song" from Peer Gynt and "Femme Fatale" by Jukka Linkola, arranged for band by conductor Pesola.

The Sunday concert program includes "Light Cavalry Overture," two Cajun folk songs, "Norwegian Dance



Russell Pesola

"Entry March of the Boyars," "Pentland Hills March," "Pavanne" by Morton Gould, a number featuring the trombone section and "Midway March."



Soloist gives a thumbs up to the band!



Eeva S. tells the audience about herself



Community band

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Soprano Eeva Savolainen will be the guest soloist.

The concert program includes "Light Cavalry Overture," Cajun folk songs, "Norwegian Dance No. 2 by Edvard Greig," "Entry March of the Boyars," "Pentland Hills March," "Pavanne" by Morton Gould and "Midway March."

Soloist



Ms Savolainen

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

THE PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

Presents



14TH ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT



Dr. Russell Pesola, Conductor

David Kerkvliet, Associate Conductor

Eeva Savolainen, Guest Soprano Soloist

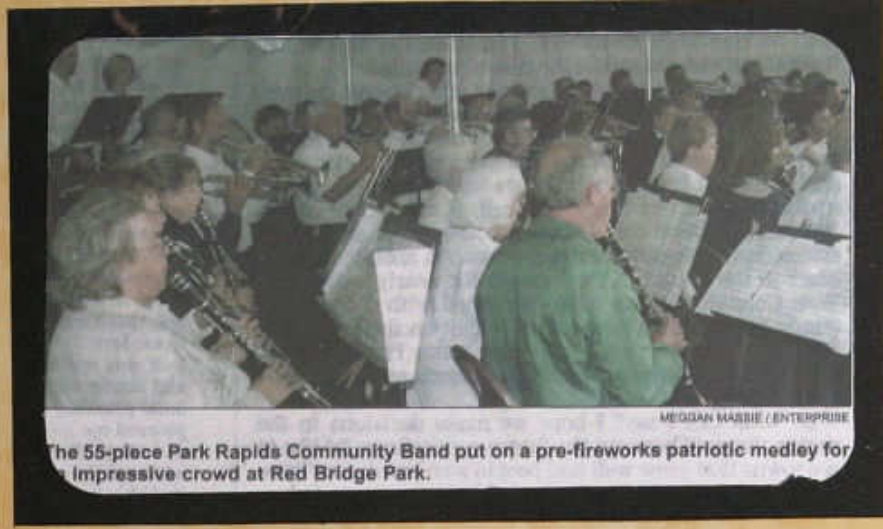
Sunday, May 8, 2005

3:00 p.m.

PARK RAPIDS AREA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



Conductor Pesola



MEGGAN HASSIE / ENTERPRISE

The 55-piece Park Rapids Community Band put on a pre-fireworks patriotic medley for an impressive crowd at Red Bridge Park.



Pre-fireworks concert

Celebrate your patriotism and love of music all at once as the Park Rapids Area Community Band performs, starting at 8 p.m. in Red Bridge Park.

Conducted by Dr. Russell Pesola, the 55-piece band performs patriotic music and marches and sets the stage for the Independence Day celebration's grand finale.

The Downtown Business Association will host a beer garden from 7 to 10 p.m. at Red Bridge Park. Beer garden proceeds will go toward the purchase of trash receptacles, window boxes and other downtown improvements, including a new mural on the north side of Aunt Belle's Confectionary.



Summer Concerts
July 4th, 2005
8 P.M. Concert
at Red Bridge Park
Hackensack
Water Concert
Aug. 13th, 2005
3 P.M.
in the City Park



The UPPER MISSISSIPIANS

June 19, 26
July 10, 24, 31
Aug 7, 21, 28

Sundays - 6:00 to 9:00

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1920s - 40s



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From: Russell Pesola
May 25, 2005

To:
Dave

Park Rapids Area Community Band
July 4, 2005 Park Rapids, MN
August 13, 2005 Hackensack, MN

Tentative Program:

The Star Spangled Banner

Pentland Hills March

Light Cavalry Overture

Sarabande

Entry March of the Boyars

First Suite In E Flat

Intermission

Fandango

Escapade for Trombones

Pavanne

Armed Forces Salute

America, The Beautiful

The Stars and Stripes Forever

Francis Scott Key	1'40"
— Capt Jimmy Howe	3
Franz von Suppe	7'20"
Malcolm Arnold	2'40"
Johann Halvorsen	5'00"
Gustav Holst	<u>11'00"</u>
(Time	30'40")

Frank Perkins	3
Frank Bencriscutto	3'30"
Morton Gould	3'20"
Arr by Bob Lowden	4'30"
Samuel Augustus Ward	3'20"
John Phillip Sousa	<u>3'20"</u>
(Time	21'40")



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August 2005¹

Dear PRACB Friend:

Another successful season has been completed, our rehearsal schedule and concert dates are all set. The band has been inspired this past year by our new conductor, Dr. Russell Pesola. He joins the PRACB organization as a recently retired Professor of Instrumental Music at Concordia College, Moorhead, MN. After twenty-eight plus years of experience at Concordia, he brings a wealth of new ideas, old ideas, and musical knowledge to our band members.

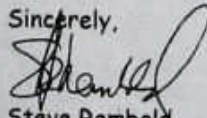
Our 2005-2006 Endowment campaign is well underway. The Park Rapids Area Community Band is entering its fifteenth year of providing music in the Park Rapids, Minnesota and surrounding area. Our success is due to friends like you, the talented and dedicated musicians who make up our membership and the support of the communities in the Park Rapids area. The Endowment Program is important to the PRACB. Individuals, couples, companies, business and/or corporate sponsors are urged to endow a chair for a minimum contribution of \$100.00. All chair endowment contributors will be listed in our concert programs for 2005-06 season. The contribution is tax deductible, may be made anonymously, or as a memorial gift.

Please consider supporting our organization with a contribution to our well established endowment program. You may send a check made out to the PRACB to our manager, Solon Green at 15923 Freedom Drive, Park Rapids, MN 56470. Or you may contact him if you have any questions or concerns at (218) 732-4366.

Our Winter Concert is scheduled for Sunday, December 4, 2005 at 3:00pm at the Park Rapids High School Auditorium.

For your convenience we have enclosed an addressed, stamped envelope.

Sincerely,


Steve Rembold
Chairman, PRACB

Karen Onstad
Paul Ramsey

Concert Band, Dance Band, Dixieland Band & Polka Band
Board of Directors
Steve Rembold, Chairman Solon Green, Mgr/Treas Roger Wilson

Vicki Magnuson
Terri Walen



Park Rapids Area Community Band

15923 Freedom Drive - Park Rapids, MN 56470

TO: Band Members
FROM: Steve Rembold, Vice-president, PRACB
DATE: July 29, 2005

Here is a cool thought for those too hot days, Actually, two cool thoughts. Remember how nice and cool it was on July 4th in Park Rapids? What happened? Here's another...

The winter concert is planned, and we are going to prepare for it with the following rehearsal dates:

September 17th
October 1st, 8th, 22nd
November 5th, 19th
December 3rd

Concert date: December 4th, 3:00 P.M.

All rehearsals will be held at the Park Rapids High School Band Room on Saturdays at 10:00 A.M.

The concert will be on Sunday, at 3:00 P.M. at the Park Rapids High School Auditorium.

We, the Board, hope this schedule holds a minimum of conflicts, and that most band members will be able to make each of the seven rehearsals.

Thank you for your hard work and faithful attendance through this past season. If you know of others who may be interested in participating, please invite them to the first rehearsal.

Please remember our August 13th concert at Hackensack. The concert is at 3:00 P.M., so you will need to be there by 2:30 P.M. See you there!

Steve Rembold, 218-333-3827 (Bernidji) Please note this new number.
Solon Green, 218-732-4366, PRACB Manager

From: Steve Rembold

To PRACB:

Hi everybody. Here is the new adjusted spring schedule for 2006. It still has some conflicts for some people but it seems to be the best that we can do. Please let me know that you have gotten this message and also if you have any problems. I'm looking forward to seeing you all on February 25.

Russ Pesola

**PRACB
Spring Schedule 2006**

Reh 1 Feb 25
Reh 2 March 18
Reh 3 April 1
Reh 4 April 15
Reh 5 April 29
Reh 6 May 6
Reh 7 May 20
Concert May 21

Subject: pracb website

The Park Rapids Area Community Band website is up. At present it is just kind of a bulletin board with the rehearsal and concert schedules. As I get more materials I'll add more. I need history, pictures, etc. If you have anything that would add to the site either email it to me or bring it to band rehearsal.

Here is the link to the site: www.jeffrennerart.com/pracb Jeff Renner has kindly allowed me to use his webspace and bandwidth for our site so if you are interested in seeing some good wildlife art, you can take off the /pracb and check out Jeff's site.

Paul (the other Paul in the tuba section)

Subject: Summer Concert Dates

The following dates look good to the Board. The Detroit Lakes concert is not set for sure, but probably will work. It is a Tuesday night, so please take note. This will be an outdoor event.

June 17 rehearsal at PRHS
June 20 Concert at DL 7:00-8:30
July 4 Park Rapids Concert 7:30
August 12 Hackensack Concert 3:00

It would be helpful to contact Solon if you cannot make any of these dates. Thanks for your dedication to the cause!

Steve Rembold

Subject: PRACB Spring /Summer schedule/needs reply

To The PRACB:

Hi everyone. Here is a copy of the Spring / Summer schedule. I also have come to think that I should get a response from everyone if there are any events that you cannot make. Please e-mail me by Thursday, May 4, if you cannot do the Hjemkomst concert with the Agassiz Band, June 4th. I should have been more thorough about that one before committing the band to it. You might as well say yes or no to each of the performance events that are listed.

Thank you. See you next Saturday.

Russ Pesola

Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m. - rehearsal

Saturday, May 20, 10a.m. - Dress rehearsal

Sunday, May 21, 3:00 p.m. - PRACB Spring Concert, PRHS

Sunday, June 4, 2:00 p.m. - Combined PRACB and Agassiz Band, Trollwood Park, Fargo

Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m. - PRACB rehearsal for Detroit Lakes concert

Tuesday, June 20, 7:00 p.m. - Concert Detroit Lakes Band Stand

Tuesday, July 4, 7:30p.m. - Park Rapids 4th of July

Tentatively (we may need to talk about combining a brief rehearsal and concert same day for Hackensack)

Saturday, August 12, 3:00 p.m. - Hackensack Concert

PRACB winter concert to feature trombonist



Nathaniel Dickey



Nathaniel Dickey, a Concordia College, Moorhead, faculty member, will be the featured soloist with the Park Rapids Area Community Band (PRACB) at the 15th annual winter concert.

The performance will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 in the Park Rapids Area High School auditorium.

Dickey will perform two works for trombone by Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov and Arthur Pryor.

Other featured composers include Ron Nelson, Antonin Dvorak, Aaron Copland and Meredith Wilson. The PRACB is

directed by Dr. Russell Pesola.

In conjunction with the concert, Dickey will offer a trombone and low brass clinic for performers of all ages at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 in the Park Rapids Area High School music department.

Both the concert and clinic are free of charge.

Dickey joined the Concordia College faculty in 2003 as instructor of low brass and director of the Cobber Band.

A versatile performer and conductor, Dickey has performed at Carnegie Hall and Tanglewood. He has

been a founding member of award-winning chamber ensembles, performed with numerous ballet, opera, jazz and symphony orchestras and recorded with renowned soloists and brass ensembles.

He performs frequently as a soloist and is actively involved in commissioning and performing new music.

Dickey received degrees in music and mathematics from Oberlin College, earned a master's degree in music from Rice University and is currently completing a doctorate at the University of Minnesota.

THE PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

Presents

15TH ANNUAL WINTER CONCERT

Dr. Russell Pesola, Conductor
Nathaniel Dickey, Trombone Soloist

Sunday, December 4, 2005
3:00 p.m.

PARK RAPIDS AREA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



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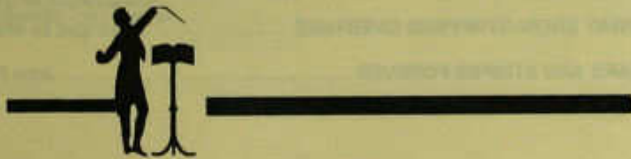
Presents

**15TH ANNUAL
SPRING
CONCERT**

Dr. Russell Pesola, Conductor
Eric Peterson, Tuba Soloist

Sunday, May 21, 2006
3:00 p.m.

PARK RAPIDS AREA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



Pesola
+
E. Peterson



15 years
as Member



Billa Sue
Sanger
+
Solen Green

Park Rapids Area Community Band to perform Sunday

Band concert Sunday

Dr. Russell Pesola will conduct the Park Rapids Area Community Band in concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 21 at the Park Rapids Area High School auditorium.



Dr. Russell Pesola
"The Harmonica Player," arranged for band by Curtiss Blake, "Broadway Show-Stoppers Overture" and Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."

The 15th annual spring concert will feature Eric Peterson, tuba soloist, with the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra. He will perform "Concertino for Tuba and Band" and join the Park Rapids Area Community Band's tuba section in an arrangement of "Old Man River."

Sunday's program also includes an English folk song suite, "Dance Rhythms for Band," John Philip Sousa's "Sempre Fidelis," "The Girl I Left Behind Me" from Leroy Anderson's "Irish Suite," "Aguero,"

The Park Rapids Area Community Band's 15th annual spring concert will feature guest soloist Eric Peterson.

The concert will be presented at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 21 at the Park Rapids Area

High School auditorium.

Peterson started playing the tuba when he was 12 in 8th grade in Lindstrom. He found that he quite liked it, and decided to practice regularly, so he could enjoy making music with others,

such as in the school band.

At the University of Minnesota, he continued in the band and the orchestra and took lessons from the best tuba player around, Paul Walton of the Minneapolis Symphony.

Walton was also a brass repairman, and started interesting Peterson in the mechanical side of the instrument.

Interested in the possibility of learning how to build a better tuba, Peterson went to Germany after college to learn brass instrument building. Three years later he returned to work with Walton in the instrument repair business, and has helped to keep the brass community in Minneapolis in good repair ever since.

This didn't slow down his tuba playing, though. Eric has regularly played in two orchestras and a brass band with weekly rehearsals for years, and occasionally plays in front of them as a soloist, in addition to making music with various brass quintets, brass choirs and "put-together" bands and orchestras.

There is no admission charge. A free will offering will be received.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Eric Peterson is the guest soloist for the performance.

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works patriotic 4th of July concert performed outdoors at the city beach in Park Rapids, drawing thousands of appreciative listeners.

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 Trombones: Adam Hultberg
 Tuba: Denny Ulmer Key Board: Mary
 Drums: Dave Kerkvliet



UPPER MISSISSIPPIANS

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July 9, 2006

Sunday

Business In "F"

A Sunday Kind of Love

Tennessee Waltz

Begin the Beguine

Says My Heart

Five Foot Two

A Small Cafe Mam'selle

Liechtensteiner Polka

720 In the Books

More Than You Know

Siboney (Rhumba)

A Hot Dog, a Blanket, and You

Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland (Waltz)

Celery Stalks at Midnight

September Song

Je Vous Aime

Indiana

Clarinet Polka

White Heat

Hot Lips

It's Too Soon To Know

Night Train

Love Dreams (Waltz)

Casa Loma Stomp

Pennsylvania Polka

Groovin' Easy

Goodnight Medley

PRACB to perform June 20 in Detroit Lakes

The Park Rapids Area Community Band will perform, under the direction of Dr. Russell Pesola, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20 at the band shell in Detroit Lakes.

(The concert will move inside the Detroit Lakes Pavilion if it rains.)

Sunday, June 4, several members of the Park Rapids Area Community Band performed with the Lake Agassiz Concert Band of Moorhead at the Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) Music Festival.

Dr. John Tesch directed the combined bands of

approximately 90 members in a concert. The program included several arrangements by Russell Peterson, who performed as a soloist, as did guitarist Michael Coates.

Other events during the afternoon, included performances by the Jazz Arts

Big Band and the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony. Each year, the symphony sponsors a concerto competition for young musicians and this year's winners were recognized during the afternoon. MPR also recognized winners of its music listening competition.



Music at the park

For pre-fireworks fun

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While you're listening, Boy Scout Troop 58 will be selling popcorn and pop and the All-Veterans Memorial Committee will be hosting an old-fashioned pie and ice cream social.



Dixieland Combo

Playing in the 4th of July Parade



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The Park Rapids Area Community Band performed at Red Bridge Park before the fireworks.

Members:

Bill Sanaer - Trumpet
 Adam T. Haltberg - Trombone
 Dodi Egge - Banjo
 Dave Kerkvliet - Drums
 Paul Ramsay - Tuba
 Deanne Johnson - Clarinet

