



# Soundwaves

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Happy 2015 to all our friends and colleagues. 2014 was a great year for ABB. We played the Gettysburg Brass Band Festival for the first time, accompanied some of the finest brass players the military has at ITG, played with Ron Romm of Canadian Brass fame, played the Ocean City Music Pier, and even played while riding an escalator! We are looking forward to more new experiences for the coming year. We hope you'll be there with us!

- Jack Deal, President ABB

## CELEBRATING IN STYLE 30 YEARS OF BRASS BANDING

There was one minor setback for our 30th Anniversary concert. Originally scheduled for October, it was to be the inaugural concert in the newly renovated Pfleegar Auditorium. Unfortunately the auditorium wasn't going to be finished in time so the concert got moved to November 2nd.

Our Music Director Salvatore Scarpa put together a very entertaining and memorable program. It featured many contest pieces from the early years of the band which seemed much easier than before and I'm sure sounded a bit better as well. One of these was *Widdecombe Faire* and we were pleased to have the composer, Stephen Bulla, in the audience.

The band premiered *Proclamations for Brass* which was written for the event by Bruce Yurko. To show how far the band has come, we even tackled the very difficult piece *Jazz* by Phillip Wilby.

For the finale to the concert we were joined by several former ABB members including former Music Director Tony Guererra who took the podium to conduct *Florentiner March*. Then Sal led the band for the grand finale of *Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral*.

Following the concert we all headed to a delicious banquet catered by Barbara Anne's Catering and were joined by many former members. It was great to see so many sharing their memories of the band's 30 years.



Atlantic (& Wheaton) alumni swapping stories  
L to R Tom Checkett, Nan LaCorte, & Bill McLean

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## 30TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Plenty of fabulous food for the evening!



Commemorative ABB  
Beers by The Deal Boys  
Homebrewing Crowd

Former & Present Members L to R John McClernan, Lou Giunta, Art Myers & Jim Weinhouse all of whom taught music in the Glassboro School System.



## YOUTH BAND KICKS OFF 3RD YEAR

On November 23rd The Atlantic Youth Brass Band in conjunction with Rowan Prep got off to a great start with a very good turn out. After rehearsing and working in sections with the band coaches, they performed a joint mini-concert for their families along with ABB.



Youth Band Music Director Dr. Bryan Appleby-Wineberg  
rehearsing the cornet section.



Amy Bliss working with the baritones & euphoniums.



Anna Skrupky & Carl Ball coaching the tenor horn section.



Mike Armstrong teaching the large trombone section..



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FESTIVAL**

*Chesapeake Silver Cornet Brass Band*

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Composer, Trombonist,  
Salvation Army Music  
Editor Eastern  
Territory, Composer in  
Residence for the NY  
Staff Band



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Greater NY. Principal  
cornet of the NY Staff  
Band

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High School  
Middle School

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New York Staff Band Performance  
Adult- \$10, Senior/Student- \$5

Entry to Saturday Gala Concert (6pm) and  
Sunday Mass Brass Rehearsal is Free

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**Eventbrite**





## SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

Yes, it seems to happen earlier every year, but this year it certainly helped ABB! When the Deptford Mall approached Mike Armstrong (Deptford High School Band Director and 2nd trombone in ABB) about the HS Band playing for Santa, he let them know that his band would not be able to do it, but Atlantic might. After some negotiation and insurance hurdles were out of the way we found ourselves with one of the most unique jobs in the band's history. It started with 2 quartets alternating sets of carols in front of Ruby Tuesday's from 8am to 10am for the "Breakfast with Santa." Bryan Appleby-Wineberg, Malcolm McDuffee, Melanie Ball, Jack Deal, Carl Ball, Mike Armstrong, Amy Bliss, & Joe Sino split the caroling duties while a toy soldier on stilts "conducted." After that the real fun began! The band lined up behind Santa & Mrs. Claus to parade down to the opposite end of the mall, up the escalator, and back to the middle of the mall. Yes, folks, up the escalator playing! After many repetitions of "Here Comes Santa Claus" and "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," the band arrived at the performance site overlooking Santa's Headquarters. After a brief play acted out by Santa's Elves, the band got on to what it does best—sitting down and performing. The band played two sets of Christmas music, finally wrapping up at noon. It's too bad we didn't get a video of Sal dancing as he conducted "Feliz Navidad!"



The world's tallest conductor!



Santa, Mrs. Claus, Hyper-Elf & ABB



Sal's famous "Jingle Baton"



Whit Friday, here we come!



Mike Armstrong bravely leading the way.



An ABB first: playing on an escalator!

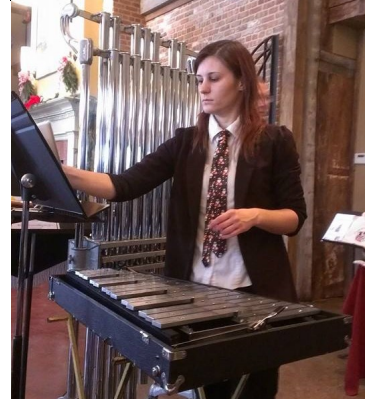


## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

On December 11th the ABB Small Band played for Sal's church, St. Peter's RC in Merchantville.



We finished out the year with our 7th Annual Christmas Concert at Laurita Winery on December 14th. The band was conducted quite capably by Rowan Choir Director Chris Thomas. We also premiered our new matching Christmas ties!



Theresa Yurkevich looking very smart sporting the new Christmas tie.

## NEW MERCHANDISE

To commemorate our 30th Anniversary there were 2 new items added to our merchandise: T-shirts and Pint Glasses. The shirts are \$15 and the pint glasses are \$10. Please contact us or see us in concert to get yours.



### Upcoming Events

- February 21 & 22**—Rowan University Mid-Atlantic Brass Band Festival featuring the Salvation Army NY Staff Band
- March 8**—Rowan University Prism Concert 3:00 pm
- March 13 & 14**—Ft. Wayne, Ind. North American Brass Band Association Championship
- May 9**—Convention Center Cape May, NJ Concert 8:00 pm
- May 17**—Temple Beth Shalom Elkins Park, PA Celebrate Hope Concert 3:00 pm
- May 23**—North School Brigantine, NJ Concert 7:00 pm
- May 24**—Rotary Bandstand Cape May, NJ Concert 8:00 pm
- June 13**—Gettysburg Brass Band Festival Gettysburg, PA
- October 10**—Convention Center Cape May, NJ Concert 8:00 pm
- October 25**—Rowan University Fall Concert 3:00 pm
- November 15**—Trinity Presbyterian Church Cherry Hill, NJ 4:00 pm





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**Don't forget to "Like" us!**



The Band was required to wear Christmas Ties for the Deptford Mall job but since the new matching Christmas ties had not arrived in time everyone was asked to bring their own Christmas Tie. After the performance we held a contest to see who had the most "Festive" (ugly?) tie. Congratulations to Joe Sino for having the most "Festive" one.



Find us on the Web at [www.atlanticbrassband.org](http://www.atlanticbrassband.org)



## MILESTONES

**Got a milestone to  
share with us?  
You can toot your own  
horn here!**

**Apparently no one had any Milestones this quarter.  
But fortunately no gall stones or kidney stones either.**

**So, in its place we'll put in a little fun. A few months back, 4 Bars Rest challenged its readers to come up with movie titles that had to do with Brass Banding. Here are a few of the titles they came up with.  
Groans aplenty!**

*Dirty Bari*  
*Horn Free*  
*Little Sop of Horrors*  
*Euphonium Live Twice*  
*Silence of the Tams*  
*Midnight Cowbell*

*The Da Vinci Coda*  
*Schindler's Gliss*  
*There Wilby Blood*  
*Jurassic Sparke*  
*Pacific Rimmer*  
*The Lion in Vinter*

*Splendor in the Brass*  
*Bad Day at Black Dyke*  
*West Side Cory*  
*Little Brighthouse on the Prairie*  
*Whit Men Can't Jump*  
And here's Ef's two cents:  
*One Flugel over the Cuckoo's Nest!*