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This has been an incredibly busy spring for the band. We had the opportunity to play with many guest soloists and had to prepare not only the accompaniments to all those soloists but also our contest music for NABBA and programs for Memorial Day Weekend & Gettysburg. The band rose to the occasion and produced some very good performances. Jack Deal, President ABB

GRAND RAPIDS 2014

Regardless of the results, it is always a great experience to compete at the North American Brass Band Association Championship. The band put in two fine performances and although we only placed 4th (out of a crowded field of 9 Championship bands) we were pleased with our performance. There were certainly some things that were different this year. There was only one adjudicator each night for the competition and one of those two, Edward Gregson, did not record comments. This was a bit disappointing but a nice surprise afterwards was that NABBA sent us DVD's as well as CD's of our performances for all our members. We are indeed proud of our performance. The other odd thing is that the new North American Champions are a band from Norway. Congratu-

lations to the Stavanger Band for a truly spectacular performance!

ABB was also represented by the ABB Back Row competing in the Ensemble Competition and John Bland & Jack Deal competing in Low Brass Slow Melody & High Brass Slow Melody respectively.

Thanks to Bryan Appleby-Wineberg for arranging our rehearsal at Allendale High school. It seems like Bryan has contacts everywhere! Thanks also to Jacob Guilbeau for organizing a 12-passenger van for those who did not wish to pay the cost of flying to Grand Rapids. Thanks again to Amy Boyd for organizing the hotel rooming yet again. And thanks to everyone in Grand Rapids who supported us and cheered us on.



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SCENES FROM 2014 NABBA CHAMPIONSHIP IN GRAND RAPIDS



Jack Deal performing
Elegy by Arutiunian.



ABB Back Row
L to R

Michelle Lowry
Melanie Ball
Art Myers
Anita Collings
Matt Hartmann
perform *Within
Sacred Walls*

At the NABBA After Party



A surprise visit from ZZ Top, or at least the Deal Brothers, Jack & Don with the NABBA Weiner.



John Bland with accompanist
Amy Boyd performing the 2nd
movement of the Vaughan-
Williams *Tuba Concerto*.



Rehearsal at Allendale HS



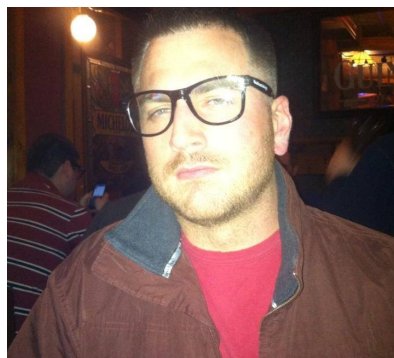
The Maestro, Salvatore Scarpa,
working his magic with the band.



Glasses?

More Glasses?

Even More Glasses???

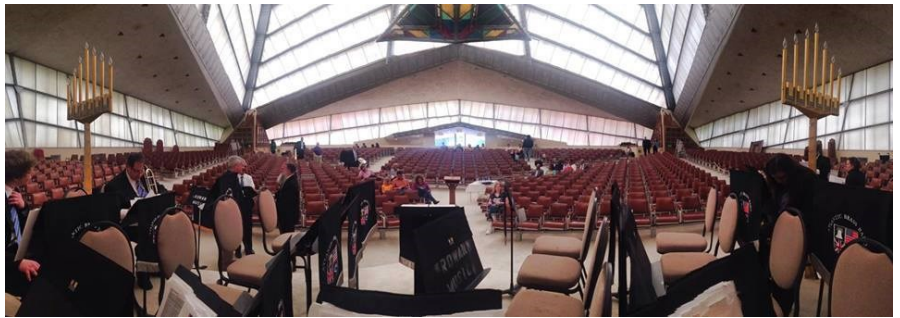


2014 CELEBRATE HOPE CONCERT

One of the disappointments in 2013 was having the Celebrate Hope Concert cancelled due to snow. Since there wasn't an available date to reschedule it before the holidays, we had to cancel it completely for 2013. Rather than wait until December of 2014, where we could run into the same problems with weather, it was decided by the American Cancer Society that it should coincide with the AstraZeneca Hope Lodge's 5th Anniversary in May. They also changed the venue to a location near the AZ Hope Lodge and what a venue! The concert was held at Temple Beth Shalom in Elkins Park, PA, a building that was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

We were able to get **Peter Bond** of the Metropolitan Opera and **Kevin Gebo** from the US Army Band as guest soloists. Peter performed *Napoli* on cornet and *Flowerdale* on soprano cornet and Kevin performed *Fortune's Fool* on trumpet. As an encore they were joined by Bryan Appleby-Wineberg for the trumpet trio, *Roller Coaster*.

Also on the program were the Atlantic Youth Brass Band who did a fabulous job that was very well received.



View from the stage in the Frank Lloyd Wright designed sanctuary.



Rehearsing *Roller Coaster* with Peter Bond, Kevin Gebo, & Bryan A-W



Amy Bliss & the Youth Band Euph Section



Peter Bond



Kevin Gebo



AZ Hope Lodge

ATLANTIC BRASS BAND

Memorial Day 2014 What a Weekend!!

It started off with a concert on Friday night in the Chapel at the Valley Forge Military Academy as part of the International Trumpet Guild Conference. The concert was entitled *Red, White, & Blue: A Military Tribute* and featured 6 soloists: **Kevin Gebo, Bill Dunn, and Bryan McKinney** from the US Army, **Amy McCabe** from the US Marines, **Kelly Watkins** from the US Coast Guard, and **Michael Baker** from the Salvation Army. This meant we had to prepare quite a lot of music in a short time. To finish the concert, there was an encore featuring all 6 soloists on Peter Graham's *The Dream Team*, a piece ABB premiered in 2011.

Also featured before the concert and at intermission were the drums, fifes, & trumpets of the US Army Old Guard from Washington DC. All in all, quite an incredible evening.

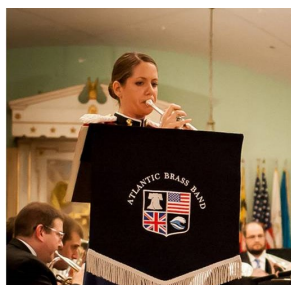


Behind the scenes: some of what it takes to put on a stellar performance!

The weekend continued with our annual concerts at the North School in Brigantine, NJ, on Saturday and the Cape May Music Festival on Sunday. Principal cornet Bryan Appleby-Wineberg had to miss these two concerts to be with his family but sent in a pretty decent sub as concert master— **Peter Bond** from the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra! Needless to say, he did a fabulous job and it was a great treat for the rest of the front row. The Cape May concert did have a bittersweet side to it as it was the last performance with ABB by euphonium Jacob Guilbeau before he moved to California. (see Milestones) He was sent off appropriately and in style though on a featured duet with Amy Bliss of the Childs Brothers' arrangement of *Softly As I Leave You*.

It was a very rewarding weekend with lots of great and memorable playing, but I don't think there was a single person in the band that wasn't glad we had Monday off!!

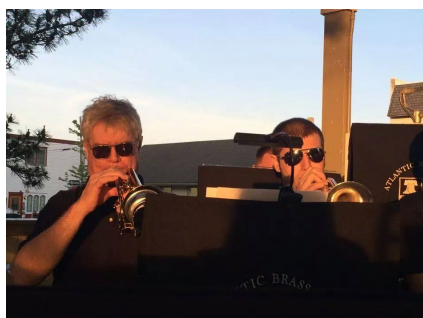
US Army Old Guard entering for their prelude



Amy McCabe performing *Excursions* by Bruce Broughton



The Dream Team



Guest sub Peter Bond with Matt Hartmann fighting the setting sun.



Jacob Guilbeau
& Amy Bliss
2 great euphoniums



The Cape May Bandstand at night.

GETTYSBURG BRASS BAND FESTIVAL



We wrapped up a very busy Spring with our first appearance at the Gettysburg Brass Band Festival. ABB finished up a great day of music that featured Rockville Brass Band, Benfield Brass Band, Spires Brass Band, Newmont Military Band, Spires Brass Band, and then ABB. It was an absolutely perfect day for an outdoor concert as well as sightseeing. Many of us toured the town and the battlefield or just enjoyed some relaxing time at some of the fine inns in town.

This concert was the last performance for Joe Faust (cornet) since he is now in the US Army (see Milestones) so he joined Will Gregory & Bryan A-W for the trio feature *Roller Coaster* and was then properly embarrassed with the announcement to the crowd that this was his last performance. We will miss him playing in the band.

The view from the back row



Joe Faust playing his last concert for ABB

AND THEN TO RELAX!

We followed the last concert of the season with a BBQ the very next day at Joe Sino's house. Thanks to his parents for hosting a fun time. We also had other unofficial get-togethers with a BBQ at Amy Bliss', an Anniversary party at the Deals, and a going away party for Joe Faust.



Bonnie, Will, Amy & Theresa
at Amy's BBQ



Bryan the master
at Ping Pong



Zach catching
dinner



Mel, Bruce & Marianne
at the Deals



Will, Joe, Carl, Michelle & Mel
at Joe's going away party

Other Upcoming Events

August 19—Ocean City, NJ Concert on the Music Pier 8:00 pm (www.oceancitypops.org)

October 12 — Glassboro, NJ ABB 30th Anniversary Concert in Wilson Hall at Rowan University 3:00

December 14— New Egypt, NJ Laurita Winery Annual Christmas Concert 2:00 pm (www.lauritawinery.com)



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1984—2014



Calling All Wheaton/ABB Alumni!!!

On October 12th we will be celebrating 30 years of the Atlantic Brass Band with a 3:00 Gala Concert in the newly refurbished Pfleegeer Hall followed by a 30th Anniversary Banquet. We would like to have as many former members as possible join us for the event. There will be a massed number or two on the program and lots of memorabilia on display. Please join the Atlantic Bass Band Alumni page on Facebook to keep informed on the details. If you're not on Facebook, please send us your email address so we can keep you informed. Also, please help us to locate other alumni. If you're in touch with any former members, let them know about this as well.

Don't forget to "Like" us!



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



MILESTONES

Ryan Vanaman (cornet) graduated Marine Boot Camp at Parris Island in April.

Shown here with his proud Mom, Ronnie.



His proud Dad, Jeff, had to miss the ceremony due to playing in ABB for the NABBA Championship

Jacob Guilbeau (Euphonium) has moved to San Jose, California along with his lovely wife Ashleigh. Ashleigh became an MD in May and is starting her residency on the West Coast. The couple had an exciting long and scenic drive moving themselves across country. Best wishes to both of you!



Joe Faust (Cornet) was accepted into the US Army on trumpet. He started his nine weeks of basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina on June 24. The pool is on for how many pounds he will lose! Best wishes Joe!!

Joe Sino (Baritone) Graduated with a BA in Music from Rowan University on May 16th. Congratulations and good luck in the job hunt!

