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As I look back on the many years I've been in the band (sadly not all 30, that honor goes to Jeff Vanaman!) I'm proud of the many things the band has accomplished. But what I'm most proud of is where the band is going. This current year and the next one have presented the band with so many new and exiting opportunities. I look forward to all this and hope I'm still around for the next 30 years!

## FROM WHEATON TO ATLANTIC, OUR FIRST 30 YEARS

The band has come quite a long way over these first 30 years. The band started out as the Wheaton Brass Band in 1984 in the model of the British Factory Band being sponsored by the Wheaton Glass Works. The band would never have existed if it hadn't been for the imagination and hard work of our founder, Yorkshire-born Herb Roselle.

The band lost no time joining the growing brass band movement and, under original conductor Owen Metcalf, competed in its first NABBA championship in 1985. It soon became clear that in order to improve, the band had to sever ties with Wheaton and so changed its name to Atlantic. The W's on the vests were replaced with A's and the band moved on.

In 1987 the band acquired a new conductor, Tony Guererra, and the band went back to NABBA, bringing home a banner for 2nd place. The band continued finishing in the top three through to 1992. In 1994 Salvatore Scarpa took over the position of Music Director, and the band has continued to be in the top tier of American Brass Bands, winning the NABBA Championship in 2011 and in 2012.

Over the years the band has continued to grow and expand musically with trips to England in 1987 & 1992, a trip to Italy in 2004, and most recently a trip to the Netherlands in 2013. We've performed with some of the finest players & conductors in the world, too numerous to mention! And the best thing of all is the best is yet to come!



Jack Deal and colleagues sporting the 80's look for ABB

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## OCEAN CITY MUSIC PIER—AUGUST 19TH



Tonight's Performance Sponsored by THE OCEAN CITY COFFEE COMPANY
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While the band usually takes the summer off in August, this year we had a new concert added to our schedule. On August 19th, we played at the Ocean City Music Pier in Ocean City, NJ, in a concert sponsored by the Ocean City Pops. With only 3 rehearsals scheduled after a shortened summer break, the band rose to the occasion with a challenging and entertaining program that varied from contest marches such as *The President & Keighly Moor* to Queen's *Bohemian Rhapsody!* (see program to the right.)

The crowd was enthusiastic in their applause throughout the program, leading to an encore of *Stars & Stripes Forever* complete with piccolo solo by Will Gregory on Soprano Cornet. The crowd also showed their appreciation of the band's performance by mobbing the CD sales table. We sold more CD's than we ever had sold at any concert before!



Our sales volunteers trying to keep up with customers!



## The Atlantic Brass Band

Maestro Salvatore Scarpa

Music Director

Liberty Fanfare Williams/Sykes
Keighly Moor Joe Cook
Overture to Nabucco Verdi/Rimmer
Napoli Bellstadt/Brand

Bryan Appleby-Wineberg—Cornet
The Shepherds Song Trad/Richards
Variations on Laudate Dominum Gregson

Intermission

Blenheim Flourishes Curnow Flowerdale Sparke

Will Gregory—Soprano cornet

The President German
Bohemian Rhapsody Mercury/Barry
The Day Thou Gavest Scholefield/Wilby
Gaelforce Graham

#### ATLANTIC BRASS BAND

## Perspective from a Delaware Participant of North American Brass Band Summer School

Margie Craver, tenor horn player of the Atlantic Brass Band, participated in the North American Brass Band Summer School in Nova Scotia this past July. The decision to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> NABBSS was not an easy one. I had all the usual reasons not to go, but I've always wanted to go to a brass band summer school. When I heard about it at the North American Brass Band Association competition in Grand Rapids, Michigan, I looked at my calendar and decided I would fit it into my schedule. I'm so glad I did. I gained such a wealth of knowledge and enjoyment in brass banding, making new friends, playing great music and different learning experiences.

Robert and David Childs were awesome leading the rehearsals to prepare us for the daily performances for the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo Concerts. The clinics by Helen Harrelson, Roger Webster, Dan Perantoni, David Martin and Stephen Allen were all uniquely executed sharing different approaches to playing and performing. As a horn player, I had a private lesson with Helen Harrelson, which gave me insight to different approaches to vibrato.

When not performing the shows, I enjoyed the other acts from the performances from around the world. Every day I would meet and talk with someone, usually in the dorm elevator, and ask where they were from and if they were enjoying their experience in Halifax. To be surrounded by artists of all types was quite exciting, as I knew everyone was so passionate about their art and how much hard work and dedication it takes to be the best they can be. Everyone was very friendly and I enjoyed seeing the different cultures, from Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Wales, and The Netherlands. A unique experience was listening to the Denmark gymnasts whistle together on the bus ride back to the dorm.

NABBSS was quite a remarkable schedule for me with many highlights throughout the 12 days. Between rehearsals, shows and master classes, I found some time to make new friends both young and old. Participants come from all over Canada and United States. The Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama students came primarily from Wales and UK. The students were so friendly and a highlight for me was sitting beside them during an open rehearsal. To hear their sound so close while I tried to imitate what they were doing was very rewarding and exciting for me.

Bravo to Craig Roberts for having the vision and determination to bring a brass band camp to North America. With Robert and David Childs leading the sessions, their enthusiasm, awesome experiences and stories were inspiring. They made the camp a remarkable and memorable experience for me and many others.

I went there by myself, and left with many friends I eagerly await to see next year. - Margie Craver



Left to Right: Dave Childs

Margie Craver

**Bob Childs** 

**Craig Roberts** 

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## NOVEMBER 2ND ATLANTIC BRASS BAND 30TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Come join us in the newly renovated Pfleeger Auditorium at Rowan University at 3 pm on November 2nd for an afternoon of brass music spanning our 30-year history. The band will be joined on the final numbers by many former players. If you were ever in the band, we hope you'll join us. We will be playing several numbers from our earliest outings competing in NABBA. Selections from the past include *Marching Through Georgia* (NABBA 1986), *Widdicombe Fair* (NABBA 1987), *Elegy* from *Downland Suite* (NABBA 1988), and *Variations on Laudate Dominum* (1989). Also on the program will be a World Premiere written for this occasion, *Proclamations for Brass Band* by Bruce Yurko.

There will be displays of photos and memorabilia in the lobby so come early and relive our history with us. Tickets for the concert are \$10 general admission, \$5 students & seniors, free for Rowan students & staff, and free for any alumni willing to play in the massed band.



## NOVEMBER 2ND ATLANTIC BRASS BAND 30TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

#### Attention present and former members!

At 6 pm following the Concert the Band will be celebrating its 30 years with a banquet at the Ferrell Fire Company in Monroeville. Tickets are \$20 per person and include a buffet dinner by Barbara Anne Caterers with soft drinks provided. You are permitted (encouraged?) to BYOB, and there will be plenty of ice and cups. Reservations must be made no later than October 25th. You can order your tickets through Eventbrite or contact Jack Deal at jdeal@arifleet.com. Make checks payable to Atlantic Brass Band.

Come share in the celebration and share your stories and memories.

## ORDER YOUR COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRT NOW!





A beautifully designed t-shirt in Atlantic Blue featuring the emblems the band has played under from Wheaton Brass "W" to the famous "Sunshine & Wave" to our current Shield. Shirts are \$15 and must be ordered by October 16th.

Go to <a href="http://www.customink.com/signup/b42t1us1">http://www.customink.com/signup/b42t1us1</a> to order or contact Michelle Lowry at michelle.l.lowry@gmail

This 30th Anniversary Newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Owen Metcalf, our first Music Director and great friend!

## BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR NEW IMPROVED WEBSITE

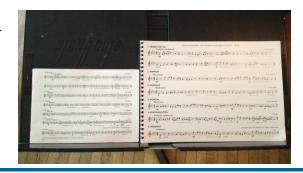
Check out our website to find out more about who we are and what we're up to. Watch videos of performances and order tickets to events as well as CD's and other merchandise. You can even find back issues of Soundwaves! Special thanks to Michelle Lowry for all her hard work designing and maintaining it and to Margie Craver for getting us in the right direction. Thanks also to Rob High for his many years of running the website and his assistance in getting this one live.

Check it out at www.atlanticbrassband.org





Special thanks to John Bland (Eb Bass) for his generous gift of a full set of **LARGE HYMN BOOKS!** These are much easier to read for many of us with older eyes! The old, regular size, set will be used by the Atlantic Youth Brass Band where everyone has much younger eyes.



#### **Other Upcoming Events**

November 2—Rowan University ABB 30th Anniversary Concert 3:00 pm

**November 8**—Deptford Mall Welcoming Santa 8:00 am—Noon

November 23—Rowan University Youth Band Kick-off and Side-by-Side with ABB. 4:30 pm

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

February 21 & 22—Rowan University Mid-Atlantic Brass Band Festival featuring the Salvation Army NY Staff Band

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

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





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# Calling All Wheaton/ABB Alumni!!!

On November 2nd we will be celebrating 30 years of the Atlantic Brass Band with a 3:00 Gala Concert in the newly refurbished Pfleeger 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.

## Find us on the Web at www.atlanticbrassband.org



## **MILESTONES**

Mike Daly (cornet) tied the knot this summer. Mike & Tiffany were married on July 24th.



Best wishes to the loving couple for many years of happiness.

### Ryan Vanaman (alumnus) has just been made lead trumpet with the NAVSOM New Orleans Brass Band.



Joe Faust (alumnus) graduated basic training, having lost a bit of weight, and is now playing at the US Army School of Music.

# Our entire baritone section have gotten new teaching positions!



**John Cajio** (left) is now teaching instrumental music for the Burlington City Middle School & High School.

Joe Sino (right) is now the Band Director at Millville Junior High School. Congratulations to them both! And Joe, sorry about the choice of photos!