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The Canadian Band Association

Presents The Results of THE FESTIVAL OF BIG BANDS

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Thanks to the efforts of countless members, the Festival of Bands 2004 was a tremendous success. On Sunday, Oct. 17th, in the new theatre at Crescent School for boys, nine concert bands from as far away as Windsor performed and competed for awards and prizes. At the same time six Big Bands did the same as well as provide dancers with the opportunity to strut their stuff in the auditorium. Audience members were seen shuffling their way between the two venues while listening to the concert bands being 'piped' throughout the halls.

Dr. Henry Meridith and Phil Murphy adjudicated the concert bands and Ken Jones along with Al Stanwyck presided over the Big Bands. All four indicated that they not only had a good time but were also impressed with the festival and the excellent level of performances. Adding to the professionalism of the day's events were the talents of M.C.s John Anderson (past CBA Ont. President) and radio personality Bruce Rogers.

The facilities and the tremendous cooperation of the administration, staff and students of Crescent school were facilitated by board member Denny Ringler, who deserves high praise for his efforts. All agreed that the school should be seriously considered for next year. Many thanks also go out to the industry supporters that not only sponsored some of our adjudicators but manned display tables and provided equipment for the bands.

Much appreciation goes out to the volunteer photographers, sound people, wives and significant others who gave of their time and expertise

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to assist in ensuring the days success.

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The Results:

The Festival of Bands

Moderators - Pres. Barrie Hodgins, VP Bill Askew, Denny Ringler, John Liddle

Award winners:

Concert Bands -Gold award (\$1000) - Northdale Concert Band
Conductor Steve Chenette

Silver Award -(\$500) sponsored by Yamaha Music of Canada Ltd -
Oakville Wind Orchestra -Conductor Chris Arthurs

Bronze Award -(\$250) Mississauga Pops, Concert Band. Conductor Denny Ringler

Adjudicators' Discretionary Plaques:

Plaque for Best Stage Presence-Northdale

St Johns Music Plaque for Best Solo Duet Trio accompaniment -Northdale-

Harknett Music Plaque for Best programming - Etobicoke Community Band

Northdale Music Press Plaque for Outstanding Band of the Day -
Northdale Concert Band -CBA Award



Dance Bands
Moderators - Carl Hamilton, Paul Miner

Award winners:

Gold Award (\$1000) - Sophisticated Swing - Carl Hamilton

Silver Award (\$500) - George Lake Big Band - Steve Pettifor

Bronze Award - (\$250) - Royal Oaks Big Band - Al Hirsch



Plaques Individual and Section Awards:

Male Vocalist - Bill Hawkins - Sophisticated Swing

Female Vocalist - Lana Biggs - Sophisticated Swing

Jim Philip - Sophisticated Swing, Royal Oaks

Bill Mulhall - George Lake Big Band, Royal Oaks Big Band

Norm Amadio - Sophisticated Swing

Drums Russ Fearon - Sophisticated Swing, Royal Oaks

Sax Section - Toronto Mega City Big Band

Trumpet Section - George Lake

Trombone Section - Royal Oaks

Rhythm Section - Sophisticated Swing

Comments received about The Festival of Bands:

Congratulations on a well organized and well implemented Festival of Bands. The location was outstanding in every way. It was a brilliant idea to consider Crescent school. We learned much about the high standards established by Bands in Ontario. Again congratulations on a very successful event.

Bob Dobson

Dear Barrie, Colin, Bill, Denny and all CBA Directors,

On behalf of Bill Martyn, President of Northdale Concert Band, and on behalf of Prof. Stephen Chenette and all of the members of the band, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication in making the CBA Competition Day such a success. We had a wonderful time and it was inspiring to get to listen to bands from various towns and cities across southern Ontario. The venue was absolutely perfect and we hope that Crescent School will continue to host this event in the future. Thank you for all of your efforts. This was a wonderful event and we are grateful for the opportunity to have participated.

Best wishes,

Laura Rosenfield,
Vice President,
Northdale Concert Band (Toronto)