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CANADIAN BAND ASSOCIATION (ONTARIO) e-NEWSLETTER

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## From the Editor's Desk

With Barrie Hodgins

### **CBA (ON) Chapter – Officers/Board of Directors**

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## **CBA (Ontario) 2005 Musician of Year Award**

**Sunday February 25, 2006**

**A presentation was made by Mr Barrie Hodgins and Mr  
Bill Askew to Mr Ken Allen of the Metropolitan Silver  
Band**



Ken Allen was born and raised in the Salvation Army but never had a chance to play an instrument in the Army since the local corps did not have a band. He started playing Eb alto horn with the Air Cadet Band in the spring of 1945 at the age of 16 – a rather late beginning. When the Metropolitan Junior Band started up in September 1945, Ken's father advised him to ask for a trombone. His great friend Alan Moody was instrumental in getting him to join both the bands.

The trombone turned out to be a good choice for Ken. From 1947 to 1950 he won six first prizes and on third prize, as well as a \$150 scholarship, in competitions at the Kiwanis Music Festival. The money was used to take trombone lessons from the renowned trombonist of the Toronto Symphony, Harry Hawe. In 1949 Ken was invited to play at the "Stars of Festival" concert held at Massey Hall. His piano accompanist that night was Marilyn Phoenix whom he married five years later.

Ken joined the Musicians Union in 1948 so he could play with his brother in the band of the Governor General's Horse Guards although he knew that union membership at that time excluded him from playing with the Metropolitan senior band. After Alan Woods became interim bandmaster in 1949, however, he invited Ken to move up to the senior band and the ban on union members was lifted. Rehearsals for the Met band clashed with those for the Horse Guards, so Ken switched to playing with the 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders band. After he married in 1954, Ken dropped his union membership and confined his playing to the Met. In 1962 he headed up "save the Band" committee and has been manager, principal trombone and arranger for every leader since Alan Wood. He has also been the band's dedicated archivist.

Ken has been a very active at the Met over the years, serving as an elder for six years on the worship committee for a similar time. Ken's forty odd years on the Music Committee must certainly be a record.

We would all like to wish Ken the best in his music endeavors in the years to come!!!  
Keep on playing!!!

### **A WARM WELCOME!!!**

**A warm welcome is extended to two new bands from south-west Ontario, the Goderich Laketown Band (Pres. Ken Dunn) and the Chatham Kiltie Band (Music Director, Elayne Crozier). CBA (ON) is happy to increase its representation from this area of the province.**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**CBA (ON) wishes to acknowledge the efforts of Norm Sutherland of the Lambton Concert Band in promoting CBA in his district.**

### **REPRESENTATION**

**Our band representation currently includes 35 bands who are CBA (ON) members, including concert bands, military bands, jazz ensembles (big bands) and brass bands. These groups include hundreds of practicing and enthusiastic musicians and we are delighted that they are part of our association.**

## **Membership Recruitment Incentives**

**CBA (ON) needs members, and you as current members are the best recruiters.**

**Recruit new members and take advantage of the following:**

**Get a reduction on your membership dues. You need only recruit 1 new member this year to get a reduction of \$10 on your 2007 membership fees, but why not recruit 5 new members and get a one year membership free**

## **WEBSITE UPDATE**

If you have not yet bookmarked the CBA (Ontario) website, please do so now and review the latest updated version by going to – [www.canadianbandassociation.ca](http://www.canadianbandassociation.ca)

## **BAND LINKS AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

One of the perks of being a member band of the CBA is the opportunity to take advantage of the services offered by the Association. If you would like to have more exposure of your Band's website, you can do so by requesting that a link be placed on the CBA site. Just simply send an email to – Diana Brault at – [dianabrault@rogers.com](mailto:dianabrault@rogers.com) authorizing her to link your band's website with ours and it will be done.

This is also a reminder that if your band members wish to receive electronic FANFARES, please complete a list of names and email addresses and forward to [dianabrault@rogers.com](mailto:dianabrault@rogers.com). An alternate option would be to send an email address of a band member willing to broadcast this newsletter to your band members.

## **CONCERT LISTINGS**

Have a band concert coming up? Why not tell the whole world about it. See the CBA website for the current listings and submit yours to [dianabrault@rogers.com](mailto:dianabrault@rogers.com).

## **DISTINGUISHED MUSICIAN AWARD**

Have you considered a Distinguished Musician Award Certificate for members of your band?? The recipient must be a band member who, in the opinion of the band director, has shown superior musicianship, leadership, dependability, loyalty, and co-operation. These free Canadian Band Association certificates are available as a membership benefit. Directors may order two awards per band year. Contact Diana Brault at 416-224-3745 or email: [dianabrault@rogers.com](mailto:dianabrault@rogers.com)--- Directors add the recipient's name to the certificate. Please allow 6-8 weeks for delivery.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS!!!!**

**Northdale Concert Band – May 14, 2006 – 2pm – Hope United Church – Fundraiser – located at 2550 Danforth Avenue (corner of Danforth and Main St) Tickets at door**

**A tribute to Leonard Cohen – Sat May 13 at 4pm at Indigo Books – 55 Bloor Street West, Toronto**

**Oshawa Civic Band – June 14 and June 28 Concerts – McLaughlin Band Shell – Simcoe St S – Oshawa – 7:30pm**

**U of T Wind Conducting Symposium - U of T Faculty of Music – July 4 – 7, 2006 for more information contact Gillian MacKay at - [Gillian.mackay@utoronto.ca](mailto:Gillian.mackay@utoronto.ca)**

**Conducting Symposium – Acadia University – Featuring Frank L. Battisti – July 5 – 11, 2006 For more information contact – Dr. Mark Hopkins – [mark.Hopkins@acadiau.ca](mailto:mark.Hopkins@acadiau.ca)**

**Oshawa Civic Band – July 12 and June 26 Concerts – McLaughlin Band Shell – Simcoe St S – Oshawa – 7:30pm**

**2006 International Saito Conducting Workshop – Saskatoon – July 23 to 29, 2006 – <http://conductorschool.com/course2006.html> for details**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> World Cup for Bands – 2006 – Rochester, New York, State, USA August 3 – 4, 2006**

**Oshawa Civic Band – August 16 and August 30 Concerts – McLaughlin Band Shell – Simcoe St S – Oshawa – 7:30pm**

**For more information contact – Dennis L. Johnson - [dennis.johnson@murraystate.edu](mailto:dennis.johnson@murraystate.edu)**

**Thornhill Community Band – Trip to Italy – October 4 – 13, 2006 – if interested in going on this trip please contact Lawry Sax – [TCBand@rogers.com](mailto:TCBand@rogers.com)**

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tuba Festival and Choir Sing-A-Long Nov 29, 2006**

**For more information contact – Gino Falconi – [falconi@sympatico.ca](mailto:falconi@sympatico.ca)**



## **MOVING SOON??**

This is a reminder to please advise our membership secretary Dr. Diana Brault regarding any changes of your personal phone number, address or email address. Diana can be contacted at: 16 Royaleigh Avenue, Etobicoke, Ontario, M9P2J5 or telephone #416-244-3745 or email: [dianabrault@rogers.com](mailto:dianabrault@rogers.com)

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