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Pioneer Band Salutes General Trexler's 150th Birthday

In celebration of General Harry Trexler's 150th birthday, the Pioneer Band performed three concerts during the 2004 season in which the theme was music to honor General Trexler. These concerts were sponsored in whole or in part by the Trexler Trust Fund, the Music Performance Trust Fund, and the Pennsylvania Humanities Council. On Sunday April 18, 2004 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral Auditorium and on Sunday, August 8, 2004 at West Park, actor *George Miller* portrayed General Trexler and served as the "Master of Ceremonies". Musical selections included "*Stout Hearted Men*" by Sigmund Romberg, "*The Game Preserve March*", by A. L. Meyers, "*Buggies, Belles and Bicycles*", arranged by James Ployhar, and "*Eubie*", a medley arranged by Bob Lowden, which includes "*I'm Just Wild About Harry*". As the General made his grand entrance at the beginning of the concert and his exit at the end, the band played "*I'm Just Wild About Harry*".

To complete the celebration, on Sunday, October 10, Allentown celebrated "Harry's Day in the Parks". Numerous events were scheduled in parks within the Allentown Park system that afternoon. The Pioneer Band performed a 3pm concert at the Lehigh Parkway. Midway through the concert General Trexler, portrayed by actor *George Miller*, and his wife Mary, portrayed by actress *Kate Scuffle*, arrived at the Lehigh Parkway in a black 1933 Cadillac. It was a brisk fall day and the leaves were beginning to fall. The General and his wife mingled with the crowd as the band played.

The land donated by the Trexler family in Allentown has been transformed into beautiful parks, complete with walking and biking trails. These parks can be enjoyed by all.

Children's Concerts - A Success

Both the Bethlehem Rose Garden and Allentown's West Park were the settings for two concerts where the musical selections were chosen to appeal to the young. Several local high school students donned various Disney costumes provided by **Leiser's Rentals**. The students danced around the audience and distributed candy donated by **Just Born Inc.** to the children. During these concerts, conductor Jay Durner invited the children to come to the stage. He proceeded to show them how to direct the band. The children who were brave had the opportunity to stand on the podium and direct the band during the "*Klaxon March*" by Henry Fillmore.

The children who attended the concert at West Park had another unique opportunity. Since RCN was taping the concert for their Concert in the Park Series to be broadcasted on channel 4, those children who were brave enough to come to the stage also appeared on TV. RCN repeats various concerts taped at West Park throughout the year.

Concert selections included medleys from "*Beauty and the Beast*", "*Lion King*", and other Disney tunes as well as a medley of songs from the 80's to appeal to the parents of the young children. The audience seemed to enjoy both concerts.

Pioneer Band Hosts New Holland Band

The setting was Emmaus Community Park on Sunday, August 15, 2004. The early evening concert was preceded by an afternoon of mingling and picnicking between the members and families of both bands. Saxophonist, **Ryan Palanzo**, of the Pioneer Band graciously volunteered to coordinate the picnic details. The New Holland Band members and guests were greeted by members of the Pioneer Band and everyone was given a nametag. Everyone seemed to enjoy the social time.

At 6pm, the New Holland Band took the stage for the first half of the concert. Both **Jay Durner** of the Pioneer Band and **Marlin Houck** of the New Holland Band directed the New Holland Band during the first half. The talent of the

New Holland Band was well received by the audience. Members of the Pioneer Band enjoyed listening to such a fine concert band. New Holland Band featured a trumpet soloist, Dr. Kenneth Laudermilch, Professor of Trumpet at West Chester University. His performance was absolutely superb and effortless.

Following a 15 minute intermission, both bands took the stage for a combined concert. Again **Jay Durner** and **Marlin Houck** took turns at the podium directing the combined band. The concert was well received and both bands were invited back to Emmaus Park in August 2005 to do another combined concert.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2004
CEDARBROOK CHRISTMAS CONCERT
2PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2005
FESTIVAL OF BANDS
MUHLENBERG COLLEGE GYMNASIUM
3PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2005
ALLENTOWN ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
1PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2005
SPRING CONCERT "**SALUTE TO FREEDOM**"
SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL
3PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2005
LAFAYETTE COLLEGE ALUMNI PARADE
11:30AM

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2005
INDEPENDENCE MANOR
FLEMINGTON, N.J.
TIME TBA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2005
JOINT CONCERT WITH NEW HOLLAND BAND
AT NEW HOLLAND
TIME TBA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2005
GOSCHENHOPPEN FOLK FESTIVAL
3PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2005
GOSCHENHOPPEN FOLK FESTIVAL
11AM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2005
JOINT CONCERT WITH NEW HOLLAND BAND
EMMAUS PARK
6PM

Pioneer Band Honors Members for Service Anniversaries

During the 2004 season, three band members were awarded recognition for their years of service.



Donald Trump and Jay Durner

Trombonist Donald Trump

Elected **President Emeritus of the Band**, Donald has been playing the trombone with the Band for 57 years and served as President of the Executive Board for 20 years. Donald was presented with an engraved plaque earlier in the 2004 season.

Percussionist Richard Trump

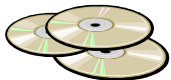
Richard Trump (Donald's brother), was honored during a concert at West Park in August. 2004 marked Richard's **60th year with the Pioneer Band**. He was presented with a commemorative plaque which includes a picture of Richard standing behind the bass drum wearing his band uniform.



Richard Trump and Jay Durner

Conductor Jay Durner

Jay celebrated his **25th season as Conductor of the Pioneer Band**. To his surprise, he was presented with a framed picture of the band that was signed by all the members. While Jay was on vacation this summer and assistant conductor, **Paul Chepolis**, led the rehearsals, the picture was circulated among the band members for their signatures. The Band also presented him with his own unique black uniform jacket, embroidered with the Pioneer Band logo as well as the word "**DIRECTOR**". He was pleasantly surprised when President **Mary Paine** and Vice President **Matt Cascioli** presented him with these gifts at Emmaus Park during our joint concert with the New Holland Band.



Pioneer Band Records New CD



In celebration of the Pioneer Band's 115th year and also the 150th birthday of General Harry C. Trexler, the band recorded the spring concert live on Sunday, April 18, 2004. These new CD's are selling for \$8.00 and make great stocking stuffers for the music lovers on your holiday shopping list. We also have some of

our older recordings available. Please use the attached order form to order your CD's before the holiday rush. As always, your support is always appreciated and we look forward to seeing you during the 2005 season.

