

The Pioneer Band Newsletter

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Spring Concert Theme:

A Salute to America

The theme for the 2005 Spring Concert will be patriotism as we remember the troops who are fighting for the land we love. Please join us at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on *Sunday, April 10, 2005* at 3pm. This concert will feature the *Flutations Fife and Drum Corps* and *Delaware Valley High School Chamber Choir* from Frenchtown, New Jersey. The Chamber Choir consists of 24 auditioned members.

Local actor, *George Miller*, will return again this year and serve as the "master of ceremonies". The band will perform arrangements from the works of American composers, American marches including special selections composed by the march king, *John Philip Sousa*, some patriotic favorites, as well as selections relating to American history.

Special funding for this concert was provided by a grant from the *Bessie Graham Trust*. We are very grateful for this financial support.

Support the Lehigh Valley Zoo

As you may or may not know, the former Trexler Game Preserve has been renamed the Lehigh Valley Zoo and is making the transition to new management. The zoo is located off of Route 309 North in scenic Orefield, PA. Please join us on *Saturday, April 30, 2005* at the zoo where we will perform a concert at 1pm. Bring your children and grandchildren. Spend the afternoon at the zoo, enjoy the scenery, listen to live music, and see the animals. We hope to see you there!

THE PIONEER BAND 2005 SCHEDULE OF APPEARANCES

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2005
ALLENTOWN ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
2PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2005
SPRING CONCERT "**SALUTE TO AMERICA**"
SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL
3PM
*SPONSORED BY GRAHAM FUND

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2005
LEHIGH VALLEY ZOO
"**SALUTE TO AMERICA**"
OREFIELD
1PM

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2005
ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE
BETHLEHEM
1PM

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2005
FOUNTAIN HILL AMERICAN LEGION
"**REMEMBERING WORLD WAR II**"
BETHLEHEM
7PM

MONDAY, MAY 30, 2005
MAYFAIR FESTIVAL
CEDAR BEACH, ALLENTOWN
4PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2005
LAFAYETTE COLLEGE ALUMNI PARADE
CENTER CITY EASTON
11:30AM

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2005
INDEPENDENCE MANOR
FLEMINGTON, NEW JERSEY
5:30PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2005
BETHLEHEM ROSE GARDEN
CHILDREN'S CONCERT
UNION BOULEVARD AND EIGHTH AVENUE
BETHLEHEM
7PM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2005
BOROUGH OF NORTHAMPTON
7:30PM

MONDAY, JULY 4, 2005
INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE
EWING TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY
10AM

MONDAY, JULY 4, 2005
INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE
WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY
3PM

MONDAY, JULY 4, 2005
INDEPENDENCE DAY CONCERT
WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY
7:15PM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2005
CEDARBROOK ANNEX FOUNTAIN HILL
724 DELAWARE AVENUE
BETHLEHEM
7PM
*SPONSORED BY FLACH FUND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2005
EAST TEXAS GAZEBO
LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP
7PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2005
JOINT CONCERT WITH NEW HOLLAND BAND
AT NEW HOLLAND
TIME TBA
*SPONSORED BY BERKS ARTS COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2005
PRIVATE CONCERT
7:30PM

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2005
"**AN AFTERNOON OF SWING**"
WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP
SITE AND TIME TBA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2005
ONTELAUNEE PARK
"**A PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION**"
NEW TRIPOLI
2PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2005
CEDARBROOK HOLIDAY CONCERT
350 SOUTH CEDARBROOK ROAD
ALLENTOWN
2PM

IF THERE IS A PIECE OF MUSIC YOU WOULD LIKE TO HEAR, CONTACT ANY BAND MEMBER OR SEND AN E-MAIL TO PIONEERBAND@RCN.COM PRIOR TO THE CONCERT

A Special Thanks to our Sponsors

We wish to thank those of you who have made financial contributions to the band during 2004 and hope that you will continue to support us in 2005. If you enjoy our concerts and would like to help us with some of our expenses, your donation in any amount is greatly appreciated and is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

In 2004, the Pioneer Band received a grant from the Century Fund and thanks to the generosity of the trustees of the fund, the band was able to update some percussion equipment. Some of the equipment was 25 years old and badly worn. Some new items include concert bells, marching snare drum, crash cymbals and miscellaneous auxiliary percussion. This grant enabled us to replace the older equipment with new. We were also able to replace our worn and tattered music folders and purchase some new music using the funds provided with this grant.



The following sponsors have made possible our schedule of free concerts for 2005.

- Berks Arts Council
- Bessie Graham Fund
- Borough of Emmaus
- Century Fund
- City of Bethlehem
- Florence Flach Foundation
- Lehigh County

As many of you may already know, the City of Allentown is in a financial crisis. As part of the budget cuts, the City has eliminated all West Park concerts for the 2005 season as of late March 2005. However, representatives from the Bureau of Parks and Recreation, the Allentown Band, the Marine Band, the Municipal Band, the Pioneer Band, and the Local 45 Musicians Union are working together to seek sponsors to continue the tradition of offering free concerts at West Park. Watch the local newspapers or check our web site for concerts that are scheduled after this printing. Please continue to support us by attending our concerts and if you know of any possible concert venues, festivals, or community celebrations where funding would be available to host our concerts, please contact us.

NEW CD to be Recorded in 2005

Watch for our new recording to be released later in 2005. We have received special funding to record the songs that will be included in our spring concert where the theme will be a "**Salute to America**". As soon as the recording is made and the CD becomes available, we will be including it on the order form that you can download from our web site at www.pioneerband.com. We will also have these

new CD's available for sale during our concerts later in the season.

Copies of our CD, "Celebrating 115 Years", recorded during the 2004 season are also available. Please see our web site for additional information about all available CD titles.

New Recruit Awarded Position in PA State Band

Amanda Weber, one of the newest recruits to the Pioneer Band, has successfully auditioned and earned a seat in the PA District Band, PA Regional Band, and the PA All State Band. Amanda is a senior at Pleasant Valley High School and plays the alto sax. Participating in the PA State

Band is a very high honor for a high school student and she has made quite a musical accomplishment. Her music teacher, **Rich Nasto**, plays the bass clarinet in the Pioneer Band. *Congratulations Amanda (and Rich too) for a job well done!*

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