

The Pioneer Band Newsletter

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Pioneer Band of Allentown

Jay A. Durner, Director

Presents

***A Salute to
Old Broadway!***
*Featuring the music of
Cole Porter, Jerome Kern
and others*



Sunday, April 13th, 2008

3 PM

**Scottish Rite Cathedral
1533 Hamilton Street
Allentown, PA**

ADMISSION: FREE

Invite your friends!

PIONEER BAND Student Stand Outs

Some of the Pioneer Band's high school student performers successfully auditioned for this school year's Pennsylvania Music Educators festival bands and University Honors band. Our outstanding instrumentalists include:

PMEA District X Band:

Beverly Post from Northwestern Lehigh High School, Bb clarinet (Bev plays Bass Clarinet for us)

Sneha Narcisimhan from Emmaus High School, French Horn

David Pede from Bangor High School, Tuba

PMEA Region V Band:

Beverly Post from Northwestern Lehigh High School, Bb clarinet

PMEA District X Orchestra:

Jessica Laubach from Liberty High School, Bassoon

PMEA Region V Orchestra:

Jessica Laubach from Liberty High School, Bassoon

Susquehanna University Honors Band: Beverly Post and Sneha Narcisimhan.

Congratulations to all of our outstanding high school band students!

We are always looking for student musicians. Visit our website for more information.

From the Conductor's Podium

By Jay Durner, Pioneer Band Conductor



The year 2008 will see the opening of the Pioneer Band's 119th season of providing music for the Lehigh Valley and beyond. As with most of our programming, we tend to lean towards the historical as the band ages. There is always the question as to which composer of yesteryear are we going to feature for this program or for that one. Up until about three years ago, that was our focus. Then came the Pioneer Pops Concert! We enjoyed a smashing success as we brought in the music of Tina Turner, The Doors, Herb Albert, Shania Twain and a few others just to stir things up a bit. We also added some free pretzels and soda to the venue which may have helped with the crowds!

Although we will be bringing you the annual Pops Concert again this year, we are heading in a different direction for our Spring Concert. We will be returning to the Broadway menu for a variety of songs. This will not be the ordinary fare of today's Broadway, but that of the great masters of 'Old Broadway'. Featured composers will be the regulars of Tin Pan Alley such as George M. Cohan and Irving Berlin. Jerome Kern's music will make an appearance as will the writings of Cole Porter and George Gershwin. Capping the afternoon will be a brand new arrangement of

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the masterpiece penned by Rodgers and Hammerstein which started a whole new trend for the American Musical, *Oklahoma!*

I would like to personally invite you to come to this program on April 13 and enjoy some of the American Music that set the pace for things to come. I would also encourage you to check out our website, or the schedule in this newsletter, for information about our upcoming events. We will have concerts for Mothers, for Fathers, for Children, for the Rock and Pops crowd and for the American Heroes. Come follow the band. The Pioneer Band. We really are playing "Something for Everyone"!

For the Pioneer Band to continue to be a part of the rich history of local music we need your support. Keep reading – ***I am not asking for money!*** We need you to come out and hear us! Bring the kids. Bring the grandchildren! Bring your friends! Pack a snack. Pack a whole dinner! Make it a party! We don't care if you talk during the concerts – just enjoy them! The concerts are free and in most cases, last a little more than an hour. Check our website at www.pioneerband.com for our updated schedule. We play so much better when you are there!

Help us keep the tradition of concert band music alive in Allentown!



We hope to see you at the Spring Concert!



Did you know...?

The Pioneer Band is the first and only Allentown community band to ever have a woman as Assistant Conductor and President?

West Park Celebrates 100th anniversary year

2008 is the 100th year of West Park in Allentown. While the official ceremony of the opening of West Park will take place on Sunday, September, 14th from 2-5pm, there will be many events over the summer to help celebrate this wonderful venue. Look for Allentown's Department of Parks and Recreation's new Spring/Summer edition of "Adventure Allentown." The guide will have a full list of all scheduled events at West Park.

So come out to all of our West Park performances and join us in celebrating this wonderful outdoor venue right in the heart of the Lehigh Valley!

***Senior Citizens Facilities- would you like a concert at your site?
Call 610-797-8911 to find out how you can have a free concert.***

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