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The mandate of the Canadian Band Association (Ontario) is to support and promote the development of bands throughout the Province of Ontario by way of communication, co-ordination, program development, advocacy and lobbying at the provincial level.

CBA(ON) currently represents 40 member bands, including concert bands, military bands, jazz ensembles (big bands, brass bands and orchestras. These groups include hundreds of practicing and enthusiastic musicians and we are delighted that they are part of our organization. For more information, please visit our website.

NEWS, REVIEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

CBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A new Board of Directors was elected at the Annual General Meeting in November. We welcome new Board members Josh Priess and Joe Resendes, and new Advisory Council member Albert Curtis.

Many thanks go out to John McGuigan, a long time member of the Board, who has stepped down from the Board of Directors, and to Ken Farrar who has resigned from the Advisory Council. Our thanks as well to Bill Askew, who has retired as Vice President, but will be staying on the Board of Directors.

WELCOME

Welcome to new members:

- Albert Curtis,
- Resa's Pieces Concert Band, (president Ruth Fishman),
- Toronto Youth Wind Orchestra and
- North York Concert Orchestra.

BOOK REVIEW

~ Dr. Diana Brault

IN THE FIRING LINE by W.L. Court

A Biography of Colonel Bramwell Coles

I liked this book, since for me as a brass player and long admirer of the tone and lyricism of the Salvation Army musicians, it opened a door to knowing more about the huge undertaking which is Salvation Army music. Music has throughout its history been a willing handmaiden to the spiritual and no more so than for this remarkable institution. Colonel Bramwell Coles (1887-1960), is the subject of Wallace Court's biography. Composer, conductor, journalist, and editor, Coles was active in the many Army roles he was happy to fulfill in duty and in commitment. The Canadian connection is strong with Coles having spent ten years in Toronto (1925-36) as an assistant to the editor of the Toronto publication, THE WAR CRY, and with an association with the local Army band of

Dovercourt Corps – this at the period of peak activity of the Salvation Army and its bands throughout Canada and the United States.

Coles came of musical and Army parents. His earliest compositional rewards came in 1907 when he won the first of three awards for his marches; a young Eric Leidzen, noted band arranger, acknowledged the positive effect Coles marches had on him. I was intrigued by an early photo of the young Coles, a saxophone player with a full family of five other saxophonists, included in the otherwise “brass” band of the famed London Army band, the Chalk Farm Band.

Following his Canadian service, in 1936 Coles was recalled to Great Britain to serve as head of the International Music Editorial Department where he was to maintain the musical and spiritual integrity of Salvation Army publications, both instrumental and vocal. Post Second World War, Colonel Coles was a frequent visitor to the US and Canada. In 1952, Coles and his family returned to Canada where he lived until his death on a visit to London in 1960. A CD of Coles’ fine band compositions and settings is included with the book.

For book enquiries and orders, contact the author, Wallace Court by phone or fax 416-2149-0295 or Email:wlcmc@pathcom.com.

CBA ON-LINE THEORY PROGRAM

The Canadian Band Association announces the addition of a Teacher’s Kit to its free on-line theory program. Forty schools piloted the Teacher’s Kit this past year and Level 1 and 2 are now available. (Levels 3 – 6 will be added over the next couple of years.

A Teacher’s Kit adds many benefits to the on-line theory program, including:

- no marking for the teacher; assignments and tests are marked automatically,
- marks can be printed as a class spreadsheet and incorporated into school grades,
- more time to rehearse, less time required to teach and grade music theory,
- students may redo assignments to improve their score, and
- technical support is provided.

The annual administration fee for the Teacher’s Kit is:

- \$165.00 for the first 50 students and
- \$50.00 for each additional block of 50 students.

For more information about the Teacher’s Kit and a **FREE** seven day trial, visit www.canadianband.ca.

NATIONAL YOUTH BAND OF CANADA IN SASKATCHEWAN

The National Youth Band of Canada will rehearse and perform in Saskatchewan May 9 – 16, 2009. Musicians aged 16 – 21 are encouraged to audition. For more information, please contact Troy Linsley at troylinsley@sasktel.net .

CANADIAN BAND ASSOCIATION (ONTARIO) MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NEW MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

~ Bill Harris

The Canadian Band Association (Ontario) is always looking for ways to increase the benefit to community bands and orchestras who join. We are very pleased to announce two new items that will provide a direct advantage to member groups while saving them money!

1. Often the CBA(O) has been asked about liability insurance. More and more often musical groups are required to provide proof of liability insurance in order to book rehearsal and performance space. CBA(O) examined the market and contacted the insurance broker who provides liability insurance to Choirs Ontario. Our broker was able to negotiate with insurance companies and arrange for an excellent policy for CBA(O) member groups. We are now introducing BandSure, a comprehensive insurance offering for bands and orchestras who are members of the Canadian Band Association (Ontario). Coverage highlights are:

- a. A basic premium of \$750 per year provides \$2,000,000 in liability insurance and \$30,000 in property insurance (for music and group-owned instruments),
- b. An option to increase liability coverage to \$5,000,000 at an additional fee,
- c. An option to increase property coverage at an additional fee, and
- d. Directors and Officers coverage is available at an additional \$450 per year, with coverage starting at \$1,000,000.

CBA(O) member groups will find complete BandSure information and the BandSure Application form online at <http://www.canadianbandassociation.ca/membership-benefits.shtml>. Please contact Ian Smith of Firstbrook Cassie & Anderson Ltd. at (416) 486-1421 (Toll Free (800) 267-0281) with any questions you may have about BandSure.

2. CBA(O), in order to improve its online presence, examined various Canadian web-hosting firms, seeking a service that met the requirements of our organization while at the same time providing the opportunity for CBA(O) member groups to host their website on the same service. Primary consideration was given to web hosting services which provided the ability to host multiple domains (band websites), large capacity storage (for pictures and music postings) and operationally no limit on hosting traffic. The hosting service we selected provides:

- a. Unlimited storage,
- b. Unlimited bandwidth,
- c. Unlimited domain hosting, and
- d. Email forwarding and full email distribution list management.

For information about hosting your band/orchestra web site on the CBA(O) web hosting service please contact our webmaster at web@cba-ontario.ca.

We are always looking for additional benefits of CBA(O) Membership, keep checking our site (www.cba-ontario.ca or www.canadianbandassociation.ca) for additional offerings!

CENTRALIZED LIBRARY RESOURCE

The Trillium Foundation has provided the CBA(O) with a grant to establish an on-line inventory of concert band music. The goal of this project is to make excellent music that is difficult to find or out of print available to our bands, and to our audiences, and to streamline communication between our bands' librarians. In the next few weeks, information packages will be sent out to the Executives of member bands describing the project in greater detail, and asking for each band's participation. If you have any questions about this project, please contact jane_johnson@sympatico.ca.

CLASSIFIEDS

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Currently the **Whitby Brass Band** has an opening for a first Trombone player. If you would like to sit in on rehearsal and see if the Whitby Brass Band is right for you, please drop us an email at mail@whitbybrassband.com and we will get back to you ASAP.

Requirements for this position include the ability to read music in treble clef, as traditional brass band music is scored this way for most parts.

MEMBER BAND NEWS AND INFORMATION

DISTINGUISHED MUSICIAN AWARD

Conductors, consider recognizing members of your band with CBA Distinguished Musician Award certificates. The recipient must be a band member who, in your opinion, has shown superior musicianship, leadership, dependability, loyalty and co-operation. Up to two awards may be given per band per year. These free certificates are available as a membership benefit.

Contact Diana Brault to request a certificate. Please allow 6-8 weeks for delivery.

PHOTOS WANTED

Member bands are asked to submit a current band photo for use on our display board and our new website. Please mail photos to Diana Brault.

BAND WEBSITE LINKS

Your band's website will have more exposure if you have a link on the CBA (ON) site. Send an e-mail to Diana Brault, authorizing her to link your band's website to ours.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT INCENTIVES

CBA(ON) needs members and you, as a current members, are the best recruiters. You will receive a \$10 reduction on your next membership renewal if you recruit one new member. If you recruit five new members, you will get your own one year membership for free.

CONCERT LISTINGS

December 9	Weston Silver Band , Community Christmas Concert, Central United Church, 1 King St., Weston, 2:00 p.m.
December 10	Etobicoke Community Concert Band , "Christmas in the Community", The Albion Centre, 1530 Albion Rd., Etobicoke, 7:00 p.m.
December 11	Clarington Concert Band , Orono United Church, Orono, 7:00 p.m.
December 12	Burlington Concert Band , "Sounds of Christmas VI" with guest soloist Stephanie Domingues, Compass Point Bible Church, 1500 Kerns Road, Burlington, 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$15.
December 14	Clarington Concert Band , Trinity United Church Concert, 7:00 p.m.
December 14	Northdale Concert Band , St. Jude's Wexford, 120 Howarth Ave., Scarborough, 3:00 p.m.
December 18	Clarington Concert Band , "Christmas at the Beech 2008", Clarington Beech Centre, 26 Beech Ave., Bowmanville, 7:00 p.m.
December 19	Etobicoke Community Concert Band , "Christmas Pops" with special guests, the Village Voices choir, Etobicoke Collegiate Institute, 86 Montgomery Rd., Etobicoke, 8:00 p.m.

February 26	Whitby Brass Band , Solo Concert and Contest in the theatre auditorium of the Centennial Building, 416 Centre St. South, Whitby
February 28	City of Brampton Concert Band , “BCB Idol / Rising Star Competition”, 8:00 p.m. at The Rose Theatre, 1 Theatre Lane, Brampton (For tickets, call 905-874-2800)
April 3 - 5	Hannaford Street Silver Band Festival of Brass
April 18	Weston Silver Band , Spring Concert

FANFARE SUBMISSIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you have a submission for FANFARE, please send it to Jane Johnson, at fanfare@cba-ontario.ca. Please specify if you would like your article to appear in more than one issue. Note that only submissions from member bands will be included in the newsletter, and that space considerations may require that articles be edited or abridged.

If your band members wish to receive electronic copies of FANFARE, please send a complete list of names and e-mail addresses to Diana Brault. You might also wish to send the e-mail address of a band member who would be willing to broadcast FANFARE to your band members.

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