



NEW VENTURES NOTES

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"Celebrate the Season" December 3rd 2022 was a resounding success

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ✍ **Saturday, April 15th 2 pm:** Avanti Band joint concert with Harmony Lakeshore Band (lakeshorenhbands.org) at Fellowship Baptist Church, 469 Elgin St W, Cobourg (east of Best Western hotel)
- ✍ **Saturday, June 3rd, 2023:** Dress Rehearsal & Final Concert
- ✍ **Saturday, July 8th, 2023:** Bottle Drive fundraiser
- ✍ **Saturday, August 26th, 2023:** Yard Sale

BAND SPOTLIGHT: DIANA & HUGH MURRAY



Diana and Hugh moved to Cobourg over 5 years ago, from Toronto. Hugh sells Timber Frame homes for Normerica. Diana works as an executive assistant for CPG in downtown Cobourg. They have 4 mostly grown kids, 3 of whom live in Toronto. The discovery of NNVB has changed their lives in Cobourg, because they have been able to integrate into the community. Hugh started the trombone and Diana the saxophone in the Intro band, in the 21/22 season, where Glenn Bailey made the learning process so easy and fun. This year they play in both Intro and Mezzo. Hugh joined the Big

Band in January with the trumpet, which he played extensively in high school. All their kids came for the recent Christmas concert, and were amazed at the quality of music from all the bands.

November 2022 cont'd.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

The Orange Hall,
387 Ontario St., Cobourg

AVANTI (experienced)

Wednesday 7 to 9 pm

MEZZO (intermediate)

Thursday 7:30 to 9 pm

INTRO (beginner)

Thursday 6-7 pm

BIG BAND

Friday 1:30 to 3 pm

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Marg Clarkson

We welcome submissions of your brief profile and photo to be used in upcoming issues of New Ventures Notes.

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The Band is a not-for-profit registered Charitable Organization, registration number:
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Avanti Director Shawn Hills



It certainly was an interesting first session as we all worked through me assuming the direction of the Avanti ensemble. I had a wonderful time getting to know all of you, seeing how this wonderful organization works and enjoying the culminating Christmas concert. I believe that the concert was a great success for all of the ensembles!

I must admit to being very excited for this session because we are not tied to one type of music. When I chose the music for this session, I had a much better sense of where we could go as an ensemble and I am looking forward to seeing how much further we can progress.

We will have a chance to perform twice this session and our first opportunity will occur on April 15th. Lynda Shewchuk contacted me about restarting our combined concerts and as a result, we will host this first concert with the New Horizons Intermediate Band.

Finally, we will push through to our final concert for this season which will celebrate the progress that each of the New Venture Ensembles has achieved on June 3. Keep calm and practise on.

Mezzo Director Trevor Gillman

Currently the Mezzo Band numbers 30 musicians. Included in the band are graduates from the Intro Band and several who also play in other NNVB groups. With the broad range of musical expertise, I endeavour to meet the needs of the band as whole, while bringing the less accomplished players along at a pace suitable to them while challenging the more advanced players. This will happen through the inclusion of:



- * Rudiments, theory and practical exercises at rehearsals;
- * Sectional and ensemble playing that features each section;
- * Paying close attention/listening to other sections during play;
- * Introducing unfamiliar aspects of concert band such as playing by ear and improvisation; and
- * Recommending YouTube and other internet links of professional performers to enhance musical exposure.

Our primary reason for coming to band and performing is to satisfy everyone's musical passions, be understanding with and helpful to others. Most importantly we must laugh - a lot!!

Intro & Big Band Director David Marshall

As Director of the New Ventures Intro Band (beginner band) I am pleased to say how wonderful their progress has been since the beginning of September. Their enthusiasm is notable and it is with due respect that I continue to see them improve week by week. The players have moved from the beginner book to band arrangements and are tackling them with enthusiasm. They are anticipating the June concert where they will show off their talents. It is my pleasure to be part of the NNVB organization and Director of this group of fantastic members.

