

Guest Performers/Conductors



Dr. Jason Caslor

Dr. Jason Caslor is an Assistant Professor at Memorial University in St. John's, NL where he conducts the Wind Ensemble and oversees the undergraduate and graduate instrumental conducting offerings. He completed a Doctorate of Musical Arts (Conducting) at Arizona State University where his principal conducting teacher was Prof. Gary Hill, Director of Ensemble Studies. Other mentors include Dr. Dale Lonis, Dr. Wayne Bailey and Dr. Fraser Linklater.

Maggie Helms

Maggie Helms is a music educator from Muncie, Indiana. She was a band director in the public schools in Indiana for 15 years and at Ball State University for 3 years. She has her Bachelor of Music and her Master of Arts in conducting from Ball State University. She moved to Nova Scotia in November of 2001 and resides in Kentville, Nova Scotia.



Dr. Gregory Irvine

Dr. Gregory Irvine is a native of Nova Scotia. He has studied with some of the finest tuba players in the world. He has earned both Master's and Doctorate degrees from Northwestern University. As a faculty member in the Music Department at UPEI, he teaches courses in applied brass, instrumental conducting, brass techniques and some music history. He continues to perform regularly as the tubaist for the P.E.I. Symphony, Symphony Nova Scotia and Symphony New Brunswick.

Ron Murphy

Ron Murphy is no stranger to many community musicians in the Maritimes. His long and distinguished teaching career began here in Nova Scotia, but led him to Prince Edward Island where he retired just a few short years ago. He is currently director of Toronto and Atlantic Band Festivals.



Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy

One of only six regular force military bands serving the Canadian Forces, the Stad Band is celebrating its 73rd year of representing the Navy, the Canadian Forces and the citizens of Canada at home and around the world. Over the past 73 years, the band has performed for the Royal Family, the Prime Minister, foreign heads of state, military officials and the Canadian public. Whenever possible, the Stadacona Band also makes its resources available to support other units of the military, thus fulfilling their mandate to "provide musical support, fostering high morale, esprit de corps, and thus operational effectiveness."

Halifax Community Band Festival 2014

St. Mary's University Campus
May 23-25, 2014

Hosted by:
Second Chances Community Band of Nova Scotia



A gathering of community band musicians from around the Atlantic Provinces! All are welcome!

Featuring two concert band options: a beginner/intermediate band and an advanced band!

A fantastic line up of weekend activities, interesting repertoire, guest performers and talented conductors!

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Weekend Schedule

Friday, May 23rd, 2014

- 6:00pm Registration
- 7:00pm Warm Up & Session 1
- 9:00pm Evening Social (*organized & hosted by Second Chances Band NS*)

Saturday, May 24th, 2014

- 8:00am Registration
- 8:30am Warm Up
- 9:00am Session 2 – Full Band
- 10:20am Coffee/Nutrition Break
- 10:40am Session 3 – Break Out/Guest Workshops
- 12:00pm Lunch Break – on your own (SMU cafeteria is available to us)
- 1:00pm PERFORMANCE – Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy
- 2:00pm Session 4 – Break Out/Guest Workshops
- 3:20pm Coffee/Nutrition Break
- 3:40pm Session 5 – Full Band
- 5:00pm Short Break/Return to Rehearsal Space
- 5:10pm Session 6 – Full Band
- 6:30pm Rehearsals End for the Day
- 7:30pm Dinner/Social Event (*organized by Second Chances Band NS*)

Sunday, May 25th, 2014

- 8:30am Warm Up
- 9:00am Session 7 – Full Band
- 10:20am Coffee/Nutrition Break
- 10:40am Session 8 – Full Band
- 12:00pm Lunch Break - on your own (SMU cafeteria is available to us)
- 1:00pm Move equipment to Auditorium
- 2:00pm Doors Open/Audience find their seats
- 2:30pm Sunday Public Concert



Hope You Can Join Us in Halifax!

Can You Imagine? What would it be like to play in an ensemble with full instrumentation? For some community band players, this is only a dream... but providing an opportunity to experience this was one of the founding philosophies that made the community band festivals in Nova Scotia a reality.

This is NOT a competition! For some, the term 'music festival' creates images of bands in competition. The three annual community band festivals that take place in Nova Scotia are not competitions but opportunities for community band players to come together, network with other players, learn from talented conductors/music educators and make music in a combined ensemble.

How do I register? Safe and secure online registration is now available through the Second Chance Community Band website (<http://www.secondchancesband-ns.com>). Simply use the Hfx Band Fest 2014 menu at the top of the page to find up-to-date information on conductors, schedule, events, venue and accommodation options.

What Will it Cost? Registration fees include copies of all music, nutrition breaks, guest conductors / instructors, and rehearsal / performance venues. There will be a separate fee for Saturday evening's dinner and social. Details will be announced closer to the event date.

\$85.00 Individual Fee \$42.50 Full Time Student
\$65.00 Additional Family Musician (please specify who)

The SMU Cafeteria will be offering participants a \$10.00 all-you-can-eat lunch buffet on both Saturday and Sunday.

How Do I Pay? All payments should be received no later than May 1st, 2014.

CHEQUES: Please make any cheques payable to the Second Chances Community Band. All payments should be mailed to: **SECOND CHANCES COMMUNITY BAND, 108 GRINDSTONE DRIVE, HALIFAX, NS B3R 0A6**

E-MAIL MONEY TRASFER: Using your online banking service, please e-mail funds to our band e-mail address: elobesolo@gmail.com

Where Can I Stay? St. Mary's Residence facilities will be available to participants who wish to stay on campus and within walking distance of all venues. Nightly rates for single and double rooms range in price from \$50 to \$90, travel suites \$65 per night and apartments \$125 per night. Rates inc. taxes, campus parking, daily hot buffet breakfast, wireless internet and Homburg Centre for Health & Wellness athletic passes for those over 16 years of age. To book your room, call toll free 1-888-347-5555 or use their website <http://www.smu.ca/administration/confoff/external/accom.html>



Apartment Style Room



Single Room



Double Room

We are recommending the St. Mary's Residence facilities. However, there are many other wonderful hotel or bed and breakfast options in our beautiful city of Halifax. We welcome you to explore the many accommodation options available to you.

For More Information Contact:

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