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6:45pm
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8:15pm
Roseville Big Band

In Memoriam

Since 2019, we have lost the following from our community of VBF friends:

William Hall, founder and leader of the 1st Nebraska Volunteers Brass Band

John Hiscox, Vintage Band Festival Volunteer Extraordinaire

Robert “BJ” Johnson, retired Manager of Music Organizations, St. Olaf College and VBF Volunteer Advisor

Sölve Kingstedt, director of Oktetten Ehnstedts Eftr. (Sweden)

Sebastian Surom, Vintage Band Festival 2016 Student Festival Coordinator

Vintage Band Festival 2021 is dedicated to their memory.

Welcome to the 2021 Vintage Band Festival!

On behalf of the entire Vintage Band Festival Board of Directors, I want to welcome you to Northfield, Minnesota, and Vintage Band Festival 2021. As all of us can attest, 2020 was a year like none other in our collective recent experience. We extend our condolences to all families who lost loved ones during the pandemic and offer our sincere gratitude to our loyal donors who continued to contribute to our organization even when we couldn't present any performances.

465 days after our last public event on February 29, 2020, here we are again to listen to brass and wind music and enjoy great musicianship. We hope you enjoy the day as much as we do!

P.S. If you have not yet received a COVID-19 vaccination, I encourage you to do so at the earliest opportunity. The only sure way to minimize the impact of this virus on the human family is for everyone to get vaccinated!

– Dan Bergeson
Festival President

A Message from the Artistic Director



Paul Niemisto

We are so happy to see the return of the Vintage Band Festival after a challenging interruption. VBF President Dan Bergeson, the members of the Board and I did our best to keep “our boat afloat” during the pandemic, and we're delighted to say that we are in good shape going into the future. A special thanks goes to the many of you who responded to our call for donations.

Vintage Band Festival is a combination of compelling history, interesting music, and diverse culture coming together to make a magical experience. The many Minnesota bands that travel to Northfield for the festival continue to see VBF as a special destination. VBF has trod a large footprint for Minnesota tourism and regional culture.

A special welcome to those of you who are coming for the first time. When you get back home, be sure to spread the word!

Returning VBF fans, we hope the special combination of the quaint and beautiful town of Northfield and the visiting bands, which are dedicated to quality and authenticity, will again create wonderful experiences and lasting memories.

Remember that your generous financial support enables our festival to succeed, now and in the future, so be sure to stop by the Info Tent to join our donor family.

– Paul Niemisto
Festival Founder & Artistic Director

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Adopted by the Northfield City Council, November 17, 2020



This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from Minnesota State Arts Board and the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts & cultural heritage fund.





9:30am

Above Average Tuba Quartet

Focus: Polkas, marches and classical music for tuba quartet

The Above Average Tubas are comprised of the tubists from the Lake Wobegon© Brass Band. Leader Roger Gomoll notes that tuba and euphoniums are related instruments. The euphonium is considered to be a "tenor tuba" and plays an octave higher than the larger bass tuba and double bass tuba. He also says, "Tubists and euphoniumists tend to gather in larger groups around Christmastime, when as many as 100 or more festively dressed players perform Christmas carols as part of the nationally organized Tuba Christmas concerts. It's been said, but not verified, that the U.S. Geological Survey office tracks the frequency and location of these concerts with their seismic instruments."

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10:30am

Jack Brass Band

Focus: New Orleans-style jazz with added old-time blues, rock, hip-hop, pop, funk and reggae

Website: jackbrassband.com

Based on the traditions of New Orleans brass bands, the Jack Brass Band is an ambassador of the Crescent City's rich musical history. The eight-piece band plays "Feel-Good Music" for audiences of any age, for any occasion. The Jack Brass Band has the ability and repertoire to play everything from old New Orleans jazz from Louis Armstrong's era, to the modern street Mardi-Gras anthems with the instrumentation, feel and energy they have mastered through countless gigs, parades, festival appearances and trips to New Orleans to listen, learn and play alongside the masters. The band plays with a groove that will make you want to get up and dance!

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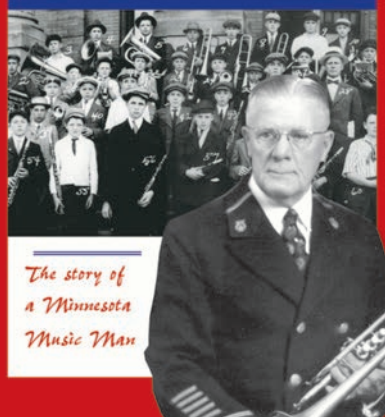


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Sheldon Theatre Brass Band

Focus: Traditional British-style brass band playing a broad variety of musical styles

Website: sheldonthatrebrassband.org

The Sheldon Theatre Brass Band was founded in 1989 as the resident performing ensemble at the newly-restored, turn-of-the-century T. B. Sheldon Theatre in Red Wing. The band is made up of cornets, trombones, tenor horns, euphoniums, tubas and percussion. In addition to regular performances at the Sheldon Theatre, the band performs at a variety of venues throughout Minnesota and western Wisconsin and has performed at many brass band festivals throughout the United States, including the NABBA championships and the Great American Brass Band Festival. The band is conducted by James Kurschner and has performed at every Vintage Band Festival.

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Twin Cities Trumpet Ensemble

Focus: Twenty-four select trumpet players perform works from the Renaissance to the present day

Website: tctrumpets.org

The Twin Cities Trumpet Ensemble is the only regularly performing, 24-trumpet musical ensemble in the United States. It boasts a vast repertoire, ranging from the Renaissance to the present, and exemplifies the transformative power of music through the performance of music written or arranged for three or more trumpets. It has performed numerous concerts in the tri-state area, including performances at Como Lakeside Pavilion in St. Paul, the Lake Harriet Band Shell in Minneapolis, and several churches. Led by James Olcott, the Twin Cities Trumpet Ensemble has performed at Vintage Band Festival several times.

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Banda La Verdadera

Focus: Banda, a form of traditional Mexican music
Website: facebook.com/LAVERDADERAOFICIAL

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1:30pm



Lake Wobegon® Brass Band

Focus: Traditional British brass band
Website: lwbb.org

The Lake Wobegon® Brass Band is a 30-member British-style brass band from Anoka. The British style is a tradition noted for its characteristic dark, mellow tone. The name Lake Wobegon® comes from Garrison Keillor's former radio show, *A Prairie Home Companion*, and was allowed on the stipulation that the band perform at a picnic sometime for Keillor. The ensemble gives concerts throughout Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and the Dakotas, and has toured twice in Great Britain. The band is led by Michael Halstenson. Lake Wobegon® Brass Band is a veteran Vintage Band Festival performer.

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Brio Brass

Focus: A non-traditional rockin' brass band that performs a broad spectrum of musical styles, including lots of jazz

Website: briobrass.com

Brio Brass has delighted and entertained audiences throughout Minnesota's Twin Cities Metro area since 1999. Composed of 60 adult musicians, the group performs its own unique arrangements written specifically for its members. The ensemble's large repertoire features a broad spectrum of musical styles. Audiences are entertained with fluid ballads, pop of all eras, show tunes, funky rock and lots of jazz. All of the music that Brio Brass plays has been composed or arranged by the director, Rick Rueckert. He has written more than 200 arrangements and compositions. Expect lots of humming, toe tapping and even dancing in the aisles!

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4:30pm

Bavarian Musikmeisters


Focus: Authentic Germanic festive music, similar to that performed by bands in German and Austrian villages

Website: musikmeisters.com

Members of Bavarian Musikmeisters hail from the Twin Cities and model themselves after traditional bands found in the German-speaking areas of Europe. The band's 35 musicians perform on a variety of brass and woodwind instruments: flute, clarinet, trumpet, flugelhorn, tenor horn, baritone, trombone, tuba and percussion. Their attire, instrumentation, and musical arrangements are all authentic. They perform for numerous events in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area and have performed at Germanic festivals in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and South Dakota. Bavarian Musikmeisters are Vintage Band Festival veterans.


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Southside Aces

Focus: Traditional New Orleans-style jazz

Website: southsideaces.com

The Southside Aces perform traditional New Orleans jazz. The six-member band began as the brainchild of clarinetist Tony Balluff and sousaphone player Erik Jacobson. The Aces possess a diverse repertoire, with a roll call that includes the names of Louis Armstrong, Jelly Roll Morton, Hoagy Carmichael, Duke Ellington and Bix Beiderbecke. The Southside Aces have performed at the Vieux Carré and Dakota jazz clubs, Crooners Supper Club, Twin Cities Jazz Fest, and the Minnesota Orchestra Sommerfest. The band has also played events in Chicago, Denver, and Des Moines. The Southside Aces are appearing for the third time at Vintage Band Festival.

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Copper Street Brass

Focus: A blend of musical styles that fuses electronic effects and brass

Website: copperstreetbrass.org

The six members of Copper Street Brass have style, substance and a flair for innovation, which has allowed them to transcend the brass quintet box and evolve into something fresh. Copper Street Brass was founded in 2008 as a professionally trained classical chamber music ensemble (which means it performs without a conductor) with two trumpets, horn, trombone, and tuba. The group presents exclusively its own music, expressing its artistic voice through a dazzling fusion of brass, keyboard, guitar, percussion, and electronic instruments to appeal to a universal audience. It is a veteran performer at Vintage Band Festival.

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Roseville Big Band

Focus: Timeless music from the Big Band era

Website: rosevillebigband.org

The Roseville Big Band is a 19-piece swing band with vocalists in the Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey style. Its Rosetones vocal quartet recreates the tight harmonies that made the Modernaires and Pied Pipers popular adjuncts to the Miller and Dorsey Bands. In a typical year, the band gives 12 to 15 performances, including the Carleton College Mid-Winter Ball, the Commemorative Air Force's USO-style hangar dances, and concerts in parks and senior residences. Dr. Glen Newton has led the band since 1989.

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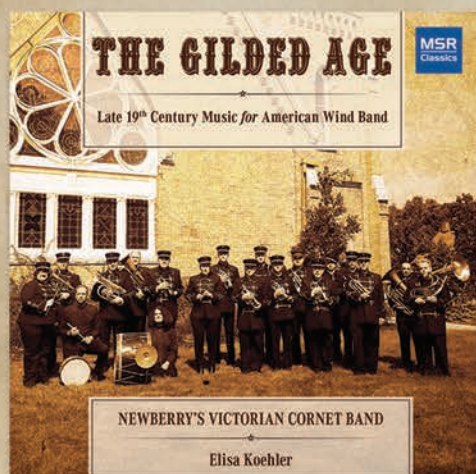
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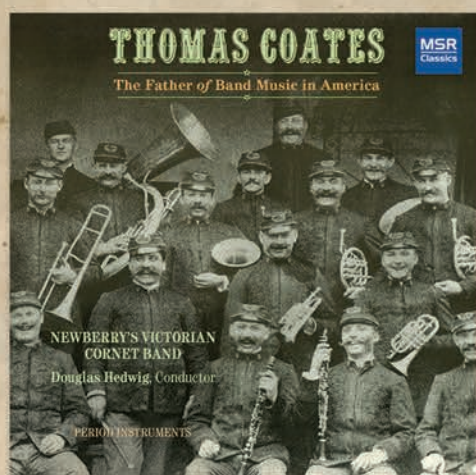


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