

Greetings members, ex-members, friends and supporters of the Rockville Brass Band.

Yesterday evening (April 25) was the first concert in the band's spring schedule. The concert is the first of 7 in only 8 weeks. It represents one of the busiest concert seasons that the band has ever had - it reflects the hard work that everyone has put in and shows how the name of the Rockville Brass Band is becoming so well-known in the Washington DC and Maryland area.

Yesterday's concert was at the Collington Retirement Community. The concert was well-received by the audience and we had a number of people come up to us afterwards to share their enthusiasm with us. On a personal note, I always enjoy performing there; it is where I first played with the band (May 2007) and where I first conducted the band in public (May 2009). So it was my anniversary concert.

A special thanks goes to the two soloists on the day: Todd Moyer who played the "Air Varie" solo Grandfather's Clock on the euphonium, and to Lindsay Walker for her super playing on the trombone of Hogey Charmichael's Star Dust.

Our other concerts for the season are:

Sunday May 2nd 2:30PM: Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center (1000 Forest Glen Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20901)

Saturday May 8th 2PM: Damascus Library (9710 Main St. Damascus, MD 20872)

Sunday May 16th 2PM: Norway Day (Carderock Park, Cabin John, MD 20818)

Wednesday June 2nd 8PM: Revitz House (private concert)

Sunday June 6th 3PM: Glen Echo Folk Festival

(<http://ceimd.com/php/public.php?Org=fsgw&ProgramID=10&NoTitle=1>)

Sunday June 20th 5PM: The Gettysburg Festival (Lutheran Theological Seminary Outdoor Stage, 61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, PA 17325)

The band is growing in size. We now have 29 playing members. We have specific vacancies on Eb bass and percussion, though all players are always made very welcome so if anyone knows of anyone looking for a band to play with, please get in touch!

As always, to keep up with the latest news from the band and when to see us, tune in to our website, www.rockvillebrassband.org.