

Greetings members, ex-members, friends and supporters of the Rockville Brass Band, and welcome to the spring 2011 newsletter of the Rockville Brass Band. As we run up to the last few weeks of the 2010-2011 season, and the end of my second full-year as its musical director, it's a time for me to reflect and look back on such a successful season.

I am pleased to announce that Gerald Hendrickson has been appointed Deputy Conductor of the band. Many of you will know how well Gerald has served us on bass trombone, but he has a great talent as a bandmaster as well.

I am also pleased to announce that Michael Purcell has been appointed principal cornet.

Since the last time I wrote to you, we have renewed old friendships by performing at Revitz House, and have made new friends with our first performance at Ingleside in Rockville. The Band played very well at both concerts, but you need not take my word for it any more - Justin Walker (baritone) has created a channel for the band on You Tube, so you can now see us in action at http://www.youtube.com/RockvilleBrassBand.

The rest of the season will see a return visit to Collington in Mitchellville, MD, (May 1st) and our annual chance to celebrate Norway Day (May 15th 12:40PM). Following last year's performance at the Washington Folk Festival, we have been invited back and will be performing on the Potomac Stage on June 5th at 6PM. The season will close with our first concert at Friendship Heights on June 8th and Lowell School on June 10th. The performances at the Washington Folk Festival and the Norway Day festivities are public concerts. We would love to see you there, let us know!

The band continues to grow as our word gets out, but we still have a vacancy for a 2nd cornet player. Drop me an email at <u>director@rockvillebrassband.org</u> if you'd like to come along and play with us.

Don't forget to keep up with the latest from the Rockville Brass Band at www.rockvillebrassband.org. There you will find all the latest news of the band, including photographs, sound clips and up-to-date notices where you can see us. You can even follow us on twitter via @rockvillebb.

We always like to hear news of our alumni. You can post to <u>rbb-community@rockvillebrassband.org</u>, or e-mail me at the above address.

Thank you again to the members of the band in making my time with you so enjoyable.

All the very best,

-Nigel Horne, Musical Director