

## The Friends of the Yankee Brass, Inc.



## Welcome to the Fall 2023 Friends of the Yankee Brass, Inc. Newsletter

During 2023, the Friends of the Yankee Brass, Inc. Board of Directors has been very busy in working to fulfill the mission of the organization.

- Organize and support the Yankee Brass Band to provide live performances that inform audiences of the authentic musical traditions, sounds, and repertoire of 19<sup>th</sup> century bands.
- Research, restore, and preserve the actual brass band music of the period.
- Provide educational activities and historically informed presentations to promote a better awareness and understanding of the role of brass bands in building our cultural identity and creating a common cultural bond in America.

In 2023, the Board organized a very successful July concert tour of the Yankee Brass Band. The band presented concerts at four locations in Pennsylvania and one in New Jersey. Included in the tour was a workshop presentation at the summer conference of the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) on the topic of American Brass Bands. As with all of our



performances, audience members had the opportunity to learn more about the bands and music of the era through commentary by Music Director, Dr. James Chesebrough.

Maine 2024 Concert Tour: The Board is organizing a concert tour in Maine during July 22-27. We are currently working to select tour locations and sponsors. If your organization is interested or you know of an organization that may be interested, please contact John Mueller, 2024 Tour Coordinator, ASAP at program.coordinator@yankeebrassband.org to discuss concert fees, venue requirements, and available dates. This is a great opportunity to support the Yankee Brass Band and to present your audience members with a unique and entertaining event.

The <u>Yankee Brass Band</u> website is being regularly updated to provide information about the organization and plans for events.

- Learn about the band and the experience of attending a concert.
- Read about the two newest members to the Board of Directors: Tim Cohen, Vice President and Mike Seckla, Member at Large.
- Reflections From the Podium by Music Director Dr. James Chesebrough provide insights and thoughts about the music and experiences of the Yankee Brass Band.
- Listen to music excerpts by the full band and the Yankee Serenade Band.

The Yankee Brass Band is also on <u>Facebook</u>. This social media page provides an opportunity to join conversations about the band and connect with other people with similar interests in American brass bands. Visit and "Like" the site and postings as a way to stay informed and support the band.

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As a final note, there are two requests we ask you to consider.

- <u>Charitable Contribution</u>. As you consider your charitable contributions, we hope you will
  consider making a contribution to the Friends of the Yankee Brass, Inc. Contributions are tax
  deductible and will provide the financial support that is vital for our organization to meet our
  goals. To learn how you may make a contribute go to <u>Contribute to the Friends of the Yankee</u>
  <u>Brass</u> on the yankeebrassband.org website.
- <u>Spread the Word</u>. Please help get the word out about the Yankee Brass Band by encouraging friends, family, and colleagues to visit the <u>Yankee Brass Band</u> website, "Like" the <u>Facebook</u> page and postings, and share this newsletter. Help to build awareness of the Yankee Brass Band and the work being done to promote and accomplish the mission of our organization.

As always, thank you for your interest in and support of the Friends of the Yankee Brass, Inc. and the Yankee Brass Band.

Regards, Friends of the Yankee Brass, Inc. Board of Directors



Yankee Brass Band Website



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