



Penn Band

The University of Pennsylvania

The 5th Annual
University of Pennsylvania Band
Summer Camp Concert

Saturday, August 2nd, 2008
1:30 P.M.

Iron Gate Theater
37th and Chestnut
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Concert Program

Conducted by Brian Burns (Musician-in-Residence)

The Star Spangled Banner

Francis Scott Key

Arr. Bill Moffit

Conducted by Rebecca Aaberg

Entry of the Gladiators (Thunder and Blazes)

Julius Fucik

Arr. Harold L. Walters

Highlights from Moulin Rouge

Arr. Michael Brown

Cell Block Tango

John Kander

Arr. John Wasson

Bugler's Holiday

Leroy Anderson

Featuring the Trumpet Section

Drumline Cadence

Arana

Featuring the Percussion All Stars

Bravura March

C. E. Duple

Time Warp

Richard O'Brien

Arr. Tom Wallace

Conducted by Rebecca Aaberg

Centerfold

Seth Justman

Arr. Jay Bocook

Conducted by Rebecca Aaberg

The Muppet Show Theme

Jim Henson and Sam Pottle

Arr. Jerry Nowak

Conducted by Rebecca Aaberg

West Side Story - Finale

Leonard Bernstein

Arr. Jay Bocook

Today's Performers

Flute

Danielle Bartolanzo
Katherine Callaghan
Lauren Geroff
Sofia Kosolapova
Samantha Rehrig
Emma Sanger-Johnson
Kimberly Schleder

Clarinet

Rebecca Aaberg *
Elise Bittner
Victoria Gobat *
Sean Salamon

Soprano Saxophone

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Alto Saxophone

Jaron Breen
Jasmine Cain
Gilad Doron
Jessica Gao
Ashanti Mills
Kimberly Salton

Bass Saxophone

William Rhoda

Bassoon

Noah Stang

French Horn

Nicole Bardabelias

Trumpet

Brian Greenberg +
David Janovsky
David Lakata
David Lee
Brian Mendel
Evan Roberts
Chris Short
Steve Walsh +
Michael Wojcik *

Baritone

Alexandra Ucal

Tuba

Joseph Becker

Percussion

Christopher Becker
Kwame Bradley
Neil Dua
Jennine McKnight
Sam Pasternak
Jacqueline Rifkin *

* denotes camp counselor

+ denotes fantasy camper

Acknowledgements

Band camp is never the same year to year, and this year is no exception. Our Program Director (Kushol Gupta, Ph.D.) spent the last 10 months setting everything up, only to come down with some nasty virus last Sunday which prevented him from attending the camp this year – he was so sick that he feared this concert may have been the “Kushol Gupta Memorial Concert”!

But the Penn Band is nothing if not flexible – our counselors stepped up, and our Musician-in-Residence, **Brian Burns** (henceforth known as our Knight in Shining Armor) was invaluable. Although without the good Dr. Gupta, while the camp may not have been perfectly seamless, to paraphrase Col. Hannibal Smith, the plan came together.

Brian Burns is a childhood friend of Dr. G. – he was a year behind Kushol in high school, and Brian succeeded Kushol as drum major of their high school band. Brian continued his formal musical training, and has too many degrees to list here – check your student’s handbook for his full bio. I cannot thank him enough for his help this week – along with leading the group musically, he engaged the students with some American music history and conducting workshops. A great all-around guy, he was a perfect fit for our camp.

And we were blessed once again with four wonderful individuals who served as camp counselors this year – **Rebecca Aaberg, Victoria Gobat, Jacqueline Rifkin, and Michael Wojcik**. I attribute the success of this year’s camp to their efforts. They are outstanding leaders with remarkable personal attributes. Our relatively young program has had a precedent set of strong student leadership; these students have once again exceeded those standards.

This was also the first year that we formalized one of my pet projects – an alumni band fantasy camp. Three alums of the Penn Band spent the last 2 days (and nights) on campus, interacting with the kids and reliving their youth (ask them when was the last time they slept in a dorm!). We wish to thank **Steve Birmingham, Brian Greenberg, and Steve Walsh** for volunteering their time and talents to our program this year; they’ll be giving brief talks today on their experiences with the camp. The students also received leadership training sessions from **Adam Sherr**, MsED (Assistant Director, Penn Band) during their stay on the Penn Campus.

Many people from the University of Pennsylvania worked in concert to help make this program happen. We wish to thank: **the students and alumni of the Penn Band; Katie Bigelow, Joan Bullock, Kristen Heasley, Pam Lampitt, Brandie Plasket, and Alketa Xhori at Destination Penn; Ty Furman, Director of Student Performing Arts at Penn; The Department of Athletics, The Vice Provost’s Office for University Life, The Alumni Council on Admissions, The School of Nursing, The Department of Public Safety, and the Quad.**

But NONE of this happens unless Koosh (as we lovingly call him) puts this together. He’s put a lot of sweat equity into this program, and this camp is his baby (now a toddler, I guess; it is in its 5th year). I know I owe him a debt of gratitude for exposing the Penn Band Experience™ to more and more young students. This camp is a great alternative to those serious marching camps – it helps us spread the word that band camp can be musical AND fun.

Greer Cheeseman
Director, Penn Band