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# The 2023 String Band Showcase





# STRING BAND WINNERS' PAGE



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YEAR	1st PLACE	2nd PLACE	3rd PLACE	4th PLACE	5th PLACE
1958	Ferko	Quaker City	Uptown	South Philadelphia	Polish American
1959	South Philadelphia	Polish American	Greater Bucks County	Ferko	Fralinger
1960	Aqua	Polish American	Quaker City	Ferko	Greater Overbrook
1961	Polish American	Ferko	Aqua	Greater Overbrook	Fralinger
1962	Hegeman	Polish American	Quaker City	Ferko	South Philadelphia
1963	Quaker City	Polish American	South Philadelphia	Hegeman	Ferko
1964	Polish American	Greater Kensington	South Philadelphia	Ferko	Fralinger
1965	Greater Bucks County	Ukrainian American	Ferko	Greater Kensington	Woodland
1966	South Philadelphia	Polish American	Aqua	Greater Bucks County	Greater Kensington
1967	Fralinger	Ferko	Woodland	Polish American	South Philadelphia
1968	Fralinger	Ferko	South Philadelphia	Greater Overbrook	Aqua
1969	Ferko	Polish American	Greater Kensington	Woodland	Palmyra
1970	Polish American	Hegeman	Fralinger	Aqua	Ferko
1971	Hegeman	Woodland	Palmyra	South Philadelphia	Ferko
1972	Palmyra	Fralinger	Ferko	Durning	Trilby
1973	Fralinger	Greater Overbrook	Uptown	Ferko	Polish American
1974	Ferko	Fralinger	Greater Overbrook	Broomall	Aqua
1975	South Philadelphia	Greater Kensington	Ferko	Garden State	Harrowgate
1976	Harrowgate	Polish American	Woodland	Quaker City	Fralinger
1977	Harrowgate	Fralinger	Ferko	Trilby	Durning
1978	Quaker City	Fralinger	South Philadelphia	Hegeman	Polish American
1979	Greater Kensington	Ferko	Harrowgate	Polish American	Quaker City
1980	Fralinger	Ferko	South Philadelphia	Greater Kensington	Harrowgate
1981	Polish American	Hegeman	Greater Kensington	Ferko	Quaker City
1982	Ferko	Fralinger (tie-2)	Garden State (tie-2)	Quaker City (tie-2)	Aqua
1983	Fralinger	Polish American	Quaker City	Ferko (tie-4)	Greater Kensington (tie-4)
1984	Fralinger	Greater Kensington (tie-2)	Polish American (tie-2)	Avalon	Ferko
1985	Quaker City	Ferko	Avalon	Polish American	Fralinger
1986	Polish American	Fralinger	Quaker City	Ferko	South Jersey
1987	Fralinger	Quaker City	Hegeman	Aqua	South Philadelphia
1988	Greater Kensington	South Philadelphia	Quaker City	Ferko	Fralinger
1989	Quaker City	Fralinger	Greater Kensington	Ferko	Polish American
1990	Polish American	Palmyra	Ferko	Avalon	Quaker City
1991	Quaker City	Fralinger	Polish American	Avalon	Ferko
1992	Hegeman	Fralinger	Uptown	Avalon (tie-4)	Ferko (tie-4)
1993	Quaker City	Ferko	Fralinger	Avalon	Uptown
1994	Ferko	Fralinger	Uptown	Woodland	Quaker City
1995	Hegeman	Ferko	Quaker City	Fralinger	Uptown
1996	Ferko	Quaker City	Hegeman	Avalon	Woodland
1997	Ferko	Fralinger	Hegeman	Quaker City	Avalon
1998	Ferko	Polish American	Greater Kensington (tie-3)	Quaker City (tie-3)	Avalon
1999	Quaker City	Fralinger	Ferko	Avalon	Polish American
2000	Quaker City	Fralinger	Ferko	Avalon	Greater Kensington
2001	Quaker City	Greater Kensington	Fralinger	Avalon	Ferko
2002	Quaker City	Fralinger	Avalon	Ferko	South Philadelphia
2003	Fralinger	Quaker City	Ferko	Avalon	South Philadelphia
2004	Fralinger	Quaker City	Avalon	Ferko	Greater Kensington
2005	Fralinger	Quaker City	Avalon	Ferko	Greater Kensington
2006	Fralinger	Quaker City	Ferko	South Philadelphia	Polish American
2007	Fralinger	Quaker City	Ferko (tie-3)	South Philadelphia (tie-3)	Uptown
2008	Fralinger	Quaker City	South Philadelphia	Ferko	Avalon
2009	Fralinger	Quaker City	South Philadelphia	Ferko	Avalon
2010	Fralinger	Ferko	Quaker City	South Philadelphia	Avalon
2011	Quaker City	Ferko	South Philadelphia	Fralinger	Avalon
2012	Woodland	Quaker City	South Philadelphia	Ferko	Fralinger
2013	Fralinger	Quaker City	Woodland	South Philadelphia	Ferko
2014	Quaker City	Hegeman	South Philadelphia	Woodland	Fralinger
2015	Fralinger	Quaker City	Woodland (tie-3)	South Philadelphia (tie-3)	Ferko
2016	South Philadelphia	Ferko	Fralinger	Woodland	Hegeman
2017	Quaker City	Fralinger	South Philadelphia	Woodland	Ferko
2018	South Philadelphia	Quaker City	Woodland	Fralinger	Ferko
2019	Quaker City	South Philadelphia	Woodland	Fralinger	Avalon
2020	South Philadelphia	Quaker City	Fralinger	Woodland	Avalon
2021	No Parade				
2022	South Philadelphia	Quaker City	Fralinger	Avalon	Woodland
2023	Quaker City	Fralinger	South Philadelphia	Avalon	Woodland

# 2023 String Band Showcase

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*Band Write-Ups Are In Alphabetical Order*



Mummers Parade Prize	Band	Theme Title
1st	Quaker City	Monster Movie Mayhem
2nd	Fralinger	Scream Acres
3rd	South Philadelphia	Hook, Line and Showtime
4th	Avalon	All Hands on Deck
5th	Woodland	Wild West Steam Fest
6th	Ferko	Freeze the Day
7th	Polish American	The Circus Comes Alive
8th	Greater Kensington	It's Go Time!
9th	Uptown	Safari So Good
10th	Aqua	Wild Frontier
11th	Duffy	Friends in Low Maizes
12th	Durning	Greek Balls of Fire
13th	Hegeman	In Full Swing
14th	Jersey	Deal With It

## The Mummers Museum A Unique Experience...

Opening in the bicentennial year of 1976, the Mummers Museum, located at Second Street (2 Street) and Washington Avenue, stands in tribute to all Mummers ... past, present and future.

Dedicated to the Philadelphia celebration of the New Year, the museum houses a rich collection of mummers' paraphernalia and memorabilia, including spectacular costumes, a few of which date back to the turn of the 20th Century.

The Mummers Museum provides the visitor with a chronological progression of the Mummers Parade from a simple neighborhood celebration to a City sanctioned attraction drawing tens of thousands of spectators to the side-walks of Broad Street every New Year's Day, as well as a highly rated, vast local television audience.

Through exhibits and displays, a visitor can sense the commitment, dedication, sacrifice, creativity and talent of the men, women and children, from various backgrounds, who regard being a Mummers as a "way of life."

The museum offers an on-site gift shop, an on-line store and a banquet hall which is available for rental.

The museum conducts programs for both children and adults, and, free String Band concerts will be held this spring and fall.



Scott Brown, Executive Director of the Mummers Museum, invites you to visit and to attend numerous, fun filled events planned for this spring and summer. Consult the Mummers Museum web site for a schedule of events and activities.

The appreciation of the art of Mummery acquired from touring the Museum will enhance your enjoyment of future Mum-mer Parades. You may also want to consider becoming a member of the Mummers Museum. Yearly memberships start at \$25.00 per year.

**For more information and hours  
contact the Mummers Museum  
at 215-336-3050 or online at  
[www.mummersmuseum.com](http://www.mummersmuseum.com)**

# THE PHILADELPHIA MUMMERS' STRING BANDS' ASSOCIATION



Sam Regalbuto

## *Message from the President... Sam Regalbuto*

Good Evening and Welcome, to our Philadelphia Mimmers String Band Association Annual Awards and Installation of Officers Banquet. Tonight, we return to celebrate and honor not only our 123-year-old tradition, but our 63rd year as an association.

This past year we have seen the positive benefits our current course has taken us. We are finally becoming financially self-sufficient as a division and a parade. With co-operation, faith in the current officer body, patience, and hard work we can continue this upward trajectory in bringing our tradition back to its former glory.

January 1st 2023 was a sight to behold. Seeing all of our organizations back to full strength and competing at an unbelievable level proves the resolve of this organization is stronger than ever. I would like to congratulate everyone on their outstanding performances. Your extremely creative productions were nothing short of spectacular.

I would like to congratulate the Quaker City String Band and Captain Jimmy Good on their 2023 Championship Victory. Your Class, Pride, and Commitment truly radiated through your outstanding performance.

My sincere congratulations to the Hall of Fame Inductees of the Class of 2023. Your years of commitment and dedication to the String Band Association have not gone unnoticed. We commend you on this prestigious honor.

As I begin my fourth year in office, there is so much that has been accomplished, yet so much more to do. There are still many goals on the forefront to achieve: Continue improvements to our NYD Parade and making it a more family friendly and inclusive entertaining fan experience; Enlarge our sponsorship rolodex and create new partnerships with corporate entities that allow the Mimmers to control their own financial destiny; Pursue and collaborate on a new multi-year national television deal with our new friends at METV2 and WFMZ; Continue to plan more events to promote and fund our entertaining division; Finally, to bring back our once glorious spectacular Show of Shows.

Only with your involvement and cooperation can we achieve our goals. We must concentrate all of our efforts upon the work at hand. Learn from the bridges we have crossed on our path but demolish some of them behind us so that we have no choice but to move forward.

Alexander Graham bell once said: "The sun's rays do not burn until brought to focus." I believe if we focus together our light will shine brighter than ever before.



# String Band Hall of Fame

1956	JACK TOWERS	1988	AL PRIMAVERA, JR. EDWARD P. BROOMALL	2011	JERRY CROMPTON CHERYL CROWE MARTY GOOD STEVE HIGHSMITH JIM JAEP MARGARET (PEG) RULLO JIM TATAR, SR. JIM BROWNE JACK DAILEY JOHN JORDAN ED LYNCH JOHN WERNEGA BILL GARTON WARREN RIVELL ANTHONY TENUTO MARK DANIELEWICZ DAN MARAKOWSKI DAN SPENCER JOE VOLKERT DENNY PALANDRO BOB SCHUHL ED WEISSER PETER J. (PETE) BROOMALL, SR. JAMIE CALDWELL STEVE COPER ROBERT A. (BOB) KING LEO VOLZ LEO DIGNAM DOMINIC DIODATA JOHN GILBERT HAROLD PEOPLES ALEX DEPUTRON HON. JAKE HART JOHN KEANE BOB LIGHTFOOT HARRY BROWN, JR. CHARLES R. GRASER JIM MULLER, SR. JAMES BUCHAKJIAN, SR. THOMAS (SHAGGY) ROBISON ANGELO LUTZ EDWARD REAGAN HARRY HARGESHIEMER LEONARD CAMUCCIO HARRY RIVELL JIM MCGUGAN III SAM REGALBUTO BOB COLLINS ROBERT (BOBBY) HAYWOOD STEVEN BUJNOWSKI
1957	JOSEPH A. FERKO	1989	NICHOLAS (DUKE) BUONPASTORE STAN POJAT		
1958	JAMES A. DURNING	1990	THOMAS E. KNIG LEN GIACOBETTI, SR.		
1959	FRED J. KESEL	1991	WILLIAM SPEZIALE DAVID ANDERSON, JR.	2012	
1960	PETER A. BROOMALL	1992	FRANK ANELLO		
1961	RAYMOND ENDRISS	1993	JOSEPH BROGAN		
1962	ROBERT RUNKLE, JR.	1994	JAMES FOX, JR. JOHN MILLAWAY		
1963	RAYMOND GURT	1995	MIKE RAYER		
1964	WALTER KROP	1998	JOHN G. (OZZIE) OSTROWSKI DANIEL F. CREEDON, III WILLIAM BOWEN, JR. WILLIAM BOWEN, SR. JAMES (Jimmy) KING WALTER (DUKE) BURKHARDT JOHN MACHALOWSKI DON MORRISSEY JIM MCKNIGHT JOHN R. PIGNOTTI, JR. ROBERT W. QUAILE, SR. FRANCIS J. FOIDL, JR. HARRY HILL TOM LOOMIS JAMES MORAN, JR. J. KEVIN O'BRIEN GEORGE J. BADEY, III ROBERT (BOBBY) CUNNINGHAM TOM DONAHUE CHARLIE NICHOLAS THOMAS FERRY THEODORE F. KUDRICK EDWARD MOYER BOB CORCORAN JOHN RASMUS, SR. CHARLIE ROETZ FRAN ROTHWEIN ANTHONY CELENZA JERRY LAROSA, JR. JOSEPH KING CHARLES KOCHENSKY MIKE (LAPP) LAPERGOLA SCOTT MOYER BOB FARRELL SAM HAMILTON, SR. RAY MALACH HON. ROBERT (BOB) BRADY JOSEPH BUJNOWSKI JOSEPH LESO DENNIS QUAILE	2013	
1965	HARRY STRAUB	2000		2014	
1966	HARRY LAWSON	2002			
1967	WILLIAM MINK HARRY WHITMAN			2015	
1968	JOHN FRALINGER DAVE ANDERSON ROBERT HALL JOHN HOGG	1999			
1969	JOHN BAUKUS FRED CALANDRA	2003		2016	
1970	ADAM QUAGLIA JOSEPH BRUECKES				
1971	GEORGE DUFFY ROBERT ZIEGLER			2017	
1972	JIM DONAGHY PETE AMADIE JOHN ARLETH HENRY J. KUNZIG, SR. JOHN E. MAYER JOSEPH PISUZKO EDWARD VENCKUS ARTHUR (LINK) GARDNER ANDY OAKLEY ANTHONY (IGGY) GENEVA JOSEPH BLASS HENRY KUNZIG, JR. HERB SMITH, JR. RON MOYER HERMAN SEFLIN JAMES BROOMALL ANTHONY (TISH) BORDONI JAMES M. DRIADON JOHN WALSH TOM A. HOWLEY JOSEPH L. BRESSET DON KEIR BILL (CURLY) CONNERS RAY DANIELEWICZ WILLIAM R. KRUZENBERGER JOSEPH DEIGHAN PHIL PESCHI JOSEPH A. VENUTO CLIFFORD J. JOHNSON JACK HEE BOB SHANNON, JR.	2004		2018	
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## "Old Timers" Hall of Fame

1977	AL FINK	1992	CLEMENT C. RENDE	2005	BOB HOLZ JIM MURRAY FRANK ROTHWEIN HARRY BROWN, SR. BOB MORRISEY CY DALY ROBERT E. (BOB) DICKS ROBERT H. FINNIGAN ARCHIE WHITE SPENCE WHITE AL KOENIG DONALD REEVES MICHAEL CAPUTO JR. GEORGE (BUCKY) PINE, JR.
1978	DAVID (POP) ANDERSON	1993	FRANK KOHRI	2006	
1979	AL PRIMAVERA, SR.	1994	JOHN POOLER, SR.	2007	
1980	SAM HAMILTON, JR.	1995	RICH NOTTIS, SR.		
1981	JOSEPH RILEY	1996	JAMES J. FOX, SR.		
1982	JAMES J. KING	1997	JOSEPH LONG	2008	
1983	HENRY DUNAWAY	1998	JOHN (POP) PIGNOTTI, SR.		
1984	EDWARD (RAB) CARTER	1999	ROBERT (POP) SHANNON		
1985	JOE (BAGEL) STRINE	2000	RUSSELL (MR FIG) FIGUEROA	2009	
1986	AL STEWART	2001	JOSEPH (JOE T) TRINACRIA		
1987	CARL JANKIEWICZ	2002	CHARLES N. MURARESKU, SR.	2010	
1988	JOSEPH GIARDINO, SR.	2003	ANGELO CARANGO JOHN WRIGHT, SR. WILLIAM (POP) DEISSORTH JAMES (POP) MCKNIGHT	2021	
1989	JOSEPH JANKOWSKI			2023	
1990	GENE M. NEMETH	2004			
1991	MICKEY MALLON				





# 2023 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

## Bob Collins



It is with great pleasure that the Durning String Band would like to congratulate Bob Collins on his induction into the String Band Hall of Fame, class of 2022. In March of 1979 Bob joined Durning, and has been with the band ever since, he has participated in 42 parades on New

Year's Day with Durning. His dedication and character are second to none, he is an exemplary mummer, leader, father and husband. Bob started in Durning playing the Tenor saxophone, and throughout the years has done whatever has been asked of him, if the band needed him to play the Bass or Baritone saxophone Bob would always step up to the calling. Bob now parades alongside his daughter Erin to continue this great tradition.

In the year 2000, Bob was elected to the position of President of Durning and has served in that capacity to present day. Bob is an integral part of the organization and has taken on many roles and challenges that

the band has faced throughout the years, whether it was making sure we had a club, spearheading many fund-raising events, coordinating jobs each year and he made sure that the club was viable in making it up the street on New Year's Day. Bob is a retired Philadelphia Police officer, between his career in the force, and raising children he has always been there for the band each year being a 100% member. Bob has held a position on the board for the String Band Association in 2018 and has also served on the rules committee. The Durning String Band is truly blessed to have a person like Bob to lead the organization, and is well deserving of this prestigious honor.





# 2023 Hall of Fame Inductee



## George “Bucky” Pine, Jr.



The Hall of Fame Committee of the Philadelphia Mummers String Band Association is proud and honored to present as a committee choice posthumously, Mr. George “Bucky” Pine.

George Pine was always a consummate gentleman at all times, and always had a smile on his face and a song in his heart. He loved to laugh and has an outgoing personality which was reflected in his music.

George took up the saxophone and followed his Father and Uncle Ray Pine to the local hometown String Band in Gloucester City, New Jersey; the Garden State String Band. George joined in about 1955 and was already a stellar sax player. George became involved with the music committee at a young age and became the Assistant Musical Director in 1960, assisting Music Director Howard Dickson. In 1964, George became the Musical Director of Garden State until 1972. George also did arranging of the music along the way.

In about 1975, George decided to follow his Gloucester City friends and fellow musicians; Tom King, Jim King, Marty Good, Bill Ziegler and others to the Joseph A. Ferko String Band. George became the Music Director of Ferko and arranged the Showboat Revue theme in 1978 and Those Glorious MGM Musicals theme in 1979.

George left active marching and playing to help former Garden State Captain Ralph Anello to start up the Gloucester City Oldtimers String Band in 1988 for all retired String Band players who wanted to keep active playing their instruments. George directed and arranged for the Oldtimers String band for many years. As a testament to George’s dedication to Mummary and keeping our retired mummers and musicians playing and participating in this great hobby, we all love, we have honored George with our Committee selection in the Hall of Fame.

During George’s many years playing the saxophone, he also played and helped work for the Crescent Temple Shrine String Band where he also served as Musical Director for about 10 years, and also played in a combo band for many years called the Hi-Lites with Yock Herniker Sr., Yock Herniker Jr., and Tommy Ellison.

George is survived by his wife Sandy who he was married to for 41 years, his son George Pine III, and one daughter, Donna Brining and nine grandchildren.

It is with a sincere heart and great emotion that we induct George “Bucky” Pine, Jr. into the String Band Hall of Fame.





# 2023 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Robert “Bobby” Haywood



The Uptown String Band is honored to nominate Robert “Bobby” Haywood into the String Band Association Old Timer’s Hall of Fame for his contributions to mummery spanning six different decades (1972-2022). Bobby is one of Uptown’s most senior members. Bobby has been one of the few members who have transcended across many eras and generations within our organization and our hobby.

Bobby was first exposed to the Greater Bucks String Band when his brother joined in the early 1960’s. He would follow the contingency that left the Greater Bucks String Band who created the Liberty Bell String Band and later purchased the charter to the Harrowgate String Band. Bobby’s first official year started when he joined the Harrowgate String Band in the summer of 1972 after graduating from Millersville University.

Sharing this list of history from Greater Bucks up until 1965, the start of Liberty Bell, and the purchase of Harrowgate is essential in telling Bobby’s legacy. Most of the information on the non-Association String Bands has been largely lost and forgotten about. Fortunately for our organization, we have Bobby. He has been both the unofficial and official historian of our organization and many of the non-Association Bands for many years. He has kept information, transactions, and all of the near mergers over the years. We would not have any of this information if it were not for him.

Bobby has continued to pass along the stories and the legacy of our founders winning the 1965 parade, reviving another organization, and winning the parade in back-to-back years in 1976 & 1977. After his first year marching with the Harrowgate he became the Assistant Music Director in 1974 and helped the band earn their 1st place finish. He continues to keep the records of the bands by managing the Uptown String Band History Facebook page by posting about the history of the String Bands. His role has been vital in surviving what seems like a long-lost story of the “Outlaw” bands..

Bobby is one of our most valuable musicians and can play a wide variety of instruments. He has a vast memory bank of “Mum Tunes” that he has helped pass down to younger generations. Outside of Uptown, Bobby plays tenor saxophone and tuba for the “Mummers All-Star” group and helps spread the sounds of the String Bands throughout the Philadelphia Area for over 20 years.

Bob is a major part of why the Uptown String Band is alive and well today. Without his involvement in the Harrowgate String Band purchase of Uptown’s charter in 1991, we would not be here today.

Although Bobby is officially retired, he still attends weekly practices and jobs. Outside of Uptown, Bob spends his time with his wife Kathy, and daughter Julia. He is also treasurer and 30-year organist of the First Mennonite Church of Philadelphia. Bobby is always ready to help the band with whatever they need with little recognition. Bobby is the definition of what it means to be a Mummer. His love and dedication to this hobby are something we should all look up to. The Officers and Members of the Uptown String Band are extremely proud of Bobby and his nomination to the Old Timer’s Hall Of Fame.



# 2023 Hall of Fame Inductee



## Steven Bujnowski



It is with great pleasure and honor that we, the members of the Woodland String Band, congratulate Steven Bujnowski on his induction into the PMSBA Hall of Fame.

Steve Bujnowski began his career in Mummery in 1975 playing banjo as a member of the Polish American String Band and paraded for the first time in 1976 as the littlest hobo for PA's Circus. This would be the first in a line of accomplishments as a musician and performer for Steve. Being an accomplished banjo player, Steve saw the need in the band for bass viola players and seamlessly transitioned to the bass. While a member of the Polish American String Band, Steve held the position of Recording Secretary and Musical Director.

In 1986 Steve joined the Joseph A. Ferko String Band. Steve started his membership in the Ferko String Band playing bass, but due to physical restrictions he had to switch instruments. His incredible musical ability next found his way to playing saxophone and during his time with Ferko, he played alto, tenor and bass saxophone at a high level. During his tenure with Ferko, Steve was on the theme committee, Board of Directors, Presentation Director, President and Delegate to the String Band Association. His unique and innovative ideas have helped Ferko win 1st prize more than once.

Steve quietly leads by example to all of his fellow members and works diligently with the younger members. All during his String Band career, Steve has donated his time to our hobby. He was a teacher in Ferko's junior band and gave banjo lessons to students who are still in mummery with some other leading organizations. He has donated computer programs to other organizations for band fundraising, using not just his expertise, but helping them set up and run their events to a successful completion. Steve has composed music for other organizations for concerts and NYD. He did so without compensation, with a goal to see other organizations compete and grow. Steve has been asked by other organization to view their NYD show and help with ideas and give his expertise, which he freely does to help better the tradition and hobby and help the String Band Division grow and foster good will.

Over the years Steve has been that quiet guy that everyone in the String Band community knows about and for those that know him, know that he is all about the people, tradition and ensuring no one goes without the help they need. Not only is a good musician, leader, administrator and teacher, but he has the best quality we are all in the need of; he is a gentleman and a good Mummer in every sense.

Steve is currently a member of the Woodland String Band and has already left his leadership mark on our organization. He currently parades with his sons Steven and Joseph. He still helps any organization that asks for his opinions or expertise. His love for teaching and performing, as well as composing, is an incredible asset to not only the Woodland String Band, but to the great tradition of mummery. Steve showed off his advanced musical talents in recent New Year's Day parades when he played alto sax, piano, banjo, bass fiddle and bongo drums all within the band's performances. He also serves as an Assistant Drill Master, section leader and mentor to the younger members (including his two sons) in the Woodland String Band.

Steve has been doing the right thing in our hobby for 47 years and keeps going strong. It is with the great honor and pleasure that the members of the Woodland String Band honor Steven Bujnowski upon induction into this year's class of the String Band Hall of Fame.



# People Behind The Scenes

## Christine Kudrick Connelly *Duffy String Band*



The officers and members of Duffy String Band are proud to congratulate Christine Kudrick Connelly as our “Person Behind The Scenes.”

Chrissie was born to be a Mummer. The granddaughter of longtime Captain & President of Duffy String Band, Henry Kunzig, Sr., she grew up in the clubhouse and has marched with most of her immediate and extended family over the years. Her first parade was in 1993 when she assisted the band as a marshal. Soon after, she took a costume and joined the pit band as a saxophone player.

Behind the scenes, Chrissie does it all ... always with a smile on her face. She currently heads our Fundraising Committee and has served on the Theme Committee for many years. During the pandemic, when we were unable to generate revenue through parading, she found creative ways to raise money for the band which helped cover our operating expenses during a difficult time. She also served on the planning committee for our 75th Anniversary Celebration which took place in early 2020.

These major projects and responsibilities notwithstanding, it is her unheralded but constant contributions which help keep our band running. Chrissie rarely misses a rehearsal or performance. She consistently volunteers to spearhead projects at the club and garage, from simple clean-ups to organizing and working at our parties & events. On most nights

and weekends she can be found at the garage working on costumes and props. Most importantly, Chrissie is a great band ambassador and a friend to everyone both inside and outside of our organization. She never complains and always pitches in, even on the most un-glamorous of tasks. She shies away from the spotlight, never seeking individual recognition, but we all know that we couldn't function without her!

In 2017, Chrissie was elected to the Duffy String Band Hall of Fame, in recognition of, and appreciation for, her many years of service to the band. We are thrilled to now be able to publicly honor her as this year's “Person Behind The Scenes.”

## Rick Hagenbuch, Jr *Polish American String Band*

Polish American String Band is proud to honor Rick Hagenbuch Jr., with the 2023 Man Behind the Scenes Award, for his countless contributions to our organization and the greater string band community.

How do you boil down nearly five decades of dedication, perseverance, passion, and commitment to just a few paragraphs? Simply put, you can't, but we can do our best to tell a story. The story of a man who, in 1976, decided that he wanted to get involved in his local, neighborhood stringband. The story of a man who also brought his father into the fold and has, since, had four generations of his family involved in Polish American String Band. The story of a man who has been a musician, a marshal, an officer, sat on theme committees, building committees, prop committees, and is forever enshrined, along with both his father and his son, in the Polish American String Band Hall of Fame.

Rick is no stranger to success - in forty-four parades over forty-six years, he has finished in the top ten a staggering forty-one times, including thirteen top-five finishes, and three first-prize finishes. He as well as the band plan to see at least one more of those soon.

Rick has always been an integral part of Polish American String Band. At this point, the organization, celebrating its ninetieth anniversary this year, has existed with him as a member longer than it has without. In that time, the parade and string bands have changed quite a bit, with shows becoming bigger and more involved, and with the amount and scale of props becoming more integral to our performances, Rick's ability to plan, design, build, and perfect both standard and completely out-of-the-box approaches to props and show design helped to revolutionize the parade through the 1980's and turn Polish American String Band into a perennial contender.

As comfortable with an instrument in his hands as he is with a hammer and drill, Rick has been a staple of the PA percussion section playing both drums and banjo over his storied tenure with the organization and has played his own role in the advancement of the 'string band sound' over the half-century that he has been involved. Bringing his skillset as a wedding-band drummer and gigging musician in the late 70's and 80's, Rick was instrumental in helping to reshape and refine the string band sound of the late 80's through our modern arrangements and shows.

In addition to these accolades, Rick is always available whenever, wherever, and however help was needed, without question, without complaint. He is always ready, willing, and able to do all that he could to keep this hobby, this tradition, and this lifestyle that we all know and love moving forward. There isn't anything in the world that would qualify Rick more for this award than that. As one of the hardest working individuals within the string band community there is no one more deserving than he.

The Polish American String Band, is grateful for all of his dedication and congratulates him on this truly well-earned honor.





# PHILADELPHIA MUMMERS STRING BAND ASSOCIATION

## *Lifetime Achievement Award*

Each year the String Band Association presents a lifetime achievement award to a string band member for his or her individual accomplishments for the String Band Association going above and beyond to improve the quality of the Parade and promote the spirit of mummery. Following is the listing of the award recipients.



2003 <b>Herbie Smith</b>	2008 <b>Tom King</b>	2013 <b>Bill Garton</b>	2018 <b>Robert Shannon</b>
2004 <b>John Machalowski</b>	2009 <b>James Fox, Jr.</b>	2014 <b>Bill Speziale</b>	2019 <b>Jack Hee, Jr.</b>
2005 <b>Ray Malach</b>	2010 <b>Mike Rayer</b>	2015 <b>James Fox, Sr.</b>	2020 <b>Frank Foidl</b>
2006 <b>John Gilbert</b>	2011 <b>Joe Deighan</b>	2016 <b>James Donaghy</b>	2021 <b>John Pignotti</b>
2007 <b>Robert Qualie, Sr.</b>	2012 <b>Bill Bowen, Jr.</b>	2017 <b>David E. Anderson, Jr.</b>	2022 <b>John Jordan</b>

## *Presidents Award*

2000 <b>James Donaghy</b>	2006 <b>George Badey</b>	2012 <b>Joe Volkert</b>	2018 <b>Jack Dailey</b>
2001 <b>John Zachwieja</b>	2007 <b>Wayne Boyd</b>	2013 <b>Mike &amp; Heather Brown</b>	2019 <b>Sam Ragalbuto</b>
2002 <b>Cliff Johnson</b>	2008 <b>Bill Patterson</b>	2014 <b>Mike Tomaselli</b>	2020 <b>Marty Good Sr</b>
2003 <b>Tom Ferry</b>	2009 <b>Cliff Johnson</b>	2015 <b>Bill Bowen</b>	2021 <b>Frank Quinn</b>
2004 <b>Charlie Nicholas</b>	2010 <b>Dominic Diodata</b>	2016 <b>Steve Volkert</b>	2022 <b>Dan Spencer</b>
2005 <b>Anthony Celenza, Jr.</b>	2011 <b>Leo Volz</b>	2017 <b>Dan Marakowski</b>	

## *Officer of the Year*

2000 <b>Jerry Larossa</b>	2006 <b>Tom Loomis</b>	2012 <b>Ron Iannacone</b>	2018 <b>Ray Danielewicz</b>
2001 <b>Joe Venuto</b>	2007 <b>Perry DiMatteo</b>	2013 <b>Cheryl Crowe</b>	2019 <b>Marty Good</b>
2002 <b>David E. Anderson, Jr.</b>	2008 <b>Daniel Marakowski</b>	2014 <b>Denny Palandro</b>	2020 <b>Thor McLaughlin</b>
2003 <b>John Zachwieja</b>	2009 <b>None Awarded</b>	2015 <b>Jack Hee</b>	2021 <b>Frank Quinn</b>
2004 <b>Charlie Nicholas</b>	2010 <b>None Awarded</b>	2016 <b>Denny Palandro</b>	2022 <b>Mike Riddle &amp; Steve Coper</b>
2005 <b>Cliff Johnson</b>	2011 <b>Daniel Marakowski</b>	2017 <b>Jack Hee</b>	

## *Award of Distinction*

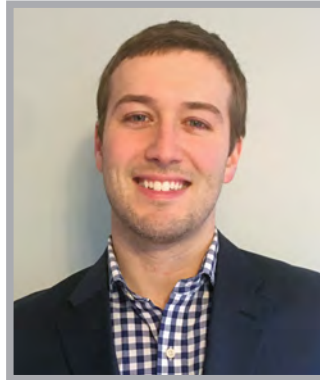
2022 **Jessica Mazzone**

# 2022-2023 Officers

## Philadelphia Mummers String Band New Years Association, Inc.



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President



**Thor McLaughlin**  
Vice President



**John Evans**  
Recording Secretary



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Publicity Director



**Nick Magenta**  
String Band Director



**Peg Rullo**  
String Band Director



**Angelo Lutz**  
Sergeant at Arms





## OFFICERS

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Fundraising Director - Joe Farrell

Captain - Ken Maminski

Drill Master - Ed Maminski

Music Director - Corey Riddle

Music Arranger - Fran Kerr

Choreographer - Marie Maminski

Costumer - JMK Creative

Costume Designer - David Rigler Designs

Theme Committee - Michael Riddle, Ken Maminski, Austin

Tilley, Shane Coleman, Michael

Osowiecki, Dave Maahs, CJ Poirier

## Theme Concept

Our journey begins on the “Hallelujah Trail” where our trappers and hunters begin their expedition of the Wild Frontier! The Aqua String Band will be “Coming Round the Mountain” to experience the spectacle at the Moose Lodge Review, and then take a trip down the “Red River Valley” in their trusty canoe. Expect to see the sightings of wild buffalo and tap your feet during the campground “Hoedown”. We’ll warm up by the “Ring of [camp]Fire” and witness the beautiful aura lights above us. The expedition isn’t over though until you’ve experienced a wolf lead sleigh ride down through the “Rocky Top” mountains, and observed the amazing wildlife our Wild Frontier has to offer!



**THE PHILADELPHIA STRING BAND ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE CHAIRPERSONS AND MEMBERS OF THE BELOW COMMITTEES THAT ASSIST IN ORGANIZING THE MANY PARADES AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED TO OUR ASSOCIATION:**

<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY PARADE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>JAMIE CALDWELL</b>
<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY RULES COMMITTEE</b>	<b>THOR MCLAUGHLIN</b>
<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY JUDGING COMMITTEE</b>	<b>LOUIS SPEZIALE</b>
<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY THEME COMMITTEE</b>	<b>DANIEL SPENCER</b>
<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY CORPORATE DONATION COMMITTEE</b>	<b>JOE LESO</b>
<b>2023 &amp; 2024 BANQUET COMMITTEE</b>	<b>ANGELO LUTZ &amp; CHERYL CROWE</b>
<b>2023 PROGRAM BOOKS</b>	<b>JOE CONNELLY</b>
<b>HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE</b>	<b>DANIEL SPENCER</b>
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<b>AUDIT COMMITTEE</b>	<b>JAY NESTOR</b>
<b>BY LAWS COMMITTEE</b>	<b>MIKE RIDDLE</b>
<b>MUMMERS MUSEUM COMMITTEE</b>	<b>MARTY GOOD SR. &amp; ANGELO LUTZ</b>
<b>STRING BAND ASSOCIATION LUAU</b>	<b>SAM REGALBUTO &amp; FRANK QUINN</b>
<b>STRING BAND WEEKEND IN WILDWOOD</b>	<b>SAM REGALBUTO</b>

**FOUNDATIONS**

<b>RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE</b>	<b>ANGELO LUTZ</b>
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<b>MUMMERS AGAINST CANCER</b>	<b>GEORGE BALZER III</b>
<b>KELLY'S KIDZ TOY DRIVE PHILABUNDANCE</b>	<b>FRANK QUINN</b>
<b>FOOD DRIVE</b>	<b>PEG RULLO</b>
<b>KUBIAK MCCLOSKEY FOUNDATION</b>	<b>JAMES LIPPI</b>
<b>AHMAD BUTLER FOUNDATION</b>	<b>LATONYA MORRISO</b>

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN ANY OF THE COMMITTEES LISTED ABOVE PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE, YOUR STRING BAND ASSOCIATION DELEGATE OR PRESIDENT SAM REGALBUTO TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING ON ONE OF THE COMMITTEES LISTED ABOVE.**



**“ALL HANDS ON DECK!”**

# Avalon String Band

**Captain: Bobby Gagliardi**



## OFFICERS

President – Ken White  
Vice President/Chairman – Bob Coyle  
Treasurer – Mike Spivak  
Financial Secretary – Glenn Bird  
Recording Secretary – Sean Crouch  
Members at Large – Jerry Crompton, Jr, Jim Tatar,  
Rob Eshelman, Mike Myslinski, Tom Flynn Sr  
Sergeant at Arms – Jim Ellison  
Music Director/Arranger – Joe Urzillo Jr  
Presentation Director – Jim Crompton  
Captain – Bobby Gagliardi  
Business Manager – Bobby Coyle, Brad Carrea  
Theme Committee Chairman – Bill Rinnier Sr  
Presentation Designer – Jeff Crompton  
Costume Director – Jim Tatar  
Club Steward – Charlie Cook  
Costumer – DelBuono Costumes, Inc.  
Choreographer – Dana Theil  
Costume and Set Designer – Dave Rigler  
Painter – Mark Kannengieszer

## Theme Concept

Ahoy, me hearties! Join us on an adventure as we follow our hallowed map to Treasure Island and unearth the gold and jewels buried in a coffer many moons ago. IT'S ALL HANDS ON DECK! Raise the Jolly Roger and batten down the hatch-es. Our compass will set the course — and with Captain Shiplee at the helm, ye need not worry. Fire in the hole! There be plunderin' pirates every which way in the swashbuckling seas as the Captain peers from the crows nest while the crew keeps the deck in shipshape. Now, it's time for some grub and the chef is in the galley concocting a recipe only an old sea dog can appreciate. Drink up the grog me hearties! YO HO! Rounding the cove, the isle be in sight through the captain's spyglass. X marks the spot! Be wary of encrusted crustaceans protecting the booty. There's treasure for all, but don't hornswaggle the Captain — or ye be shark-bait!





# **Congratulations Chrissie**

**from your family and friends of the Duffy String Band**



**Woman of the Year**



**Well deserved for your hard work, dedication and commitment**



**“FRIENDS IN LOW MAIZES”**

# Duffy String Band

**Captain: Jake Kudrick**



## OFFICERS

President - Charlie “CT” Kochensky  
Captain - Jake Kudrick  
Business Agent/Treasurer - Cheryl Crowe  
Secretary - Peg Rullo

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Presentation Director - Sharon Crowe  
Drill consultant - Eric Leso  
Music arranger - Bob Leso  
Music Director - Anthony Ovecko  
Choreographer - Lisa Miller-Rogers  
Painter - John McGarvey  
Head marshal - Joe Connelly  
Design - Timmy Magenta  
Costuming - Ralph Tursi

**The members of Duffy String Band  
would like to thank Eric Leso for all  
his help throughout the years.  
Enjoy your retirement.**

## Theme Concept

New owner Jake arrives to explore the surprisingly cheap farm he’s purchased. He soon realizes why the great bargain as the “Hey Song” sings and scarecrows “Hoedown” telling him stay out of their way. The Cows don’t graze, they like to “Move It” and “Milkshake” it. Three little pigs? More like “Born to be Wild” hogs. And don’t expect a visit from “Mr. Sandman” when counting sheep. Newly hatched chicks “Pick-A-Little” dance-a-lot. Mother Nature sends a “Windy” gust forcing all into the storm shed while waiting out “The Devil that went Down to Georgia”. The cast shows they can work these “Green Acres” themselves and are willing to blow the roof off the silo to prove they don’t need “Old MacDonald” to boss them around. “Nah Nah Hey Hey Goodbye” is the final straw signaling Jake to cut his losses and now listing this farm as once again... For Sale!

## Captain

Captain Jake is a young farmer looking for a place of his own, when he drives upon an old farm for sale cheap. He buys it and immediately upon entering the property starts to realize why it was such a steal. As it turns out this farm is enchanted and has been run and worked by the animals themselves and the scarecrows meant to keep others away. He does his best to show he is running the show here by showing he can match them in his fancy foot work and even riding along with the wild hogs. Between Mother Nature whipping up a storm, and the animals showing they’re not beyond blowing up the silo, Jake starts to get the message that he, along with others before him, were not entirely welcomed here and decides to cut his losses and puts the farm back up for sale.



DJ Johnny Looch  
is a proud supporter of the  
Philadelphia Mummers String  
Band Association



**“GREEK BALLS OF FIRE”**

# Durning String Band

Captain: Joe “Asti” Pomante



## OFFICERS

President - Bob Collins  
Vice President - Mike Bolash  
Captain - Joe “Asti” Pomante  
Drill Director - Frank O’Hara  
Treasurer - Erin Collins  
Financial Secretary - Rachel O’Hara  
Recording Secretary - Karen Forster  
Sergeant at Arms - Brendon Palys  
Music Director - Dave Laganella

## Theme Concept

Welcome to ancient Greece with the quest to take over Mount Olympus. Durning magically descends upon the Parthenon where this battle begins led by our leader Zeus. In this most unusual day the stormy weather brings lightning, and the stormy seas are heightened as the God of water Poseidon, delivers its great impact to send this group off course, but despite the trepidation we’re able to steer our way clear of the angry seas. The course resumes to a beautiful garden where we encounter this wicked, and evil woman known as Medusa, to the dismay of the cast of characters she casts her spell turning everyone to stone. Zeus arrives in time to break the spell and bring everyone back to life. Life has changed as Pegasus spreads a pallet of colors creating a beautiful rainbow. This trip takes a turn for the worse as Hades delivers a flurry of fire, but these warriors and Zeus will not give up the fight to free themselves of the captivity in the underworld. The ultimate goal culminates as we conquer Mt Olympus.





# Quaker City String Band – 2023 First Prize

**CAPTAIN**  
**GOOD, JIM**

**ACCORDION**  
**KWAPINSKI, JOE**

**BANJO**  
**BAMBERSKI, JOE**  
**CRAIG, MICHAEL JR.**  
**FERRY, TJ**  
**FLETCHER, TOM**  
**HALNER, STEVE**  
**LIPPI, JIM**  
**MORRISON, ED**  
**RIVELL, JIM JR.**  
**RIVELL, JIM**  
**TOMASELLI, MIKE**  
**VAUGHAN, CASEY**

**BASS FIDDLE**  
**HARRIS, JOE**  
**HARRIS, RYAN**  
**McGUGAN, PATRICK**  
**ROETZ, CHALIE JR.**  
**ROETZ, CHRIS**

**PERCUSSION**  
**BURKE, TYLER**  
**CIEPLINSKI, MATT**  
**GOOD, MARTY JR.**  
**MULLER, JIM JR.**  
**ROTHWEIN, SHAWN**  
**STINGER, KEVIN**

**ALTO SAXOPHONE**  
**BROOMALL, PJ JR.**  
**CAPALDI, JOHN**  
**CHECK, LEN**  
**FALCON, JULIO JR.**  
**FIGUEROA, JUSTIN**  
**FIGUEROA, KARL**  
**FLETCHER, DYLAN**  
**FOX, JASON**  
**FOX, JIM JR.**  
**FOX, JUSTIN**  
**GOOD, SCOTT**  
**HARVEY, BILL JR.**

**LaROCCA, NOLAN**  
**LEMANOWICZ, GREG**  
**McGUGAN, JIM IV**  
**McGUGAN, MIKE SR.**  
**NIEWINSKI, KENNY**  
**PODAGROSI, ALEX**  
**RAPONE, FRANK**  
**REGALBUTO, RODNEY SR.**  
**ROTHWEIN, NICK**  
**STERMEL, JAMIE**  
**STERMEL, PATRICK**  
**TROMBETTA, ANTHONY III**

**BARITONE SAX**  
**KELLY, MATT**  
**McCORMICK, ROD SR.**  
**SALVATO, BRIAN**  
**VAUGHAN, MICK**

**BASS SAX**  
**BROWN, MIKE "SPANKY"**  
**O'DRISCOLL, RYAN**  
**SCHONELY, CHRIS**

**TENOR SAX**  
**BROWN, AIDEN**  
**BROWN, HARRY JR.**  
**CAVANAUGH, PAUL**  
**EISENHOWER, BRIAN**  
**FALCON, JULIO SR.**  
**FARRELL, MATT**  
**FOX, JIM III**  
**FRATTARI, LOU**  
**GRASER, SCOTT**  
**NAVICKAS, JOHN**  
**OLIVERI, LENNY**  
**REGALBUTO, RODNEY JR.**

**MARSHALS**  
**BAKER, CALEB**  
**BAKER, DAN**  
**BAKER, KEVIN**  
**BAMBERSKI, JOE, SR.**  
**BAMBERSKI, MATT**  
**BARRETT, JIM JR.**  
**BARRETT, JOHN**  
**BISHOP, MIKE**

**BOWMAN, JOE**  
**BRASS, DAVE JR.**  
**BRASS, DAVE SR.**  
**BRIGANDI, JIM JR.**  
**BRIGANDI, JIM SR.**  
**BRIGANDI, LISANDRO**  
**BROOMALL, PETE SR.**  
**BROWN, SHANE**  
**BURKE, JOHN**  
**CALTER, CHARLIE**  
**CARLINI, MARK**  
**CARPTENER, DAVE**  
**CASSIDY, KEVIN**  
**CRAVEN, JOHN**  
**CHIARO, JOE**  
**CONNELLY, DENNIS**  
**CONSTANTINO, NICK**  
**CRAIG, MICHAEL SR.**  
**CREEDON, JIM**  
**CREEDON, DAN IV**  
**DEACON, JIM**  
**DeMARCO, MATT**  
**DeMARCO, RICH**  
**DePRE, JACK**  
**DePRE, JIM**  
**DIGIUSEPPE, TONY SR.**  
**DONOHUE, SEAN**  
**DOUGHERTY, MATT JR.**  
**DOUGHERTY, MATT SR.**  
**DUDZIC, TOM**  
**DYMOWSKI, JOE JR.**  
**DYMOWSKI, JOE SR.**  
**EELLS, JOHN**  
**FARRELL, PAT**  
**FERRANTE, PHIL**  
**FICCO, MATT**  
**FLETCHER, AUSTIN**  
**FORTE, LEN**  
**FOX, ERIC**  
**FOX, JOHN**  
**FOX, KEVIN**  
**GAULT, PAT**  
**GIANFORCARLO, WILLIAM**  
**GIVENS, JIM**  
**GOOD, MARTIN SR.**  
**HAGGARTY, JOE**  
**HALL, JOE**

**HERNER, TONY**  
**HICKEY, BILL**  
**JOHNSON, FRED**  
**KEANE, JOHN**  
**KELLY, FRAN JR.**  
**KELLY, FRAN SR.**  
**KELLY, JIM**  
**KELLY, KEVIN**  
**KELLY, KIERAN**  
**KELLY, MATT JR.**  
**KILLIAN, FRAN**  
**KOSZELAK, JOHN**  
**KOSZELAK, STEVE**  
**KROMCHAD, JOHN**  
**LaPERGOLA, MIKE**  
**LEES, BOB**  
**LITTLE, ANDY**  
**LORD, GEORGE**  
**LUND, JIMMY**  
**MACKIN, ED JR.**  
**MACKIN, ED SR.**  
**MARREN, JACK**  
**MASTERO, RICH**  
**MASTERO, STEVE**  
**McCOACH, CHRISTIAN**  
**McCORMICK, BLAISE**  
**McCORMICK, CAYDEN**  
**McCORMICK, ROD JR.**  
**McGUGAN, DAN**  
**McGUGAN, JIM III**  
**McGUGAN, JIM V**  
**McKEOWN, MARK**  
**McLAUGHLIN, PATRICK**  
**MEAD, DAN**  
**MELLO, DAN**  
**MIDDLETON, BOB**  
**MORRISETTE, STEVE JR.**  
**MORRISETTE, STEVE SR.**  
**MULLER, JIM SR.**  
**MULLER, JUSTIN**  
**NAPIERKOWSKI, RICH**  
**NATOLI, BILL, JR**  
**NORTON, JACK**  
**O'DRISCOLL, TIM "BEAR"**  
**O'KEEFE, DAN**  
**PAGANO, MIKE**  
**PAGANO, SAL**

**PAGANO, STEVE**  
**PAGANO, STEVEN JR.**  
**PAPA, SAL**  
**PUPIS, MATT**  
**QUINN, FRANK, IV**  
**QUINN, FRANK, V**  
**RAUCH, MICHAEL JR.**  
**RAUCH, MIKE**  
**REGALBUTO, SAM**  
**ROETZ, CHARLIE SR.**  
**ROTHWEIN, FRAN**  
**ROTHWEIN, FRANK**  
**ROTHWEIN, KYLE**  
**SALVATO, HANK**  
**SANBORN, AUSSIE**  
**SAXTON, JOE JR.**  
**SAXTON, JOE SR.**  
**SCHEUREN, ANDREW**  
**SCHWARTZ, CHRIS**  
**SENATOR, CHARLES**  
**SERVIOLO, ANTHONY**  
**SLIVINSKI, SHAWN**  
**STINGER, LARRY**  
**STINGER, SEAN**  
**STRINE, JOE**  
**THOMPSON, MIKE**  
**TOAL, JOE**  
**TROMBETTA, ANTHONY II**  
**ULRICH, DOUG**  
**ULRICH, MIKE**  
**VAUGHAN, MIKE**  
**VERRILLI, CARMEN**  
**WAGNER, HAL**  
**WALSH, PAT**  
**WARD, CHARLIE**  
**WATT, JOE**  
**WATT, SCOTTIE**  
**WATTS, JUSTIN**  
**WATTS, SCOTT JR.**  
**WATTS, SCOTT SR.**  
**WOJNAR, TOM**  
**WOOD, BUZZY**  
**YURICK, JIM**  
**ZANE, DAVE**  
**ZULLI, MARK**  
**ZULLI, NICK**





**Jimmy Good**  
**2023 First Prize Captain**

**Quaker City String Band**



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**"FREEZE THE DAY!"**

# Joseph A. Ferko String Band

**Captain: Anthony Celenza**



## OFFICERS

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Vice President- Joseph D'Emilio  
Recording Secretary - John Evans  
Treasurer - Roy Gibson  
Financial Secretary - Robert Stango  
Music Director - Matthew Gibson  
Assistant Music Director - Byron Friend, Adam Welwood  
Music Arranger - John Wernega  
Presentation Director - Bryan Brady  
Assistant Presentation Director - Scott Ratzke, Jr.  
Costume Chairman - Scott Ratzke, Jr.  
Prop Chairman - Michael Pezzeca  
Theme Chairman - Robert Witalec  
Music Librarian - Byron Friend  
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Joseph D'Emilio, Roy Gibson, John Raniolo, Frank Sesko,  
John Evans  
Club Steward - William Duncan  
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Website Administrator - Justin Fayette  
Chief Marshall - William Duncan  
Sergeant At Arms - Vaughn Vandegrift  
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John Evans, Justin Fayette, Byron Friend,  
Matthew Gibson, Roy Gibson, John Raniolo,  
Scott Ratzke, Jr., Joseph Renzi, Frank Sesko,  
Music Committee - Matthew Gibson, Byron Friend,  
Wayne Lepp, Matthew Lewandowski, James Manigrassi,  
Dennis McGuire, Scott Ratzke, Jr., Jonah Sedam,  
Adam Welwood.  
Presentation Committee - Bryan Brady, Chris Halpin,  
Scott Ratzke, Jr., Michael Roney, Sr.  
A very special thank you to our Music Arranger, John  
Wernega, our Choreographer, Marianne Martino-Giosa,  
The Dance Ground Studio, Liz Jovovich, Priscilla Gardner,  
and our Painter, Suzanne Kelly,  
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Costume Committee - Scott Ratzke, Jr., Michael Caputo,  
Jim DiGuglielmo, Mark Drais, Justin Fayette.  
Costumer - J&R Costumes  
Makeup - Jim Lasasso.  
Prop Committee - Michael Pezzeca, Robert Witalec,  
Anthony Celenza, John Evans, Suzanne Kelly,  
Veronica Pezzeca, Michael Scarpata, Diane Smith,  
Joseph Volgraf, Linda Volgraf, Susan Pennypacker.

## Theme Concept

Captain Chillenza sends the snow owls to warn the village a storm is coming. As the storm approaches, the village is covered by a snowdrift. The ice skaters skate in front of the scenic Blue Mountains. Captain Chillenza is joined by the dancers in their iridescent costumes. Watching the frolicking by the humans, the banjo playing polar bears, exiting from their den, is shortly accompanied by the accordion playing snow owls. Not to be outdone, the playful penguins do a soft shoe along with the dancers. After everyone leaves, Captain Chillenza takes a leisurely sleigh ride through the snow covered village. As the court surrounds her, the princess dances in her snow globe. Once the snow globe is rewound, the full ensemble joins together for a celebration of winter. With that, Captain Chillenza starts chipping away at his block of ice to reveal his masterpiece.

## Music Repertoire

"Snowfall", "Let It Go", "Winter Wonderland", "Winter", "I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm", "Come On, We're Going On A Sleigh Ride", "Jingle Bells", "Do You Want To Build A Snowman", "Wonderful, Wonderful Day".

## Captain

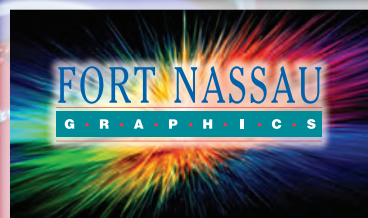
Anthony Celenza - Costuming/ Character(s) and Make-up "CAPTAIN CHILLEENZA" "OLD MAN WINTER". Turquoise base covered in aqua jewels and teal sequins with royal blue velveteen lining. Grotto blue inlays. White ice trimming throughout with white iris sequins and boa. Back piece- Extending the collar with ice and 20 dozen ostrich plumes trimmed in blue and silver sequins tipped in mirrors and accented with 9 plume clusters accenting Captain CHILLEENZA'S snow white hair and beard with his ice blue face.

## Other Pertinent Information

The Joseph A. Ferko String Band suffered a great loss on November, 7, 2022, when our longest tenured member, Bud Strickler, Jr. passed away. Bud was a member for 68 years, his father was also a member of the band. Collectively father & son have 88 years of service to the band in our 100 year history.



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 Painter - Bill Bernard

## Theme Concept

Enter at your own risk, the mayhem of Scream Acres Farm. The twisted cornfield is only for those brave souls who dare to be scared. This most terrifying farm has endless twists and turns, with terror lurking around every corner. Creeping behind the walls of corn you never know who - or what - may be “stalking” you! At Scream Acres Farm, prepare to be chillingly entertained by the scarecrow’s haunted ensemble. You may beg to get in... but you’ll pray to get out!

## Captain

The Captain will portray the Scarecrow who presides over the twisted fields. His white, ghostly garb is punctuated with splashes of color that have faded over time, as he is from a bygone era. Remnants of the rope and chains that once secured him are still present, as well as his scythe, which he will put to good use tonight. His face tells the story of Scream Acres and reflects the terror that he has endured from spending decades in the field, fiercely protecting the farm. Is he now human, as his bare bones indicate? Tonight, in this witching hour, the farm is finally under his ghostly control. He will summon the fields to life and his long-awaited reign will begin!

## Musical Repertoire

Oh what a “Beautiful Morning” sets the scene with bright sunshine nourishing the Farmer’s crops. The up-tempo bass drives the “Corn Maze Haze” and vamps us into a modulating “Old McDonald” intro. The crescendo uplifts our spirits with some “Tales from the Crypt”. “Shine on Harvest Moon” The knee-slap’n groove turned energetic jam session featuring our alto saxes vs tenor saxes. The call and answer statement is completed as our jazzed up bass saxes leaving the last impression. Yeeeeee Haw! Here come the “Ghost Riders!” Strumming ghoulish rhythms while the percussive beat of “Hall of the Mountain King” brings us to “Live til I Die”. “Theme from Halloween” leads to the haunting melody “Grim Grinning Ghosts”. Booming percussion and low octave saxes scare us into the greenhouse of “Killer Tomatoes”. “Danse Macabre” tosses its usual 3/4 composition for an upbeat dance of the Dead. Powerful storm sounds frighten us into a accelerando highlighting the end of this scream-filled night.

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# Greater Kensington String Band

**Captain: Shawn Blubaugh**



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Music Director - Matt Deininger  
Costume/Set Designer - Dave Rigler  
Music Arranger - Anthony Trombetta III/Kyle Rothwein  
Choreographer - Jaclyn Lieb  
Artist - John McGarvey

The officers and members of the Greater Kensington String Band wish to thank our families, friends, and fans for their yearlong support. The band would like to dedicate their 2023 routine in the memory of our longest tenured member Bob Lightfoot, who passed away in late November 2022. GKSB would also like to recognize the following members on their 50th parade: Tom Bezanis, Fred Deininger, and George Flood, Jr.

## Theme Concept

"Do not pass go OR collect \$200" as the men and women of Greater Kensington take you inside the world's most fun filled economics themed board game - "Monopoly". From stops at the Railroad to the Hotel, all while avoiding the "Keystone Kops" to be put in jail, we continuously roll the HUGE dice and circle the board in hopes to win the money and be the last and richest player standing!

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**"IN FULL SWING"**

# Hegeman String Band

**Captain: Kelliann Gallagher**



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Music Director - Ken Stein, Jr  
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Drill Director - Len Camuccio  
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Music Arranger - Tom King  
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Choreographer - Angela Remsen  
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Director - Marc Maahs  
Artist - Rick Willens  
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Props - Bill Mascaro & John Pastor  
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## Theme Concept

Imagine a time before cell phones and screen devices. A sandlot full of kids playing baseball turn to find players emerging from the outfield cornstalks. Team Hegeman has come to play and they're led by Captain Kelliann Gallagher starting the team off in a pre-game warm up. After paying respects to the flag during the National Anthem we go right into a game of fun and follies where players are moving all over, trying to take an upper hand in the game. Heading into the Seventh Inning Stretch the score is still tied o-o. All of the players take a moment to get a stretch break in before God Bless America is played while a tribute to the WWII era is presented. Out then emerges the All American Girls Baseball team to continue the sport while the men were away at war. The game has come down to the 9th inning when the Captain hits the game winning home run. The entire team celebrates as the Championship Trophy is presented to the the players. Hegeman celebrates their own form of winning, by parading it down Broad Street another year! Hegeman would like to dedicate this performance to their late Captain, former String Band Association President, and Hall of Famer, John Pignotti, Jr #23.



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***“THE CIRCUS COMES ALIVE”***

# Polish American String Band

**Captain: Nick Magenta**



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Club Steward - Steve Hensler

## **New Year's Day Officers:**

Captain - Nick Magenta  
Music Director - Scott Johnson  
Assistant Music Director - Frank Foidl  
Presentation Director - Rick Hagenbuch, III

## **Theme Committee:**

Nick Magenta - Chairman  
Rick Hagenbuch, III  
Scott Johnson  
Joe Casee  
Jason Krajewski  
Rick Hagenbuch, Jr.  
Tim Magenta

Music Arranger - Christopher D'Amore  
Choreographer - Jaclyn Lieb  
Costume/Set Design/Artist - Tim Magenta  
Costumer - DelBuono Costumes

## **Theme Concept**

Reminiscing about the great shows of the past, our Ringmaster, Nick Magenta puts on his hat and brings the circus back to life as the marquee letters glow one by one. Decked in lights themselves, our marching band opens the show and takes you on an exciting journey through the circus with acrobats, clowns, vendors and more! Amazing acts of juggling, plate twirling, and taming the fierce lions are highlighted by the strongmen smashing that bell! The circus truly “Comes Alive” as the finale culminates with charging elephants, and the entire circus cast bringing you the “Greatest Show on Earth”



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## “MONSTER MOVIE MAYHEM”

# Quaker City String Band

Captain: Jimmy Good



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Music Director - Scott Graser  
Music Arranger - John Wenega  
Drill Master - Chalie Roetz  
Choreographer - Andrea Hendri Kenney  
Costumer - DelBuono Costumes, Inc.  
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Club Historian - Joe “Bagel” Strine

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Chris Roetz, Larry Stinger

### Theme Concept

It's Showtime with Quaker City as you hear the sounds of *There's No Business Like Show Business* and all the stars appear on the red carpet for tonight's frightful festivities. Who Can It Be Now? It's the Invisible Man wondering, Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf? Frankenstein and his Bride break through looking for The Munsters as everyone awaits the arrival of Beetlejuice. Ushers direct everyone into the Darkened Theater and Beetlejuice rings the projection room bell. The bats transform into vampires and select great horror films like *Phantom of the Opera*, *Halloween*, and *Beetlejuice* realizing this Night on Bald Mountain is a Thriller. Knowing That's Entertainment, they scream Hooray for Hollywood. That's a Plenty of chaos caused by Gremlins at the concession stand. All I Ask of You is to enjoy the movie, but the projector burns the film. The Hunchback rewinds the projector back to that Night on Bald Mountain where The Blob engulfs everything and Slimer runs from all this “Monster Movie Mayhem!”



**“HOOK, LINE, AND  
SHOWTIME”**

# South Philadelphia String Band

**Captain: Denny Palandro, Sr.**



## OFFICERS

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Steve Morrone - Imagine Factory  
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## Theme Concept

The South Philadelphia String Band welcomes you to Neptune’s fant-a-sea and our presentation of Hook, Line, and Showtime! As the waves roll over this seaside town and a journey below the sea begins. With a wave of Neptune’s trident all of the town folk are now part of this reimagined Atlantis adventure. Seahorses, Clown-Fish, and Seabed Shellfish are here to provide an evening of undersea entertainment. Catfish dancing with strings of pearls, and Cardsharks give gambling a whirl, while Jellyfish Barmaids are taking us for a whirl. Cave mining Crabs and the Manta Ray join this sea bottom town at high tide with a watchful eye from our bassline and percussionist Starfish Sheriffs. As our sea-dwellers have surged through this watery town, and the waves begin to subside, we hope you had a shell of a good time...Hook, Line, and Showtime!

The South Philadelphia String Band dedicated our 2023 performance to Mr. Bob Buerklin and Poppy Bill Diessroth. Without their dedication, leadership, and friendship we could not be where we are!

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*The Officers and Members of the Uptown String Band would like to congratulate Robert Haywood for his induction into the PMSBA Old Timers Hall of Fame.*

## Theme Concept

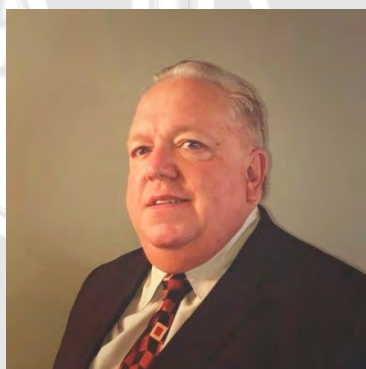
The sounds of the jungle night break way for the serengeti sun and the percussive hooves of the Unbreakable Herd of gazelles stampede across the land. After The Lion Sleeps Tonight, King Caldwell emerges from his den to lead the Zealous Equines through the blades of grass and out into the safari. The commotion of the animals has created a Chant of the Jungle that has startled the birds in the trees. Soaring across Blue Skies, the mighty King is met by his Royal Bevy to aid him in surveying his kingdom. Their journey is Runnin' Wild as it reaches into the depths of the jungle forest but they must watch out for the treetops and its many slithering Snake Charmer secrets.

Descending from above, two monstrous pythons weave through the leaves and chase away the King's herd. As the danger clears, the Aba Daba Monkeys come swinging from the branches down to the jungle floor. This noisy bunch brings life and laughter to the jungle. Their antics are so contagious that even King Caldwell joins the Blithe Buffoonery with a quick vocal interjection. Adding to the fun, the Indomitable Troup of gorillas come out wanting nothing more than to pull on their strings and peel some bananas. Once We Have No Bananas the rest of the jungle life come to monkey around as they Wanna Be Like You. But Be Prepared, danger lurks around every corner of the serengeti.

Sprung from the shadows, the Ferocious Half-Breed hyenas look to dethrone the King of the jungle in the treacherous elephant graveyard littered with toxic geysers. As the smoke clears and the battle over the serengeti has concluded, the sunlight peers through the clouds revealing the watering hole and it's many nourishments. The Unbreakable Herd perform a traditional Kassa (African harvest dance) to pray and thank the gods for their food. The kingdom honors King Caldwell and rejoices in the Circle of Life festival with many of the animals in attendance



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**“WILD WEST STEAM FEST”**

# Woodland String Band

**Captain: George Balzer, IV**



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## Theme Concept

Woodland is proud to take you back in time to the Wild Wild West, only this isn't just your normal dust filled town. Think of the Will Smith movie from 1999. We welcome you to our fantasy town full of cowboys and gauchos who are part human and part robot! The energetic and powerful music will have you engaged from the moment those steel doors welcome you to town. This steam powered town may seem like a nice place to be, but watch out for the jailbreak full of bandits who will dance their socks off! Bank robbers with musical talents? Don't mind the masks and goggles, this steam town is sure to blow at any point! Keep an ear open for the bells and whistles and who knows what creating those unique percussive sounds that bring the town to life. There is plenty to do at the dancing saloon before the train comes into town. And Captain George rides into the night on his steampunk horse he so purposefully named "B.C.." We hope you enjoyed the show!

Founded in 1926 in Southwest Philadelphia on Woodland Avenue, 2023 marks the 97th anniversary of the Woodland String Band. Woodland holds the second longest consecutive marching streak in the String Band Division and is the first member owned and operated String Band. The band is led by their exciting and energetic fourth year Captain, George Balzer IV. The band would like to congratulate saxophone player and former Drill Director, Steve Bujnowski Sr, on his election to the PMSBA Hall of Fame this year. We also congratulate our first year Music Director, AJ Ford, and first year Drill Director, Chuck Graser, on an outstanding year and performance they helped the band achieve this year. Finally, our 2023 performance was dedicated to the late, great Robert "Bobby" Cunningham, who passed away towards the end of 2022. Bobby was a 1st prize winning captain and the heart and soul of the organization during his active and retired years. We celebrate his legacy and dedicate the year to Bobby and the entire Cunningham family. One Heart – One Spirit.





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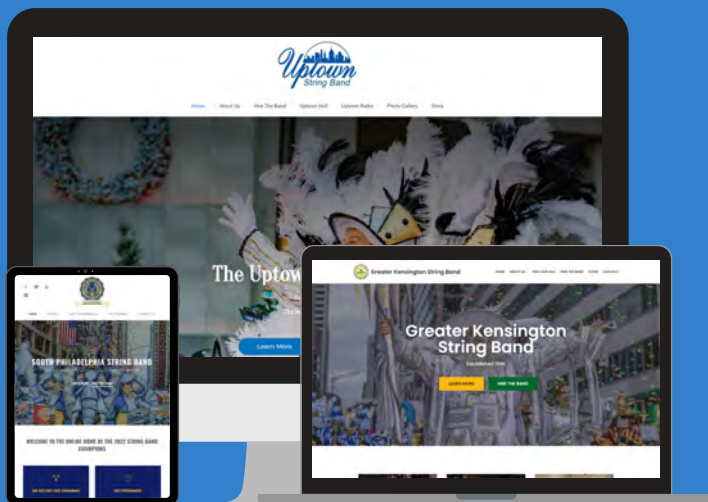
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