

WELCOME TO THE COLONIE TOWN BAND

The Colonie Town Band has approximately forty-five members and was organized in 1964. The band provides free concerts to the public and to residents of senior living facilities and similar establishments. Financial and logistical support is provided by the Town of Colonie Parks and Recreation Department.

In October 2005 Jane Oppenlander and Joe Trupia were appointed co-directors of the band. They replaced Frank Waddington who retired after more than thirty years as director and who now plays in our baritone section.

Membership in the band is open to all. Auditions are not required and new members are always welcome. A variety of pieces are played, including show tunes, light classics, marches, novelty numbers and holiday selections. The music's level of difficulty is comparable to what a high school band might perform. Our members range from high school students to retirees.

We meet on Monday nights, year round. In the winter we start at 7:30 pm and in the summer at 7:00. Rehearsals are in the old courtroom in the Colonie Town Hall. (This is on US Rte. 9, across from Siena College.) Rehearsals last two hours and include a fifteen minute break.

Concerts are held at a variety of sites, usually within fifteen miles of the town hall. Venues include senior living facilities, parks, the town library and the Cohoes Music Hall. In the summer many of our concerts are held outdoors. For special concerts, such as Old Fashioned Sunday at the Pruyn House, we occasionally vary from our Monday night schedule. Summer dress for our concerts is white Colonie Town Band shirt with dark trousers/skirts and dark shoes. In winter we substitute a white dress shirt with tie/white blouse for the band shirts. Band shirts are provided to members.

Members must provide their own instruments (except for percussionists) and music stands. It is a good idea to also have some clothes pins or similar gadgets for securing music during outdoor concerts.

Music is from the band's library and stored in folders. The folders are distributed before each concert or rehearsal. Members are encouraged to take folders home for practice but must insure that the folders are returned for the next band session. If you don't take the folder with you, you should promptly return it to the storage box at the end of each concert or rehearsal.

We are a relaxed group but members are expected to exercise good band practices. These include regular attendance, punctuality, limited talking during concerts and rehearsals, and observance of the conductor's directions.

Tempos in a Teapot is our semiannual newsletter. It includes articles of interest and a schedule for the next six months.

The band also has a Web site where the current schedule is posted as well as other pertinent information. Go to

- www.colonietownband.org

Notification of last minute cancellations or changes is handled through a members phone tree. Be sure to fill out the attached Personnel Data Form to get on the phone tree and the newsletter mailing list.

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Personnel Data Form

Name: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email: Home: _____ Work: _____

Mail Address: _____

Instrument: _____

Instruments you can double on: _____

Shirt size: _____

Background: (anything you want to add about your musical training, groups you have played with, strengths/weaknesses, etc.):

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