

THE STONEWALL BRIGADE BAND

continuous since 1855

3 Gypsy Hill Park
Staunton VA 24401

STAUNTON DEPARTMENT PARKS & RECREATION

providing parks and recreation

Montgomery Hall Park
Staunton VA 24401

Dear Director:

You are cordially invited to enter your band in the Stonewall Brigade Band/Staunton Department of Parks and Recreation Twenty-second-Annual **Stonewall Showcase of Bands** to be held on Saturday, September 26, in Memorial Stadium, Staunton, VA. We are planning a daytime event (approx. 9 am to 5 pm), and will limit the Showcase to the first 30 bands that apply. This event has no connection with any public or private high school.

THE STONEWALL BRIGADE BAND, with 120 active members on roll, is Staunton's municipal band. It began as a town band in 1855 (The Mountain Saxhorn Band), became a military band in the Civil War (from whence the name), resumed civilian activities as a municipal band after the war, played for every World's fair from the 1890's through the 1930's, marched in several presidential inaugural parades, and this will be the 121st season of weekly "concerts in the park" in June, July and August 2009. It is the oldest continuous municipally-supported band in the nation. See our web site at <http://www.stonewallbrigadeband.com>

The **Stonewall Showcase of Bands** offers an excellent facility for your performance. Dressing rooms are available under the stadium. The recently-renovated stands are high enough to allow competent adjudication, and the members of our organization are committed to providing a quality educational experience for your band.

We select adjudicators who will bring a wide expertise to our Showcase of Bands and will provide you with the kind of adjudication and positive suggestions you want in an early-in-the season competition as you develop and polish your show. We will have five classes as specified on the registration form. Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third places in each class, along with caption winners and participation awards. Taped and written critiques will be provided on the event day, along with a summary sheet of the day's bands on the internet that evening.

Note: Photographs and videos may be taken of each band again this year.

OUR ENTRY FEE IS \$100. Make checks payable to "Stonewall Showcase of Bands"

WE WANT YOUR BAND TO APPEAR IN THE STONEWALL SHOWCASE OF BANDS. Please complete the enclosed entry form and return along with entry fee, postmarked by 9/8/08 to:

STONEWALL SHOWCASE OF BANDS
C/O Hannah Bush, SBB President
2120 Churchville Avenue
STAUNTON VA 24401-6207

If you want to get your entry in early and go last in your class, download our electronic entry form at

<http://www.stonewallbrigadeband.com/bob/ShowcaseEntry09.doc>

Fill it out in Microsoft Word
and email it as instructed on the form

Check deadline 9/15/08 mailed to
Hannah Bush: 2120 Churchville Ave.
Staunton VA 24401

Questions about the Showcase?? Call Hannah Bush at 540-885-0093 Home, for the answers! Or email Bob Moody moody@northriver.coop

STONEWALL SHOWCASE OF BANDS – September 29, 2007 General Information

SPONSORS The **Stonewall Showcase of Bands** is co-sponsored by the **Stonewall Brigade Band** and the City of Staunton **Department of Parks and Recreation**. **This event is not associated with any public or private high school.**

OFFICIALS Bob Moody, Director of Stonewall Brigade Band; Hannah Bush, President of Stonewall Brigade Band; Roger Ergenbright, Business Manager of Stonewall Brigade Band; Christine Wood Secretary of Stonewall Brigade Band; Greg Shrader, Vice President of Stonewall Brigade Band; Larry Carver, Treasurer of Stonewall Brigade Band; Cindy Hosaflook, Librarian of Stonewall Brigade Band; band board members at large; Christopher Tuttle, Director of Staunton's Department of Leisure Services; Steve Devenny & Irvin Hoyt, park facilities;.

LOCATION The **Stonewall Showcase of Bands** will be held in Staunton's Memorial Football Stadium in Gypsy Hill Park.

DIRECTIONS To get to the **Stonewall Showcase of Bands** from Interstate 81 or Interstate 64, take exit 220 off I-81. This is 1 mile south of the intersection of I-64 and I-81 so if coming in on I-64 take I-81 south and then the first exit. This is VA 262. Take the fourth exit for "Parkersburg Pike" --VA-254 and take a right at the end of the ramp. Follow 254 "Beverly Street" to the third traffic light and turn left on Thornrose Avenue. You will pass a cemetery on your right and houses on your left after you turn. This brings you directly to the stadium. Pass the stadium, go down the hill, and turn in between the stone pillars by the tennis courts, directly across from Grace Christian School and follow the drive to the stadium parking lot. If asking for directions, ask for "The Armory". You may want to map it from the internet, such as "mapquest" or "mapblast". If we have a large number of bands we may limit parking on the lot by the stadium to buses, support vehicles, and a limited number of spectator cars, with free shuttles from satellite parking.

FACILITIES Warm up and staging will be on the softball field next to Lake Tams that you will pass as you enter the Park and on the golf course directly across from the lake, on the basketball courts, on the baseball field, and behind the gym building on the golf course. There is a skate park on part of this land (be advised). Warmup will be on section of the field away from the football field. You will enter the stadium from the "upper left corner" as viewed from the judges' box. Dressing Rooms are located under the stadium, and will be available at scheduled times. Dressing is not allowed in the concession stand restrooms. Concessions will be located in the permanent brick building by the field entrance; food items will be sold by tickets, sold near the concession area. Coolers, outside food and outside drink are not permitted in the stadium for security purposes. The field is natural grass and will have the usual field markings. Field entry is by the gate near the concession stand.

ENTRY FEES AND FORMS In order to plan adequately for this event, we need your entry form as soon as possible...postmarked or with an email header dated by **September 10**. Email entries are preferred. We are no longer accepting faxed entry forms. Order in class will be based on postmark/fax date with first entry going last and last entry going first. Late entries may be accepted on a "space available" basis. We need your entry fee **by September 15**. Entry fee is \$100, non-refundable. If we don't have your fee, you do not compete. Please send your check with your entry form if you mail your entry form rather than fax or email it. Once entered you may not drop to a lower class. If we find that you have enough more members than you registered to move you a higher class, you will be judged in the higher class but will play at the scheduled time.

SCHEDULE Note that we have five classes based upon playing members, which includes any student making a musical sound at any one time. We intend to fax and/or email the **schedule to all paid participants by September 17**. We also now have the capability of posting it on the internet as a PDF document. Go to: <http://stonewallbrigadeband.com>, click on guestbook, and follow the links. We plan to run the **Stonewall Showcase of Bands** as a daytime event. **We will limit this year's Showcase to 30 bands**. We expect the initial schedule to be firm schedule, but have done revisions to accommodate hardship situations in the past. You will know your approximate time because we will go in order from smallest class to largest. Order in class will be in the reverse order entries are received. Including your email address on your registration means we can email the schedule to you so you get it earlier or you can check the web address above. (But if you have us email it, you have to check your email to get it! The email will just be a link to the posted schedule.) You will get Bob's cell number with the schedule, so that you can call in if you have bus problems or get lost. Please give us your cell number.

TIME LIMIT There will be no minimum time. Each band will have a maximum of 15 minutes to set up, do the show, and exit the field. We will count your members through the gate and time your actual field time, with point deductions for infractions. After introducing the band and its musical program and personnel, the announcer will say "drum major(s) (name, name) you may signal when ready, and enter the field in (Class ...) competition." Since many bands will take less than 15 minutes, if we have more than 20 bands we may build our schedule on 12 minute intervals with occasional breaks to take up the "slack" if needed.

SCORING: Rank in class will be on a point score. The music -brass & woodwinds, music- percussion, marching, and general effect scores are added and converted to a 1-100 scale. Minor caption awards will be determined by points earned.

AWARDS CEREMONY Drum Majors, drum captains, and guard captains will remain in uniform for the awards ceremonies to be held at the conclusion of Class AA and/or Class AAAAA. The actual award times and classes included in each ceremony may be adjusted depending on registrations. We will finish in time for bands to attend Blast in the Draft on the same day.

CONCESSIONS AND PHOTOGRAPHY will be available. Dominos Pizza will have their mobile event trailer there and you may order ahead in bulk if you wish. We do not allow outside food. If you need special eating arrangements because of your travel distance, please email Bob for assistance. Photos (including "action" photos) again this year by both the local newspaper and, if we have a sufficient number of bands we will have a professional photographer to do group and action shots.. We again anticipate posting un-edited video of each band on our web site for your use only.

CHAPERONES and out-of-uniform band members will be given wristbands, "labels" or hand stamp to wear for stadium entry. Please do not abuse this. Please note that we have broken this down by category on your registration form this year.

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(Please put phonetic spelling in parentheses after regular spelling for unusual names that an announcer might tend to mispronounce.)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY. GIVE ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION.

STONEWALL SHOWCASE OF BANDS – September 26, 2009
entry form to use if mailed. (electronic form also available, see above).

School _____
Band Nickname _____ School phone (____) _____
Address _____ **School Fax #**(____) _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
winds _____ # percussion _____ # auxiliaries _____ Class _____
Director _____ Office phone (____) _____
office hours _____ Home phone (____) _____
Director's e-mail (for schedule) _____

Class sizes based on number of Winds and Percussion:
1-39 class A
40-60 class AA
61-81 class AAA
82-102 Class AAAA
103 or more class AAAAA
You may register in a higher class than your enrollment if you wish Once entered you can go up but not down in class size..

Phone number of cell phone you will have with you at the showcase: _____

•How do you want schedule/recap? (check all that apply) will see it on the net; email me;

Assistant Director(s) _____
Drum Major(s) _____
Guard Captain(s) _____
Drumline Captain(s) _____

Other captains or band honors you want recognized in your introduction:

Musical Program: (You will have 15 minutes maximum.) **Approximate time length of show:** _____

Number of buses _____ Other vehicles _____

Number of chaperone passes needed: pit _____; bus rider only _____; director(s) _____; staff _____.

Will you need Dressing Rooms before performance? _____; After? _____

RETURN THIS FORM POSTMARKED OR E-MAIL HEADER DATED BY SEPTEMBER 10.

ENTRY FEE IS \$100. We suggest mailing your check by August 30.

(Make a copy of this form as proof of purchase for your treasurer.)

ENTRY FEES DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15,

BUT WE PREFER TO HAVE THE ENTRY FEE WITH YOUR ENTRY FORM.

Make check payable to **Stonewall Showcase of Bands**

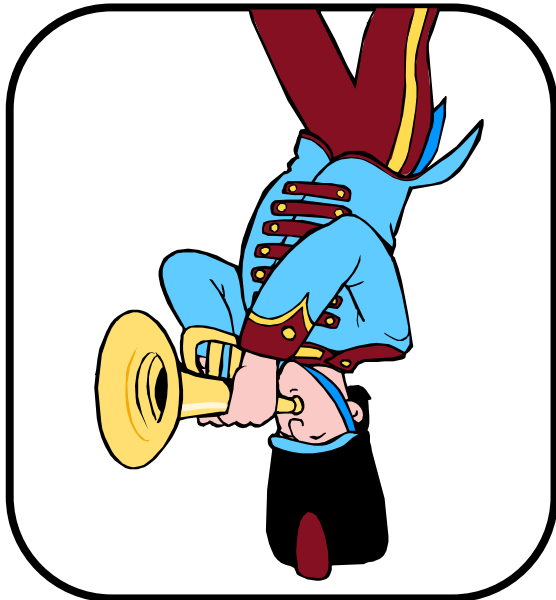
Mail check and entry form to:

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C/O Hannah Bush, SBB President
2120 Churchville Avenue
Staunton, VA 24401 - 6207

NOTE: ORDER IN CLASS IS THE REVERSE OF THE ORDER THAT ENTRIES ARE RECEIVED. Entry received LAST goes FIRST in the class.

* QUESTIONS?
* CALL Hannah AT (540)885-0093

«School»
 «address»
 «CSZ»
 Attention Band Director



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***This mailing contains entry form for the 2009 Showcase.
 Event date: Saturday, September 26, 2009
 We want your band to participate!***

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Again this year:

Quality Judges with positive suggestions. An organized, on-time festival!

Class Sizes are pre-determined

OUTSTANDING PANEL OF JUDGES!

Class sizes based on number of
 Winds and Percussion:
 1-39 class A
 40-60 class AA
 61-81 class AAA
 82 -102 class AAAA
 103 and up class AAAAA
 You may register in a higher class than
 your enrollment if you wish

Scoring is under the caption system:
Main Captions
 Music
 Marching
 General Effect
Secondary Captions
 Drumline
 Drum Majors
 Visual Ensemble
 Winners in class are based on the points earned.
 Secondary caption trophies awarded in each class.
 Class for all captions is determined by the band
 class in which you enter based on playing members.
 Playing members defined per VBODA rules.
 Once entered you can go up in class but not down.