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'Cambridge Concert Band' Part of the Mayor's Celebration of the Arts on June 17th



Cambridge, Ontario. June 16, 2011...The 9th Annual Mayor's Celebration of the Arts will kick off in Cambridge at 6:15 pm this Friday with music from the Cambridge Concert Band, a group deeply rooted in the Cambridge community.

"We'll be playing a few familiar numbers including Danny Boy and Folk Dances," says Brent Rowan, Director/Conductor of the Cambridge Concert Band. "We've just played a formal concert themed around folk and fantasy, so there will be a wide variety of selections from this performance on the agenda."

Don Fleischer, Chair of the Cambridge Concert Band Board of Directors, says the band has been around long before Cambridge was incorporated and has expanded over the years to include a mix of talent. "We have former music teachers, musicians and retired professionals who want to give back to the community. It's an impressive bunch of volunteers."

The band was first known as the 'Preston Silver Band' in the late 1800s and was renamed to the 'Preston Legion Citizen's Band' in 1946 to commemorate the return of local World War II veterans. In conjunction with the establishment of the City of Cambridge in 1973 which incorporated Blair, Galt, Hespeler and Preston, the group became the 'Cambridge Concert Band'. There are more than 40 people who entertain the community and play a variety of instruments including: trumpets, trombones, flutes, clarinets, double-reeds, tuba, horns, string bass and percussion.

The Cambridge Concert Band has also had an extensive history of success in band competitions including performances at the Canadian National Exhibition, Ontario Place, the Waterloo Tattoo and Kiwanis Music Festivals. It was one of three Ontario bands invited to play at Queen's Park for Ontario's Bi-Centennial by the Government of Ontario in 1986. Headquartered at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 126 (Preston), the non-profit organization also offers a series of free summer concerts in community parks, Remembrance Day services, and is a regular in the Hespeler Santa Claus Parade.

This year will mark the 4th time the band has been part of the prestigious Mayor's Celebration of the Arts in Cambridge.

There are dozens of performers slated to be part of the celebrations this year including the Eternal Muse, Cambridge Girls Choir, the Cambridge Male Chorus, Mo Phat, Delta Grand Speed and Down Where the Gravity Is. For full details about the program on Friday June 17th between 6:00 pm and 11:00 pm, visit: www.cambridge.ca/mayor_city_council/mayors_celebration_of_the_arts

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The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2010, the population reached over 130,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in advanced manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a progressive work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

You meet the nicest people in Cambridge. It's a place that understands all about coming together. There is so much more to Cambridge than the beautiful lands created at the convergence of two rivers or its logistically perfect location in the heart of Ontario's economic corridor. Cambridge is the coming together of people from diverse, close-knit and proud communities. The people of Cambridge 'do the right thing' by respecting history, family values, a sound work ethic, the arts, environment and advancement. A young city, Cambridge is a master of balancing the excitement and promise of the new with the historical significance and stability of the old. A place where coming together is just the start. Uniting together is what sets Cambridge apart. Undiscovered-Cambridge families and entrepreneurs get more for less, and sacrifice nothing.

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