

## Welcome to the BTTB Alumni Newsletter!

Welcome to the first edition of the Burlington Teen Tour Band Alumni Newsletter. This publication will be delivered to you via e-mail four times a year (although after February it will be coming out at least once a month to keep you on top of what's happening with the reunion) to keep you up to date with the goings on with the Alumni Association, the current Band and all those you played and marched with during your years in Teen Tour. Submissions are always welcome and should be sent to Gordon Cameron at [newsletter@bttbalumni.ca](mailto:newsletter@bttbalumni.ca). All submissions may be edited for length, style and grammar. We hope you enjoy the publication and we encourage you to forward it on to all your former Bandmates.



## Alumni plan homecoming weekend in 2007 to celebrate 60th Anniversary

To help celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Burlington Teen Tour Band a group of Alumni and current and former staff are putting together a weekend of fun and memories to coincide with the 2007 Sound of Music Festival. The reunion will kick off on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> with a golf tournament in conjunction with the Band Boosters, followed on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> with a rehearsal for all those participating in the parade and the opening social event of the weekend. Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> will be chock full of fun with a massed parade band covering all 60 years of our history and many special events that will be announced closer to the reunion. Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> will be no day of rest with a family brunch to show off your kids and grandkids to your old friends, with the final event of the weekend being a concert

involving both the Alumni and the current band. If you haven't yet expressed your interest in getting involved with the weekend please sign up at [www.bttbalumni.ca](http://www.bttbalumni.ca). The weekend will be open not only to former Band members and their families but to former friends of the Band including Boosters, volunteers, city employees, bus drivers and anyone else who had a hand in helping to make the Teen Tour Band what it is today.

## The reunion committee needs you

As you can imagine, organizing an event such as a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming reunion takes a lot of work and while we have a dedicated core group who will be planning and managing the weekend we are always looking for volunteers who can give of their time or skills to help us make this an event worthy of celebrating the Burlington Teen Tour Band. We are always looking for

people to help out with the events, membership, the parade, compiling the history of the Band or helping to get the word out to former band members across the country. If you would like to help in any way please contact the reunion committee at [info@bttbalumni.ca](mailto:info@bttbalumni.ca). A meeting was held on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. in the Music Centre. If you weren't able to be there but would still like to help please let us know and the appropriate committee head will contact you.

### Registration update

We already have over 250 former members who have registered with Alumni Association at [www.bttbalumni.ca](http://www.bttbalumni.ca). Registering online will not only help us to plan better for the 2007 homecoming reunion but will also form the membership of an ongoing Alumni Association. Please encourage your old Bandmates to sign up to make the Alumni as strong an organization as the Band was, and still is. Time to get on the bus!

We want to see 500 alumni registered by year end and we need your help! If everyone who's registered as an alumnus can find 1 more to register, we will get there. If you have a sibling who was in the band, but hasn't registered, remind them to register.

It might seem a bit early for next June, but we will need to order shirts and hats for the 'uniform' soon. Details on the cost of the weekend packages will be available in our next newsletter.

### Music chosen for parade

The marching order has been set for those participating in the Alumni Band during the Sound of Music Parade. The repertoire will consist of three pieces: The Hustle, The Thunderer and, of course, Strike up the Band. Music will be available for download on our Web site [www.bttbalumni.ca](http://www.bttbalumni.ca) soon. Please choose the

part (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>) based on your current musical abilities regardless of the part you played in the Band. To ensure a good balance you may be assigned your part. If you happen to have copies of *The Thunderer* for Euphonium (Bass Clef), *Strike Up The Band* for Baritone (Treble Clef), or 3<sup>rd</sup> Clarinet, *The Hustle* for 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Trombone, French Horn, or Baritone (Treble Clef) or Percussion and Bell parts for any of the songs please contact us at [info@bttbalumni.ca](mailto:info@bttbalumni.ca) so we can arrange to have it scanned to distribute to the Reunion Band members. We are also looking for suggestions for songs from the past 60 years to play at the weekend's wrap-up concert. If you haven't already done so, please visit [www.bttbalumni.ca/#musicSurvey](http://www.bttbalumni.ca/#musicSurvey).



### Original artwork to celebrate 60th

To help commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Alumni has commissioned artist John Newby <http://john-newby.com/> (an Alumnus of the Boys and Girls Band) to create an original artwork which will be available for sale starting at the Teen Tour Band's annual Hamilton Place concert on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Do you have the perfect Band photograph?

What we are looking for are images of the band from all eras that you feel capture the iconic Band experience. While we are looking for performance pictures we are also looking for the more candid moments at



rehearsal, on parade or on tour that represent the more personal side of the Band experience. These picture would be used in various ways including in advertising the reunion, in a photo gallery page on the Web site, in the history of the Band publications that will be produced and as inspiration for the proposed John Newby painting. If possible, photos should be sent in JPEG (.jpg) format to [info@bttbalumni.ca](mailto:info@bttbalumni.ca). If you are unable to scan the picture please contact us at [info@bttbalumni.ca](mailto:info@bttbalumni.ca) to make other arrangements.

### Check our Web often for updates and exciting new features

The Alumni Web site [www.bttbalumni.ca](http://www.bttbalumni.ca) is being constantly updated with new information, new members and new features so make sure that you check back often. Currently we are planning on launching a Memory Lane section that will include Band stories, photos, music and video clips. If you have anything you'd like to share with us please

e-mail it to [info@bttbalumni.ca](mailto:info@bttbalumni.ca).



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If this message has been forwarded to you by a former Bandmate and you'd like to learn more about the Alumni Association, the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming Reunion or to sign up, please visit [www.bttbalumni.ca](http://www.bttbalumni.ca)