



Joyful Notes

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Latest News from New Horizons Band of Colorado Springs (NHBCOS)



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TIME OF YOUR LIFE

By Dennis Atkinson

Once in a while, we hear those songs that resonate for us; hold a special place in our hearts. For me, one of those songs is by the rock band, Green Day, titled "Time of Your Life." Lyrics¹ of first verse read:

*Another turning point, a fork stuck in the road
Time grabs you by the wrist,
directs you where to go
So make the best of this test, and don't ask why
It's not a question, but a lesson learned in time*

then the chorus:

*It's something unpredictable
But in the end, it's right
I hope you had the time of your life*

I first heard this song a few months after its December 1997 release, in my last days as an employee of Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC). We had just been bought by Compaq and DEC sent a thank-you CD to all employees containing a video of memories and this song. It brought tears to my much younger eyes. Ask any DEC employee (over 140,000 at its peak) - we really did have the time of our lives.

Fast forward through 87 weeks of fear, uncertainty and doubt to our Fall Concert Nov 14th.

¹Lyrics by Billie Joe Armstrong © W.b.m. Music Corp., Green Daze Music

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SPOTLIGHT ON: JESSE TAYLOR

By Harley Ferguson



Tuba or Not Tuba...

Jesse Taylor has been a loyal and dedicated member of NHBCOS for more than a decade. His instrument, the tuba, is foundational to any

ensemble and the quality and skill of Jesse's musicianship supports the entire Symphonic Band. New Horizons Band of Colorado Springs is very fortunate to have Jesse as a member. He is a delightful fellow and he plays Heavy Metal. This is Jesse's story:

I was born and raised in Kentucky, where I graduated from high school and nursing school. I joined the Army and spent 6 years as a Dental specialist (yes, as in teeth). While in the Army stationed in Hawaii, I met and married my beautiful and incredible wife, Liv. We have been married for 37 years. I have been a Nurse for almost 40 years and am currently working as a First Assistant in Orthopedic Surgery. Some of my hobbies include hanging out with my family (especially the grandkids), learning the bass guitar, sports, fishing, traveling and watching movies.

My first music memory is playing baritone in a school Christmas program when I was in the 6th grade and switching to tuba in 7th grade. I had a 30-year break from playing music after high school. I was very fortunate to meet and learn from Ed Nuccio when I joined NHBCOS about 12 years ago, when Ed was our Conductor. Since joining NHBCOS, I have played tuba in the Beginner Band, Intermediate Band, Concert band and

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VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

By Nancy Wilson

Audrey Hepburn, the late British actress and humanitarian, was once quoted as saying, “As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands – one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.” She must have been speaking of NHBCOS, an organization consisting of people growing older, operated for the most part, by volunteers for volunteers. Our members come from a variety of backgrounds and have widely diverse sets of skills. This is the story of two examples where members have recently stepped up to match their skills to the specific needs of the organization.

Juli Jamison Terrafranca has been a member of the NHBCOS Orchestral Strings since its inception. She began her violin “career” after her daughter took off for college. Ingri Fowler came to see the small beginners’ group which included Juli, Kathi Hinckley, Laura Prochnow and Sara Sugarmann and decided it might be possible to start a small string group within the NHBCOS family.

Juli spent 10 years as an Art Director for several ad agencies in Colorado Springs and Denver before becoming Art Director at The Broadmoor, which led to a 30-year career with the hotel. She retired in 2016 and set up an office in town to do freelance graphics and illustration.



Currently she works out of her home, servicing a few paid clients and doing some volunteer design work. Just recently, Juli offered to help with the advertising-related graphics material for NHBCOS.

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Symphonic Band. I have also played tuba in some brass ensembles, brass quintets and a few other smaller groups.



NHBCOS allows me the opportunity to practice and perform music with all of the wonderful and excellent musicians in our organization. It also offers me the chance to mingle, socialize and get to know the awesome NHBCOS members

JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

By Dennis Atkinson

NHBCOS has recently acquired a Post Office Box in Colorado Springs. All mail, including registrations, voting, holiday greetings, etc., will be redirected from a member’s personal home address to the PO Box.

The new address, effective immediately is:

**Friends of New Horizons Band
of Colorado Springs (FNHBCOS)
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INDY GIVE! – LIVE HERE, GIVE HERE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

By Wayne Griffin

Most of you realize how important the annual Indy Give! Campaign is to NHBCOS. For the last several years the funds raised in this campaign have accounted for 25% of our annual income. Because the tuition we pay to participate in our ensembles just pays for the conductors' salaries and related payroll expenses, the Give! Campaign revenue allows us to cover other expenses like rent at Prince of Peace Church, insurance, music purchases, etc. Without these funds, it's hard to imagine where we might be.

I am *very* happy to report that the donations to NHBCOS through November 18 are \$1,742 *higher* than through the same date last year. Of the 82 nonprofit organizations participating in this year's Give! Campaign, NHBCOS ranks 11th in terms of both total donations received and Matching Grants pledged.

But we still need almost \$10,000 to reach this year's goal of \$26,000. If you have not already donated, here's how you can help:

- A donation of *any* amount helps. Indy Give! has set the minimum donation accepted at \$10.
- Thanks to our Matching Grant donors, your donation will be matched up to \$13,250, so your donation will likely be *DOUBLED*.
- Encourage your children and grandchildren to make a donation. Research conducted by Indy Give! indicates that people who begin a life of philanthropy at an early age (18-36) continue to be generous donors the rest of their lives.
- Make a donation online with your credit card before December 31st by going to <https://indygive.com/nonprofit/new-horizons-band-of-colorado-springs/>
- If you are not comfortable using a credit card online, you can donate by check. However, there is a form that **MUST** be included with your check. So, if this is an option for you, please contact me at waynegriffin46@gmail.com and I will help you with the process.
- Do you have a mandatory retirement program distribution that you really don't need? Consider donating that to NHBCOS. A couple of our members have found that to be an easy way to donate.

Here's another thought: Due to the pandemic and our inability to rehearse and perform last year, many members accepted our challenge of donating 50% of what they would have paid in tuition had we been able to conduct business as usual. If you didn't contribute last year, here's your chance to catch up.

Whatever you can give, THANK YOU! Your donation helps all of us keep the music alive. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Holiday Season; I can't wait to see you in January!

IN MEMORIAM –

MIKE LeBLANC and KATHY RUSSELL

By Sudy Hill

New Horizons Band of Colorado Springs lost two special members of Symphonic Band this past year – Michael LeBlanc and Kathy Russell. They both asked for so little but they gave so much to the organization in their volunteer efforts and through their friendship.

Michael was a soft-spoken giant of a man! Not only was he an excellent French horn player, but he kept the horn section running like a well-oiled machine as the section leader. Mike's many other contributions were vital to New Horizons Band, from creating concert advertising flyers and programs, taking professional pictures of our ensembles, managing both of our member databases that keep the organization running, to creating an amazing video tribute to our veterans for a previous concert. We've even been told that he played a tuba, or some bass clef instrument in an Om-Pa Polka Band while living in Australia. Mike is greatly missed by the entire band and especially, the horn section.

Kathy was an important part of the flute section but also contributed to the organization with her photographic skills, the creation of our Facebook page and as part of the stage crew responsible for moving equipment and setting up the stage as you see here. Her vitality and love of flute playing is missed by all.



FNHBCOS BOARD 2021-22

By Dennis Atkinson

At the FNHBCOS Annual Meeting this year, the following members were elected or re-elected to serve the organization for the 2021-22 schedule:

Board Members:

- Val Bardis, Board Vice President since Oct 2019
- Tim McDevitt, Board Treasurer since Oct 2016
- Wayne Griffin, Secretary since Jan 2021 and the Indy Give Liaison since Mar 2020
- Dennis Atkinson, Director since Oct 2018
- Harley Ferguson, Director since May 2020
- Marty Slivka, Director since Oct 2019
- Nancy Wilson, Director since Oct 2020
- Jim Keuning, Director elected Oct 2021

Executive Assistants:

- Sunny Kurth, Administrative Executive Assistant since Oct 2016
- Sudy Hill, Administrative Executive Assistant since Oct 2016 and Board member since Oct 2009

Board Officers:

- Marty Slivka, Board President
- Val Bardis, Board Vice President
- Tim McDevitt, Board Treasurer
- Wayne Griffin, Board Secretary

Thank you to Tom Fellows, director since July 2020, for his hard work, dedication and contributions during a difficult 16 months.

I will continue to serve as a director on the board through my current term for the coming year, assisting with the growth of the organization and continued transition back to full rehearsals and concerts. The return to the Fall 2021 Session rehearsals and concerts at the Ent Center and Prince of Peace Church happened because of the drive, positive attitude and efforts by all board members, musician members and contributors. My heartfelt thanks to all for a job well done!

2020-21 BOARD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

By Dennis Atkinson

Even though we didn't resume full rehearsals until late August 2021, the Board has accomplished quite a bit this year:

1. We met monthly via Zoom, to assess city, state, and county COVID-19 conditions. Our primary goal was to determine how to maintain the organization during the pandemic, and strategize how and when we could resume rehearsals and concerts.
2. We had a strong finish to the Indy Give campaign in 2020 (over \$25,000) and a great start into the 2021 Campaign, starting November 1. The annual Give! Campaign represents approximately 25-30% of the organization's annual revenues.
3. We conducted an all-Member Survey in late 2020, early 2021. Received responses from 70% of active members that showed:
 - 77% were comfortable returning to rehearsals when the board determines it is safe to do so
 - 60% were comfortable returning to rehearsals in small ensembles
 - 90% were comfortable returning to rehearsals in full band/orchestra rehearsals
 - No one indicated they would not be returning for reasons related to COVID.
4. Continued Joyful Notes newsletter, quarterly editions. In addition to sending this newsletter to all members, we have been sending it to nearly 400 donors and former NHBCOS members.
5. Developed COVID-19 disclaimer to be submitted w/ registration and later a COVID-19 policy about what to do if you experience symptoms, are diagnosed with COVID-19, or exposed to someone who has tested positive for it.
6. We gained 23 new members between 2021 Summer and Fall sessions. A comparison of members between Spring 2020 and Fall 2021 showed an overall reduction of less than 2% across all ensembles.

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2020-21 BOARD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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7. Resumed limited rehearsals in April for Summer 2021 Session, following the COVID restrictions and guidelines of CDC, State, County and PoP. We hired Jeff Ader to conduct Summer Day Band and Amanda Kemp to conduct Summer Night Band. Also had Orchestra, Kicks, and Clarinet Choir.
8. Resumed full rehearsals in August for Fall 2021. That not only included a fairly large Concert Band and Symphonic Band membership, it saw the return of larger-than-ever Preparatory Orchestra and Purple Mountain Clarinets. The Orchestra saw the addition of a small brass and wind component. The full orchestra flawlessly performed Bach's Brandenburg Concerto #3, first movement, at the Fall Concert.
9. Hired two new conductors after an extensive search effort of interviews, and auditions. Amanda Kemp and Stephen Rumbold signed a one-year contract.
10. Renewed annual conductor contracts for Ingrid Fowler (Orchestra), Tom Fowler (Kicks), Bob Dunn (Clarinet Choir), Carla Scott (Prep Orchestra)
11. Hired new office assistant - Linda Jester to assist Sudy & Sunny with music filing, copying, sorting, and other office activities. Linda has been a very welcome addition.
12. Electronic keyboard / synthesizer repaired. It can now produce the music of a 400-piece band - just not all at once. Timpani required repair in the form of new heads, pedal mechanism and routine maintenance.
13. For the first time ever, NHBCOS started advertising our concerts on KCME & JAZZ 93.5.
14. Finished the Fall 2021 Session with the Concert Band and Symphonic Band Fall Concert. Recording available here:
<http://youtu.be/PDU0HdCAwo>

It was a very productive year for all, especially considering the circumstances.

2021-22 PLANS

By Dennis Atkinson

The coming year will be managed by the new board in much the same way: a Spring, Summer and Fall Session based on how the health situation looks before each period.

We have a contract with the Ent Center for the Arts for Spring and Fall Sessions (Kicks Jazz Band and Concert Band / Symphonic Band Concerts).

Just as we have done for the last two years, our planning and decision making will be dependent on how the conditions look from week to week, month to month.

We will always take the safe path when it comes to the health and well-being of our members, our audience and the community.

Spring 2022 Session:

Rehearsals: Jan 10 through Mar 31, 2022;

Concerts:

- Mar 21, 2022, Ent Center for the Arts (Kicks Jazz Band)
- Mar 28, 2022, Prince of Peace Church (Orchestra, Prep-Orchestra, Purple Mountain Clarinets)
- Apr 3, 2022, Ent Center for the Arts (Concert Band and Symphonic Band Concert)

Summer 2022 Session:

Rehearsals: May 9 through Jun 30, 2022;

Concerts:

- Date TBD, Prince of Peace Church (Orchestra, Prep-Orchestra, Purple Mountain Clarinets)
- Date TBD, Location TBD (Kicks Jazz Band Concert)
- Jun 30, 2022, location TBD (Concert Band and Symphonic Band Concert)

ROY ERNST AWARD RECIPIENT

By Dennis Atkinson



The New Horizons International Music Association (NHIMA) celebrated its 30th Anniversary this year by allowing all New Horizons Music groups around the world to nominate one or two individuals in their group for the Roy Ernst Award. The award was given in honor of Dr. Roy Ernst, founder and powerhouse behind the association and to shine a light on many of the outstanding members.

The Roy Ernst Award is a non-monetary award, recognizing character and accomplishment. It was awarded to members in each New Horizons group, including NHBCOS. The criteria varied but the member exemplified perseverance, a passion for music and commitment to lifelong learning. Honorees will receive a frameable certificate and their names and stories posted on the NHIMA web site: www.newhorizonsmusic.org.

From NHBCOS, the Roy Ernst Award was given to Mary and Ed Nuccio. In 2002, Ed and Mary founded NHBCOS, a band for adults who wanted to resume their interest in playing music. The Nuccios grew the small group into two large bands, an Orchestra and a Preparatory Orchestra, a locally-popular jazz band, and several smaller ensembles. Mary and Ed worked tirelessly as one, for 15 years to create and grow NHBCOS. This not only exemplifies perseverance, a passion for music and a commitment to lifelong learning, it also demonstrates perseverance, passion and commitment in their marriage. According to Mary, "We never had any intention of getting involved with the band and it was to be a temporary (2-3 week) involvement. What evolved made our last 15 years together far more special than we could have imagined." September 2021 marked the 19th year for the New Horizons Band of Colorado Springs. Ed, longtime band director, educator, and founder passed away April 12, 2016.

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We had nearly 150 musicians together again producing great music in front of a large appreciative audience with two new and four returning conductors. We just had TWO standing ovations!

On the way home, this song came back to me again. We had been through 16 board meetings, reviewed countless COVID statistics for state and county, watched the hospitalization and death count rise then fall then rise again, read studies of aerosolization, droplets, particulates, and more. There were a few heated discussions and more sensible, productive conversations. At one point, we were talking about how much money we would need if we did shut down so that we could "disband the band."

Our goal remained the same: concern for our members' health and the return to rehearsals and concerts, especially at The Ent Center for the Arts but only doing so when it was safe. There was some outside feedback from people who felt it was okay to come back earlier rather than later. But no one on the board was willing to make a decision which could have taken us to a lawsuit or worse, death of a member. Finally, vaccinations appeared and some relief of the rising numbers. We did a test run in the summer of 2021, practicing air exchange, masking, sanitization, social distancing, but no concert. Many members sat the summer out. Finally, the Fall Session with full rehearsals, larger ensembles, no snacks during breaks but closer to the old normal. We still were not certain about concerts until much later into the Session.

Driving home after the concert, I could breathe again - it was over. We registered members for six ensembles, completed 12 weeks of rehearsals, performed at three concerts and, best of all, lost no member to COVID.

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Time grabs you by the wrist, directs you where
to go*

*So, make the best of this test, and don't ask why
It's not a question, but a lesson learned in time*

It's something unpredictable

But in the end, it's right

I hope you had the time of your life

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS See times and other details on calendar at www.nhbcos.org and www.daysoftheyear.com

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| Monday | Practice – scales, sound production, technical exercises |
| Tuesday | Practice – long tones, technical etudes, listen to music you enjoy for at least an hour. Tune out all other noise. |
| Wednesday | Practice – scales, long tones, articulation etudes |
| Thursday | Practice and actively listen to music by musicians you admire (listening to music being the thing you are doing and not a secondary task). Observe why you like these musicians and set a goal to play more like them |
| Friday | Practice something non-technical from your repertoire |
| Saturday | Practice sight-reading some new piece of music |
| Sunday | Practice living a day of rest and free from news. Read a book. Talk to a friend, or a stranger. Write a letter. Count your blessings. Set a goal for next week. |
| November | |
| Nov 6 | John Philip Sousa birthday |
| Nov 14 | Aaron Copland birthday |
| Nov 25 | Thanksgiving |
| Nov 26 | Day of Listening |
| Nov 30 | Giving Tuesday |
| December | |
| Dec 13 | National Violin Day |
| Dec 15 | Ludwig van Beethoven birthday |
| Dec 25 | Christmas |
| January | |
| Jan 1 | New Year’s Day |
| Jan 10 | First Day of NHBCOS Spring 2022 Session |
| Jan 17 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| Jan 31 | Franz Schubert birthday |

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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Juli will be creating the concert programs and posters/flyers, starting with the beautiful work she did for the Fall 2021 Session Concerts.

Karen Rulo, also a violinist in the Orchestral Strings, is sharing her expertise in the technical field. An Information Technology manager of 30 years, Karen specializes in application support and network infrastructure. She is assisting with queries and reports for the NHBCOS data base.

NHBCOS has a need for volunteers all year long; some of our specific opportunities include:

- Setup and breakdown for weekly rehearsal seating and equipment,
- Prepare for and help before, during and after the concerts,
- Historian
- Newsletter editor and contributors
- Manage and/or organize corporate sponsors
- Marketing of NHBCOS
- Photographer/videographer of activities

Perhaps you have a unique skill or a few hours a month that would benefit NHBCOS? You don’t have to be a member of NHBCOS or even related to one to help. If you would like to lend a hand, working with fun people for a worthy cause, please let us know. Contact Sudy Hill (sudy1949@gmail.com) or Sunny Kurth (terpin54@gmail.com) for more information.



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