

MEDIA RELEASE

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The Saskatoon Concert Band “Old Churches, Young Friends”

On Saturday, May 8, the Saskatoon Concert Band will be joined by students of the Greystone Heights Elementary School Grade 8 Band, in a concert celebrating churches, and church music, as well as other music prepared for this event. This performance is also a change of venue for the Saskatoon Concert Band, which will be returning to Third Avenue United Church, after several years away. The performance will take place at 7:30 PM on Saturday, May 8.

Returning to one of Saskatoon’s oldest churches provided a perfect opportunity to find and play music composed for such places. J.S. Bach’s “Chorale and Fugue in G Minor”, “Ave Maria” by Franz Biebl, Debussy’s “The Engulfed Cathedral”, and “Old Churches” by Michael Colgrass, are compositions inspired by these places of prayer. Music from “Aida” by Verdi, “Horkstow Grange” by Grainger, “Heartbeat Five” by Gilroy, “Selections from Cats”, and “March of the Irish Dragoons” by Andrew Balent, will provide a delightful contrast to complete the performance.

The groups will play some pieces alone and some pieces together. The podium will be shared by George Charpentier, conductor of the Saskatoon Concert Band, and Kara Helms, who is the band teacher at Greystone Heights Elementary School.

This is not the first time the Saskatoon Concert Band has invited a school group to share the stage. Inviting young players to join those more experienced provides a unique opportunity for mentorship, shared learning, and shared experiences. Community music making is a life-long undertaking, and shared concerts are a way to show students how much fun music can be all through life.

Saskatoon Concert Band, Saskatoon's premier community band, has been performing in Saskatoon and area for over 60 years. The group performs a wide range of music, from orchestral transcriptions, original wind literature, light classics, marches, and Broadway show tunes.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors and students. Tickets are available from Band Members and McNally Robinson, and will be available at the door on the evening of the performance. Tickets will not be available from the Persephone Box Office.

For more information, please call 242-3916, or 659 – 7076 or www.SaskatoonConcertBand.ca