



THE REGIMENTAL BAND OF THE ROYAL HAMILTON LIGHT INFANTRY

THE SILVER BUGLE

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ONE PACE FORWARD FOR THE RHLI BAND!

This newsletter marks the inaugural edition of the "**THE SILVER BUGLE**". Aimed at creating awareness for the Band, this newsletter will keep you up to date with all of the latest concerts, parades and activities which the RHLI Band and Regiment are involved in. We will also feature articles on members of the Band past and present, band history as well as our contribution to our highly decorated regiment. ~Cpl R. Baker

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the RHLI band is the oldest enlisted band in Canada—it traces its roots to the Hamilton Artillery Band, formed in 1855!

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:



Director of Music,
Maj Michael Rehill,
CD, Mus Bac, KH

Congratulations to Cpl Baker for taking the initiative to create this newsletter to better "connect with Canadians". The Band is in it's 153rd year of operation and service to the nation and Hamilton. The RHLI band continues to serve our community in many capacities and is always prepared to help the many causes involved in making Hamilton a great place

to live. If you don't have a copy of our latest CD - see our website - www.rhliband.ca - to order one! We look forward to our 2008 season and hope you will take an opportunity to see us on parade or in concert. Semper Paratus!

For more information, visit our Website:
www.RHLIband.ca

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SEE THE RHLI BAND LIVE AT THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TATTOO

Saturday June 14 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, June 15 at 2:30 pm
Copp's Coliseum, Hamilton

The Canadian International Military Tattoo

Central Canada's premier show featuring stirring military music, exciting marching bands, spirited dancing, displays and pageantry - now in its 17th year - presents its 2008 production:

Je Me Souviens (I Remember)

A celebration of the 400th anniversary of the founding of Québec City and of the military traditions of French Canada from new France to Kandahar

The tattoo is proud to pay special tribute to the Royal 22e Régiment, currently on active service in Afghanistan, through an inspiring two-hour performance featuring over five hundred military and civilian performers.

GROUP TOUR INFO: Group rate over 20 people \$25 pp (includes GST). 25+ driver and escort are free. Bus tour parking available. Get a copy of our Bus Tour Tool Kit with on-line marketing information to assist you in promoting the Tattoo along with your company by contacting Tracey Robertson at 905-296-3439 or trobertson@youredgeinsales.com

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WITHIN THE RANKS! - FEATURING BAND SERGEANT MAJOR JOHNNY BISSELL



The latest recruit to be sworn into the RHLI Band is no amateur to military bands. With over 30 years as a professional military musician, BSM Johnny Bissell brings experience, professionalism and musicianship to the Band of the RHLI.

Graduating in 1966 from England's "Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall" as a musician on the French horn & double bass, Johnny entered into the world famous "Band of the Royal Regiment of Artillery." BSM Bissell quickly elevated through the ranks becoming the band's Drum Major and finally the Band Sergeant Major where the band performed for Royal occasions, Tattoos, and major festivals all over Europe & beyond (including the

1973 Calgary Stampede). After retiring from regular service he spent several more years performing with many more historic bands in the Reserve Forces of the United Kingdom.

BSM Bissell has also played with many civilian orchestras, bands, small ensembles as a musician including a role as Musical Director of two Operatic Societies in the south west of England where he lived after his time in the Regular Army.

As Band Sergeant Major, Principal Horn Player and string bassist, Johnny's talents extend beyond the role of BSM playing with many groups across the Golden Horseshoe including: McMaster Chamber Orchestra, Symphony Hamilton, Cottonwood Brass as well as playing in the pit for musicals in Toronto. Johnny moved here to Canada in April 2005 with his wife Mary and children Tim & Hannah.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2008

The RHLI Band just wrapped up another busy year with 59 engagements in 2007. Highlights of the 2007 schedule included performances at: **The Canadian International Military Tattoo, The Kingston Tattoo**, numerous parades, concert performances and a host of military engagements for the unit and for soldiers returning home from Afghanistan.

2008 promises to be another busy year for the band. Features of the coming year include repeat performances at the **2008 Canadian International Military Tattoo, Fort Henry Tattoo** and the **Victoria Cross Tattoo** as well as numerous Regimental and community engagements. Visit the band website for the latest concert and parade information.

RHLI Band Live!

Canadian International Tattoo - June 14/15 - Cops Coliseum

Canada Day Tattoo- July 1 - Free Concert @ Dundurn Park - 7pm*

Ken Cole Concert - July 20 - Free Concert @ Dundurn Park - 7pm*

Fort Henry Tattoo - July 26th - Fort Henry

Evening in Scotland - Aug 24th - Free Concert @ Dundurn Park - 7pm*

**Dates, Venues and Times are subject to change due to inclement weather. Please check www.RHLIband.ca closer to the concert date*

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