



NB Band Association - May 2020

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We have a surprise!



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The NB Band Association invites ALL youth and adult band enthusiasts to create a short and fun video of about 30-60 seconds **highlighting why you love band**. **Deadline for video submissions will be June 8, 2020 to be eligible for the prize draw.**

Contest Entries welcome from: **band students, band parents, grandparents, band directors, community band musicians... if you LOVE Band - you are welcome to enter the contest!**

Help us convince other students ... and parents... to consider band! Those of us already involved in band KNOW what we love about it. Use your video clip to show your enthusiasm for band, for your band instrument, for the friends you make and so much more.

We want everyone to have the opportunity to experience all of the benefits band has to offer!

**[FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE BY CLICKING HERE.](#)**

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## Executive - Working Hard for You!

The Executive has been networking through Zoom meetings during this past month. Many positive discussions have been held regarding the future direction of NBBA with a focus on the band programs around our province. We are also working with band enthusiasts from across the country, and are collecting resources and ideas about how to make music work even in troubled times. Join the NBBA to be connected to a larger network.

## Not Everything is Cancelled this Summer!

Mount Allison University Music Faculty have been working diligently to continue offering excellent opportunities to student musicians. While COVID-19 has changed many plans for this summer, students will still have the opportunity to develop their music skills with high-calibre music professors while staying safe in a virtual setting. Be sure to check out the link below for all the info and to get registered by the deadline which is June 1st.

<https://www.mta.ca/music/summeracademy/>



### Summer Academy of Music



## Constitution & By-Laws

A lot of progress has been made toward updating our guiding document to simplify and modernize the language. It was agreed that a common sense approach should be taken that would allow for growth while preserving the basic principles of our organization. The revamped document will be made available on our website once it has been finalized.

## Updating Our Network

Creating an accurate list of school and community bands within our province is ongoing. Our hope is to reach out to these bands and their directors to generate two-way communication and sharing of information, media, events, etc. Further work will be done to update methods of communication through mailing lists, social media, email marketing, and possibly old-fashioned phone calls. What part can you play? Follow or like us on Facebook by searching: **NB Band Association**. Help us make sure we have your current contact info by emailing [nbbamusic@gmail.com](mailto:nbbamusic@gmail.com)

## Membership Fees & Benefits

We continue to revise and develop this aspect of our organization. Trying to find balance and relevance between a monetary fee and tangible benefits that members will receive for their dues. Stay tuned for more updates on this topic in our next e-newsletter coming soon.

# The Future?

We have all felt the negative impact of COVID in pretty much every aspect of our lives. While we do not yet know the exact details of what continued physical restrictions will mean for our band programs, we are quite certain that it will not happen as quickly and easily as we may have taken for granted in the past. Please know that we are here to lean on and offer support. Generating new ideas to grow band within our province and trying to implement those ideas is on-going. We welcome any feedback, questions, or suggestions of things you would like to see happen. Maybe you already have some plans in place. Will you share with us on our Facebook page or through email? [nbbamusic@gmail.com](mailto:nbbamusic@gmail.com)

# Something to Share?

If you or someone in your band has something to share from your area, please let us know the details and we will look at including it in our next e-communication. You can never have enough exposure for upcoming events or celebration of your group through photos, video, or audio. We're all in this together - let us help you promote your band's continued growth.

**EXPLORE MORE ON OUR WEBSITE**

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