

Maine Community Massed Band

Guest Soloist: **Mr. Hall** portrayed by Dennis Harrington using R.B.Hall's *Boston 5-Star B-flat-A Cornet*. In the spirit of the "performing conductor" Dennis will also direct several selections while he plays the cornet.

Special thanks to the Redington Museum and the Waterville Historical Society for their loan of Mr. Hall's cornet. The cornet was a gift to "Bert" from the City of Bangor in gratitude for his success in rebuilding the Bangor Band. We also wish to thank Jon Hall of the Portland Centennial Band for his loan of the period Chandler's Band uniform that Dennis wears today.

The R.B.Hall Memorial Band will serve as the "core band" again today. Co-Director Brian Hutchinson will be conducting during the particularly intricate solo pieces.



In 1999 The *Waterville R.B.Hall Memorial Band* hosted the *19th Annual R.B.Hall Day* in Fairfield Maine. As we worked through scheduling the visiting bands into slots that were the most convenient for all we realized that we had forgotten ourselves! We brainstormed and rationalized and brainstormed some more... Until we hit on the idea of formalizing the tradition of inviting state musicians to sit-in with the host band at the end of the day. We

decided to split the day in half leaving a full hour in the middle during which was featured the *Robert Browne Hall Allstate Community Band*. The "Massed Band" as it has come to be called was conducted by our director Brian Hutchinson and featured Dennis Harrington as "Mr. Hall" performing on the Hall B-Flat-A Cornet in a period Chandler's Band uniform.

We are pleased to know that our community of amateur musicians enjoyed the event enough to continue the tradition hosting a massing of the musicians at R.B.Hall Day each year since.

While only I have ever seen the document we did ask each musician who played in the first Massed Band to record their name instrument and band affiliation onto a band folder as they left the stage that day. The following is a list of those musicians. Please forgive any apparent typos – I'm typing from handwritten information! Beyond those who signed the list were many dedicated R.B.Hall Memorial Band members who played with the Massed Band but had to rush back into the running of the day before having the chance to sign the folder. *cjb*



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| Michelle Clifford flute Bangor Band | Hallowell Community Band/Lincolntonville |
| Paul McGuire flute/piccolo Old Crow Band Farmington | Jane Holmes, bells, Brewer Hometown Band |
| Stanley Harnden Old Crow | Al Tuttle, clarinet, Daytona Beach, FL |
| George Marston trombone, Old Crow | Ken Kudrak, clarinet, Orrington, ME |
| Bob Fowler, trombone, Old Crow | Don Heald, clarinet, Lincolntonville |
| Marie Lajoie, "bone", R.B.Hall, Augusta | John Forker, trumpet, Collinsville, CT |
| Leigh Elwell, french horn, WTVL R.B.Hall, Smithfield | Allen Graffam, trumpet, Brunswick, ME |
| Alison Elwell, flute, WTVL R.B.Hall Band | Marleina Schwenk, alto sax, Naples, ME |
| Steve Eglund, trumpet, Bangor Band | Natasha Proctor, "horn", Bridgton, ME |
| Dave & Martha Clapp, trumpet, bass clarinet, Italian Heritage Band | Dale Hanaberger, baritone, Bridgton, ME |
| William Goudy, clarinet, Warren, VT, Brewer Hometown Band | Faith Varney |
| Mary Turner, flute, Brewer Band | Kevin Foss, trumpet, Harrison, ME |
| Theresa Laliberte, bass drum, Brewer Band | Janet Nadeau, baritone, Winslow, ME |
| David Holmes, cornet, Brewer Band | John Collins, double euphonium, Marblehead, MA |
| Edgar R. Palmer, alto horn, R.B.Hall Band, Waterville | Stanley Schultz, euphonium, Bath Band |
| Edwin Pinkham, Master of Ceremonies, R.B.Hall Waterville | Ray Little, tuba, Brewer Hometown Band |
| Janet Klitch, trumpet, Brewer Hometown Band | JoAnn Russum, alto sax, Brewer Hometown Band |
| Karen L. Davis, bari sax, Brewer Hometown Band | Sonja Faulkingham, trombone, Brewer Hometown Band |
| Don Nason, clarinet, Old Crow Band | Skip Hoitt, oboe, Weymouth, MA |
| John Jicka, sousaphone, Bath Municipal Band/Hallowell Community Band/Lincolntonville | Ethelyn Littlefield, clarinet, Bucksport, ME |
| Donna Groncos, sax, Bath Municipal Band/Hallowell Community Band/Lincolntonville | Amanda Littlefield, bass clarinet, Bucksport, ME |
| Bob Paradis, clarinet, Bath Municipal Band/ | Buddy Chappelle, drums, Bangor & Brewer Bands) |
| | Fred Knight, clarinet, Orono (Bangor & Brewer Bands) |
| | Margaret Jardan, alto sax, Ellsworth & Brewer Bands |