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Happy New Year one and all! Although January 1st is just another day that doesn't really change things (except for those of us that still write checks!) we still think of it as "new." And New is a good thing: new friends, new experiences, maybe a new horn. For us it's some new players and new test pieces to make the year interesting. I hope you all have some wonderful "New" things this year. - Jack Deal, President ABB

THE ROWAN CONNECTION

The Band is an Ensemble in Residence at Rowan University and so we like to give back to Rowan for all they do for us. As was mentioned in the last issue, we played a concert for the opening of the Rowan Band Camps. On October 18th the band participated in Rowan's annual Alumni Concert along with other ensembles from the school. Although we only played two pieces, they were two great pieces of music: *The Wizard* by George Allen and *Kingdom Triumphant* by Eric Ball.

The very next week was ABB's 9th Annual Fall Concert. This was very well attended and quite well received. The band kicked the program off with *The Wizard* and followed that with William Himes' *Jubilance* performed by principal cornet Dr. Bryan Ap-

pleby-Wineberg. The band finished the first half with the very challenging *Music of the Spheres* by Philip Sparke. The second half began with *Kingdom Triumphant* followed by the premiere of the brass band transcription of Andrew Boysen's *Three Folk Song Settings* done by our own baritone player John Cajio. To close the program we were joined by Christine Scarpa on the organ for the Finale from the Saint-Saens *Organ Symphony*. The audience demanded an encore and so the band finished the performance with Peter Graham's beautiful *Swedish Folk Song* better known to most listeners as the hymn *How Great Thou Art*. The concert was followed with a Beer & BBQ party at Bryan A-W's house. All in all a great day for the Band.



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IT SEEMS EARLIER EACH YEAR!

November 7th saw the band back again at the Deptford Mall to welcome Santa. From 8:00 to 10:00 am, two quartets (consisting of Bryan A-W, Malcolm McDuffee, Jack Deal, Melanie Ball, Carl Ball, Steve Bockius, Phil Marion, & Amy Bliss) played at Ruby Tuesday's for "Breakfast with Santa."



After the parade was done the group got to do what it does best., sitting and playing as a band. So from 10:45 to noon the band played lots of Christmas Music to the delight of very many shoppers. It may seem like an odd gig for the band but it's the best paying one of the year!



After that, the Atlantic Brass Band Marching Unit (AKA the entire band) took over and led the parade featuring Santa & Mrs. Claus through the mall which included a reprise of our famous "playing while going up an escalator" maneuver. Maestro Salvatore Scarpa kept the band together with his sleigh bells as we alternated between *Here Comes Santa Claus* and *Santa Claus Is Coming to Town*.



And when it was all over we went back to Ruby Tuesday's for some well deserved relaxation!



November 15th saw Atlantic playing at a brand new venue. ABB was asked to open the Trinity Community Concert Series in Cherry Hill.



It was a full house for the afternoon concert and the band was in excellent form. The program started with *Dunlap's Creek* by Robert Bernat followed immediately by *Cairo Red Shield March*. Next, Brian A-W gave a brilliant performance of *Jubilation* by William Himes. The 1st half finished off with the contest piece *Tallis Variations* by Philip Sparke. The 2nd half started quietly with J.S. Bach's *Arioso*. This was followed by *Kingdom Triumphant* by Eric Ball, *The Day Thou Gavest* by Philip Wilby and then *Finale* from Saint-Saens *Organ Symphony* with Christine Scarpa joining us at the organ. After a standing ovation, the band played the only piece that could possibly follow the *Finale*, *Swedish Folk Song* by Peter Graham. The concert was followed with a reception and refreshments at the church

YOUTH BAND KICKOFF NOVEMBER 22

There was no let up in the excitement this fall as the very next week saw the Youth Band kick off and side by side with ABB. A large and enthusiastic group of high-schoolers came out for the new season. After a coaching session/rehearsal with Bryan A-W and the coaching staff the youth performed.



A gaggle of euphoniums (and baritones)

Conductor Bryan Appleby-Wineberg rehearsing the group



A panoramic view of the youth band



December 13th saw ABB back at Laurita Winery for our 8th Annual Christmas Concert. This is definitely the Band's favorite performance of the year as the audience is always enthusiastic and the Winery treats us sooo well!



It's good that the repertoire didn't include *It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas* as the temperature went up to 70 degrees that day, but everyone was still filled with the Christmas Spirit! Along with some old favorites, the band also brought in some new numbers including 2 Vince Guaraldi pieces from *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. Soloists for the day were Bryan A-W playing *Jubilance*, Ernie Lightfoot (bass trombone) playing *Frosty the Snowman*, Carl Ball (tenor horn) playing *In the Bleak Mid-Winter*, and making his debut as a soloist with ABB, *Phil Marion* (Euphonium) playing *Infant Holy*. As always, Jack Deal led the audience in some boisterous sing-a-long numbers. The audience showed their appreciation not only in the ovations but also in the amount of Band merchandise they bought.

Holding up the tenor horns during our "tour of the band."



Ray Shea, owner of Laurita, greeting the crowd.



The year finished off with Atlantic's 12-piece band performing at St. Peter's RC Church in Merchantville, NJ, where Sal Scarpa is the choir director.



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May 25 — North School, Brigantine, NJ 7:00 pm

May 26—Convention Hall, Cape May NJ 8:00 pm



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BBC
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The Band was pleasantly surprised to find that their recording of *The Spirit of Christmas* was the opening number for a special Christmas edition of BBC2's **Listen to the Band** on December 17th. It was nice to hear Frank Renton announce us and our Music Director, Salvatore Scarpa!

Don't forget to "Like" us!



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MILESTONES

ABB Alumnus Euphonium Jacob Guilbeau and wife Dr. Ashleigh Guilbeau now have a son. Jonathan Theodore Guilbeau was born December 6th. Congratulations to the new family!



**Got a milestone to share with us?
You can toot your own horn here!**



Jack Deal got his custom Ray Farr Raw Brass Flugelhorn rebuilt by the designer in the UK thanks to help from Carl & Melanie Ball. By the way, they now make a cor-net as well.

