

June 27, 2000

PRESS RELEASE

The Guilderland Town Band will present a "Dedication Concert", Thursday July 20, at 7:30 PM in the Guilderland Performing Arts Center, in Tawasentha Park, Guilderland. The concert will follow a dedication of the Ruth Lawlor Memorial Gardens in Tawasentha Park. Family and friends are invited to the dedication, which will be held at 7:00 PM. The memorial to the former Town of Guilderland Deputy Supervisor is a project by the Town of Guilderland Parks and Recreation Department to honor Ruth's long service to the community. The two-year project includes an enlarged path approaching the Performing Arts Center, formal gardens and stone wall, and improved lighting.

The concert will open with "Flourish for Wind Band" by Ralph Vaughan Williams. The memorial selection will be Maurice Ravel's romantic "The Enchanted Garden", from the "Mother Goose" Suite. The program will include the "Merry Wives of Windsor Overture", "Prayer and Dream Pantomime" from Engelbert Humperdinck's operetta for children, "Hansel and Gretel", and "Variations on a Korean Folk Song", by John Barnes Chance. Music by Felix Mendelssohn, Howard Hanson, and selections from the Broadway musical "Cats", by Andrew Lloyd Webber, and a medley of themes from the MGM classic motion picture "The Wizard of Oz" will round out the program.

The band will be under the direction of Don Webster. Guilderland Town Band performs three concerts each summer under the auspices of the Town of Guilderland Parks and Recreation Program. The concert is free and open to the public. The Guilderland Performing Arts Center is located in Carl Walters Tawasentha Park on Route 146 ¼ mile south of Route 20 in Guilderland. Parking is free and refreshments are available at the concession stand. The public is encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair. There is no rain date planned for this concert. Information on cancellations and other GPAC concerts may be had by calling the GPAC telephone number 456-8604.