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### **PRESS RELEASE**

“Invitation to the Dance” is the theme for the next concert of the Guilderland Town Band. The free concert will be performed Thursday, August 10, at 7:30 PM in the Guilderland Performing Arts Center, in Tawasentha Park, Guilderland. The program, the final concert in the band’s 2000-summer season, will include selections from five centuries of music written for dance, arranged for concert band.

The concert will open with our theme selection, Carl Maria von Weber’s “Invitation to the Dance”. The program will include “Court Festival”, a suite of instrumental dance music from the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century. Megan Horn, xylophonist, will be featured soloist on Kabalevsky’s “Galop” from his suite ‘The Comedians’. A medley of Broadway show music by Lerner and Loewe will feature David Canavan, vocalist. The major work will be an arrangement of Bill Whelan’s score for “Riverdance”, which won the 1997 Grammy Award for Best Musical Show Album. Music by Faure and Percy Grainger will round out the program. The band will conclude the program and their season with R.F. Goldman’s arrangement of the “Berceuse and Finale” from Stravinsky’s ballet suite, ‘The Firebird’.

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.