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Press Release:

New Associate Conductor Named for Guilderland Town Band

Donald Webster, founder, and conductor of the Guilderland Town Band since 1969, has named Kathleen Richards Ehlinger as Associate Conductor for the summer 2001 concert series. Ehlinger, a life-long resident of the town, is a graduate of Guilderland High School. She earned her Bachelors Degree in Music Education at Crane School of Music, Potsdam, and her Masters Degree at James Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. An accomplished trumpet player, Ehlinger taught at Farnsworth Middle School and currently teaches instrumental music at Guilderland High School, where she conducts the select Wind Ensemble. Ehlinger will conduct the second concert of the summer series, Thursday, July 19 at the Guilderland Performing Arts Center.

Donald Webster will open the 2001 season of free band concerts at GPAC, Thursday, June 28, at 7:30 PM. The program will open with a stirring arrangement of Frescobaldi's solo piece for organ, "Toccata" and conclude with a band transcription of the 4th movement, "Finale", from Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony. Robert Mitchell will be the featured alto saxophone soloist on "What a Wonderful World", an arrangement recorded and made famous by Kenny G. The program will also include selections by Prokofiev, Yurko, Ticheli, Jerome Kern and John Williams. For the march enthusiast, Robert Pierson's "Minuteman March" and Henry Fillmore's "His Honor" will round out the program.

Guilderland Town Band performs each summer under the auspices of the Town of Guilderland Parks and Recreation Program. All concerts are 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.