

## Cornwall Entertainment File: Winds concert series blows in

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The Seaway Winds concert band. Submitted photo

CORNWALL — From Bach to Bacharach with a little Offenbach, the Seaway Winds Concert Band will have something for everyone to enjoy as they open their 13th annual concert series.

The series begins with ‘Masterful Music Makers’ Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Aultsville Theatre at 8 p.m.

The concert will include famous classical and popular jazz that will keep your toes tapping as familiar and favourite big band music fills the air.

The band is directed by conductor and professional trumpet player Barb Hunter.

“It’s hard to choose from hundreds of composers,” said Hunter. “There are so many wonderful composers and pieces to choose from. In the grand scheme of things, we only have time for 14 pieces.”

Pieces such as Mussorgsky’s ‘Night on Bald Mountain’, and Burt Bacharach’s ‘Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head’, will be included in the show.

Vocalist Janet Harris Timms, renowned Montreal performer, will sing a medley of Gilbert and Sullivan vocals as well as two George and Ira Gershwin vocals accompanied, by the Seaway Winds.

Cornwall's own French horn soloist, George Lloyd, will play a movement of the Haydn Horn Concerto. "There will be a lot of jolly tunes," said Hunter.

Hunter founded the Seaway Winds in September 2001 after moving to Long Sault from the Montreal area.

She has a BMusEd (Honours) and MMus (Trumpet/MusicEd) from Indiana University. Hunter has played in several Symphony orchestras and has taught high school and university music. "It's my passion," said Hunter. "I have spent hours and hours on the Seaway Winds Concert Band."

Hunter started playing music at the tender age of four.

"My mother was a piano teacher. I still play a little piano, but I was to become a professional trumpet player."

Hunter has also spent many years breeding and showing Standard Longhaired Dachshunds.

In the winter months, she travels to Arizona with her husband, Brian, to spend the colder months in a warmer climate. "The middle of January is like it is here now in Arizona," said Hunter. "It's just so beautiful."

The 'Peace on Earth' Christmas Concert will continue the series on Dec. 6, directed by Associate Conductor Raymond Lacroix, and featuring guest soloist Pierre Vaillancourt, at St. Columban Catholic Church.

The series ends with "From Broadway to Hollywood" which will feature some of music's favourite selections from theatre and film.

Concert Series tickets are sold for only \$30 for adults for the three concerts. Children under the age of 10 are free when accompanied by a adult.

Tickets for individual concerts are \$15.

Tickets can be purchased at Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism, the Cornwall Square 2nd floor Administration Office, or from Seaway Winds Concert Band members.

For more information and to hear various Seaway Winds' performances, visit:  
[www.seawaywinds.ca](http://www.seawaywinds.ca)