



Central Ontario Musicians' Association

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CENTRAL ONTARIO MUSICIANS' ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!

The Central Ontario Musicians' Association is pleased to celebrate our 100th year of providing professional music and musicians by announcing Free Summer Concerts, hosting the Canadian Conference of Musicians and J. Alan Wood Memorial Golf Tournament, and a Logo Design Contest.

We were chartered in 1906 as Local 226 of the American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada. From our early roots as the Berlin Musicians' Protective Association, based in Kitchener, we serve musicians and people hiring live music in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, the counties of Wellington, Dufferin, Grey, most of Oxford County, and most of Bruce County north of Highway 21 between Southampton and Owen Sound.

Our membership of over 400 professional musicians includes many bands and individuals who have become famous world-wide; from the Cowboy Junkies to the Royal City Saxophone Quartet, and all members of the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Orchestra.

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS – Come Help Us Celebrate!

Our bands and musicians will be performing live community concerts at the following venues and dates in 2006:

Sunday July 9, St. George's Square, Guelph, 1:30pm-4pm: Licorice Allsorts 1:30pm, Uncle Heavy's PorkChop Revue 3pm
Sunday July 23, Waterloo Park, Waterloo, 7pm-9pm: *YYZ* = Canada's Premier Tribute to the 1970s-80s rock group *Rush*
Sunday August 13, Central Park, Preston (Cambridge), 1:30pm-4pm: Grand River Brass at 1:30pm, Royal City Sax Quartet 3pm

These concerts are free to the public, and are co-sponsored by the Recording Industries' Music Performance Fund (through world-wide CD sales) to bring our live music to the public in open concert settings throughout the community.

Canadian Conference of Musicians – August 25-27, 2006

We're also pleased to be hosting this year's Canadian Conference at the Walper Hotel, Kitchener. This gathering of representatives from every AFM Local throughout Canada was last held in Kitchener in the 1970s. Dignitaries from the Canadian and New York offices of the AFM will also attend, and issues affecting all Canadian musicians will be discussed.

J. Alan Wood Memorial Golf Tournament – Grey Silo Golf Course, Waterloo - Friday August 25, 2006, 7am

The Tournament is open to the public with an entry fee of \$120.00 that will provide 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, prizes, ALL the fun you can handle, and a donation to the J. Alan Wood Memorial Scholarship Fund distributed to deserving young musicians of the National Youth Orchestra of Canada who apply for scholarships annually. Call 1-888-462-6666 to register. Deadline for registration and payment is July 15, 2006.

Logo Design Contest – Deadline for submissions: October 1, 2006

We're looking for someone to design a logo for our organization. This contest is open to the public, and all submissions will be judged by our Executive Board, with the winner announced at or before our Annual General Meeting to be held December 6, 2006. The winner will be awarded \$300.00, granting unlimited use of the logo by our Association. Design entries can be submitted by mail, fax, email, or in person at our office address above.

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