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# TO THE AGE THAT IS WAITING BEFORE

ve always wondered how much of my love of the Band is tied to my family. Which is a little funny when you consider just how far away I travelled for school to avoid my family (although just in case my mom and dad are reading this: I'm only kidding guys! Love you both!). At this point in my life, still not yet even threequarters of the way through my college career, it's already incredibly difficult to imagine back to my freshman year to a time before I felt like I was a part of Band, which I suppose just reinforces my point. I can try and hazard some guesses, though.

The Band Room is the closest thing to my living room that I have experienced on campus. Everything about it harkens back to my upbringing, from the comfy couches where I relax or do homework, to the abundance of pictures across the walls, to the memorabilia strewn about the room, to a TV for group movie nights and video games, and more importantly, to an ever-present group of people who I love to be around and who make me feel at home. Although I guess that in the case of my family, part of that may have been biological obligation on their part (still kidding!).

Like with my family, which was borderline nomadic between our frequent moves and car trips, some of my favorite memories come from my travels with the Band. This year has continued the trend with three successful road trips in the fall for football season (to Ithaca, New York City, and the wretched hive of scum and villainy that is New Haven), with highlights like giant Pokéballs at Cornell and a large Viking ship hunting a yale dragon. For whatever those weekends lacked in sleep, they made up for in memories.

On top of that, over the last few years, we've gotten to travel further than ever before as the Band has accompany the basketball team on their unprecedented runs to NCAA March Madness. After a

trip to Albuquerque my freshman year, the Band extended its footprint even further with a triumph in Salt Lake City. We even became minor celebrities after a picture of us celebrating Harvard's second round upset last year went viral, with images of us appearing on websites like the New York Times and Fox Sports, and entire articles focusing on HUB on major national sports sites like Grantland and Deadspin (some of which still show up on the first page of a Google search for "Harvard Band").

And like my family, the Band holds periodic massive gatherings, otherwise



HAVING A JOLLY GOOD TIME! THE BAND FROLICKS IN FRONT OF Memorial Church before the game against Dartmouth.

known as reunions for generations of people to come together. Speaking of which, this fall brings about the 95th anniversary of the Band, and with it, our 95th reunion. It's scheduled for our Columbus Day weekend (October 10th through 12th) game against Cornell, and several plans for big things are already afoot. The most notable will be the honoring of longtime Director and newly-minted Director Emeritus Tom Everett, but there will be plenty of other fun things along the way. Make sure to check out our website, www.hcs.harvard.edu/~hub/95th/, to RSVP for it or find more information. Also, another

> great resource for staying up-to-date is our alumni newsletter, which will not only be covering the reunion, but also the general Band shenanigans over the coming year. Email manager@ harvardband.org if you are at all interested in getting subscribed.

Speaking of large legacies to celebrate in the coming year, another long-time band institution will be honored this fall: Bertha. Yes, our quinquagenarian bass drum THEO GEROME has seen better days, and so plans to create Bertha Mark III are well under way. Barring the onslaught

> of bad luck, it should be here by this football season, just in time for the reunion. Look for more on that in the coming months.

Manager

Moving from a celebration of the past to an excited anticipation of the future, the Band family has grown in plenty other ways in the past year. The class of new bandies recruited this fall (numbering some fortystrong) has been one of my favorite groups of people that I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. Their cheery dispositions, incredible wit, and boundless enthusiasm for everything has brightened my day countless times this school year, and I know they will set an incredible course for HUB over the next few years. I highly look forward to working and playing

with them over the course of the year.

Andwhatayearitshouldbe! The Reunion will be just one highlight from what looks to be 12 months bursting with excitement, gigs, trips, music, and memories. Ally, Ian, Louis, Kim, and Katie set a high benchmark for a staff to live up to, but Ian (now in his second term), Annie, Scott, Garrett, and I are eager to meet the challenge. We will continue to make Band the exciting, welcoming family that captivated us when we joined. Hopefully we get to give back and share that experience with all of you this fall. Let us know if you want to stop by and see us at a gig, and don't forget to **RSVP** for the Reunion!

INC,

Sheo Denome

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# I THINK, THEREFORE I BAND

This past year was full of tremendous achievements. The Men's Basketball team made headlines with their first ever NCAA Tournament win in a massive upset of the New Mexico Lobos, and the football team finished their season off strong with a rout of yAle and a serendipitous share of the Ivy title. All the while, the Band marched, or should I say, walked at roughly the same pace, steadfastly forward. We continued to support Harvard both on and off the field, as the Band has done throughout its storied 95-year history. How did we do this? Let me count the ways:

## Men's Ice Hockey vs. Princeton (Tigers 2, Crimson 1)

The Band took to the ice at Bright-Landry Hockey Center for a game of GIANT CURLING, a titanic take on an already titanic winter sport, as indicated by the typesetting in all caps. With the Band lined up as the track, Prop Crew slid down the ice, sweeping an enormous curling stone from one end to the other. Though we started just a bit too late to qualify for Sochi, we are confident that GI-ANT CURLING will soon be a Winter Olympics staple.

## vs. Brown

### (Bears 23, Crimson 41)

In our first football halftime show of the year, the Band had our dreams of finally hitting it big crushed when we realized that Harvard's Capital Campaign is not in fact a \$6.5 billion fundraiser entirely for us. Nevertheless, we mused about the motives of big-time donors like "Dolla Dolla" Bill Gates, and even daydreamed about what we could do with those billions, from landing a band on the moon to curing insomnia once and for all.

### @ Cornell (Crimson 34, Big Red 24)

Our odyssey to Ithaca culminated in a show that commemorated the release of the much-anticipated sixth generation of Pokémon games. Since there are eight Pokémon gyms and eight Ivy League schools, we set out to determine which Pokémon type is best embodied by each Ivy. Not wanting to make anyone feel unimportant, we made sure to mention every Ivy: Harvard, yAle, Columbia, Dartmouth, Brown, Penn, and Princeton. That's all of them, right?

## vs. Lafayette (Leopards 16, Crimson 35)

Inspired by the "Nobel" achievement of Harvard Professor Emeritus Martin Karplus, the Band decided to pursue our own Nobel Prize in a science-themed halftime show. We set our sights on the Chemistry Prize and even conducted some on-field experiments with dry ice and water. When that didn't net us a Nobel, we figured that we'd probably be better off just making up our own Nobel Prize. We created the Nobel Prize in Spelling, but even that went sour when, despite our best efforts, we misspelled "spell"...twice.

### vs. Princeton (Tigers 51, Crimson 48)

The Band looked to Bill Watterson's classic Calvin and Hobbes comics for a feel-good show that paired us with Princeton as the titular duo. We imagined ourselves in some of the pair's quintessential adventures, like those of the intrepid, intergalactic Spaceman Spiff. We even tried to take a toboggan ride, but unfortunately, we couldn't find a hill that was big enough to boggan. Ulti-



**Resistless Our Team Sweeps Goalward!** The Harvard University Vikings charge head on to combat the Beastly Bulldog.

mately, we realized that despite our many differences, those Princetonians are pretty alright.

## vs. Dartmouth

### (Big Green 21, Crimson 24)

The Band took to the field in celebration of the Red Sox's 2013 World Series win, but our homage to their Sox-cess was cut short when our conductor was abducted from the podium by mysterious kidnappers

who were definitely not just YO-HO Prop Crew members in disguise. It was a classic whodunit, and we went through all the likely suspects, from Cardinals fans to aliens. only to find out that the real culprits were freshmen who were annoved by the Band's early-morning performances before football games. In a shameless recruitment ploy, we gave these "abductors" some advice: if you can't beat 'em, join 'em

## (a) Columbia(Crimson 34, Lions 0)

Amidst Harvard's second straight shutout of the Lions, the Band waxed poetic for a halftime show in limericks, covering three topics each with two limericks apiece. First, we foreshadowed yAle with a story of a Viking voyage to NYC. Then, we cast ourselves as Marvel's Thor, heading to New York to rescue Columbia from the clutches of New Haven. Finally, we talked of sending a HUB rocket to space, only to realize that we had mistakenly thought that Harvard's new edX program was a space exploration initiative called "spaceX".

### vs. Penn (Quakers 30, Crimson 38)

In an act of historical revisionism, the

Band laid out newly discovered evidence proving that the HUB had actually fought alongside Washington in the American Revolution.[citation needed] We described the Band's heroic achievements (it was a HUB percussionist at Concord who fired the "rimshot heard 'round the world") as well as our setbacks—let's just say that our flutes learned the hard way that you should never bring a fife to a gunfight.

# @ yAle(Crimson 34, bulldogs 7)Our final and biggest show

of the year took the form of a Viking saga. In order to vanquish a dragon

Viking saga. In order to vanquish a dragon to the south, the Band is send on a quest across the barren wastes of Connecticut to the even barren-er wastes of New Haven. Upon arrival, the Band is beset by a tremendous, blue, filthily-laundered dragon, but with little difficulty, the dragon is slain. Prop Crew supplied a set of truly impressive props: a Viking ship with sail, a gigantic axe, and of course the dragon, complete with bright crimson "entrails" that erupted upon its defeat.

All in all, it was a great year. I have to thank my Prop Crew Managers, Ellen

Robo and Eloise Wheeler for their ability to consistently complement my shows with creative, visually engaging props, and also my Assistant Drill Master, Mason Marek, who charted every-

thing from the Microsoft logo to a viking helmet, not to mention just about every four-letter word in the English language, with commendable precision. I'd also like to thank the rest of my staff—Ally, Louis, Kim, and Katie—

for all that they've done, not only for my sake, but for that of the Band as a whole.

And yet, my time as Drill Master is not quite done. Another football season waits just around the corner, and it is my goal to see that it is even better than the last. After all, the Band always wins, and that leaves us nowhere to go but up.

INC,

IAN MAGILLIVRAY

Drill Master

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Ian Magillivray '15 was Drill Master from 2012-2013. He will continue his position for the next year as well. He is a Philosophy concentrator, from Columbiana, Ohio.



## OVER THE RIVER AND... STILL UNDER THE LINCOLN TUNNEL

UB's last bit of travel under my tenure as Drum Major, to New York City for the Harvard Club of New York Concert, was quite the journey. In fact, it was quite the journev before we even pulled away from Mount Auburn. Having made call .



UNIFORM WHILST CHEERING ON THE BASKETBALL TEAMS DUR-

NYC traffic, we were expecting a relaxing journey. But one of the buses was missing!

After a deal of phone tag, the location of bus #3 was discovered to be the mechanic.

Not promising. promising Less was that through further phone tag (did I mention middle school gym was not a high point? I was ill prepared for any sort of tag) driver our indicated that he didn't know the name or location

of the mechanic. Mechanic with no business sign: cost WASHINGTON OVER THE SPRING HOLIDAYS efficient? We were reassured that the tune-up would be brief, however.

Just in case, Mark and the Wind Ensemble left, since they were slated to perform first. Content to devour their 10:30am Felipe's

steak burritos with extra cheese on the Band Room couch, the bandies were exceedingly patient. Myself, not so much. Because I lacked the physical education lessons in tag, I instead used the principles taught to Massachusetts drivers in driver's ed. Shortly after the WE was on its way, the bus left the mechanic...to be stuck in traffic. How far away? Unclear. Passing an intersection that I could put into google maps? No intersections. After waiting another hour as though in the dark ages, when there were not only no GPS systems but also no road signs, the bus arrived! Hooray! Bandies rejoiced and transferred themselves and their burritos to the bus. Fortunately, no one but myself and our lovely Student Conductor Louis Cop-

persmith were concerned the suspiciously long amount of time it took for the bus to switch out of neutral.

Prior to rest our there stop. were only a couple brief





THE BAND IN SPOKANE!

Twenty Bandies travelled to to cheer the Crimson in the playoffs.

> we were able to take a brief break and get a little food into travel-weary bandies

On the road in Connecticut. another call came in. Would things stop happening if we got rid of our newfangled cell phones, I began to wonder. An accident had happened somewhere up the highway (all these calls from places with no road signs!) and vehicles were on fire, with multiple lane closures. One

THE TRUMPETS' LOVE OF LEMURS! HOCKEY SEASON

(OR ANY SEASON FOR THAT MATTER) IS THE IDEAL TIME

TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THESE AMAZING ANIMALS.

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ing that my prowess over weather extended panic to traffic (basically the same thing), "We'll make it, because I say so!" I stubbornly dethe clared.

> And we did! After narrowly avoiding one wrong turn on 39th street, 8.5 hours after call and about 209.785 miles from the Room, Band we pulled up and unpacked with lightening Thrilled speed. to be off the bus, bandies pulled together and unpacked and set up as a welloiled machine - we had, after all, had an entire season to practice. Even with time to spare for Louis to lead a lovely warm-up, we lined up to

make our entrance once WE completed their portion of the



KIM JOHANSSON Drum Major

program. Mark checked in during the brief intermission in-between, "You're already lined up! I checked the warm-up room, and thought I had lost you guys!" Following chuckles, we marched in and did what we had traveled far and far to do: spread Harvard spirit, and support the university on Harvard-Yale weekend!

Leading the band for the past year has led



PROP CREW TOMFOOLERY! ENGAGING IN IMPISH FUN DURING FIELD REHEARSAL IS ONE OF THE MANY Specialties of our beloved Prop Crew.

executive decision to modify our travel route later, and we wound up at a complete

> stop in traffic in the Lincoln Tunnel, counting down the minutes until we had hoped to arrive at the Harvard Club for our Concert. Only at this point, bathed in a sickly red glow of headlights, did bandies begin to exhibit signs of unrest. "Six hours is a long time to be on a bus" "Isn't the WE starting their part soon?"....Decid-

me on many journeys, the above both the most harrowing by far and in the running for the most hilarious. The tremendous good humor, patience, and resourcefulness of bandies never ceased to warm my heart. Not only is the experience I had as Drum Major one I will cher-

ish, but the community of the Harvard University Band is one I look forward to being a part of even as I broach grownup-hood.

Having finally gotten a primer in tag from the low brass, I know I'll be able to

Kimberty Jolianson

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# Tribute to LAURA "KATZENJAMMER" KATZ

ooking back over the past year in Band, one of my biggest highlights was the Katzenjammer Prelude. Last spring, we received word from a group of Crusties looking to find a way to memorialize their friend and fellow bandie Janet Katz '77, who sadly passed away in January of 2012. The idea was to commission an original fanfare, including elements of Janet's life to keep her memory and connection to the Harvard Band alive.

Working with a committee of interested bandies, we eventually settled on Jim Stephenson as a composer. Jim, the Composerin-Residence at the Lake Forest Symphony, has composed several notable works for both brass ensembles and orchestras-I'm particularly fond of his second Trumpet Concerto. Jim has deep ties to the Boston area, and studied trumpet performance at the New England Conservatory.

While our original commission was for a short fanfare, the piece that Jim composed for us ended up being much more. Rather than being a quick fanfare, the Katzenjammer Prelude is a full-fledged concert piece for brass and percussion. Spanning five minutes, it combines twisting rhythms, exciting punches, and expressive melodies. The work is exuberant, reflective, humorous, and challenging-the different parts of the piece are complex and wide-ranging. In short, Katzenjammer was out of the band's usual comfort zone

The work opens with a juxtaposition of Sondheim, Springsteen, Bartok, and the Harvard Band. The work takes its inspira-

tion from various elements of Janet's life, combining several melodies that allude in some way or another to Janet. A quotation from

Sondheim's Sweeney

Todd represents London, where Janet lived, many of the same road signs on the walls. and the riff from Born to Run, given to the



HOCKEY SEASON! THE BAND CONTINUES ITS TRADITION OF TRAVELING TO BEANPOT WITH THE CRIMSON HOCKEY TEAM DURING THE WINTER SPORTS SEASON.

horns, comes from her home state of New Jersey. The individual parts of Katzenjammer require a good deal of technical skill to play. The trumpets enter the lower stratosphere while the trombones dart through lightning-fast runs. The percussion is constantly kept on their toes and off the beat.

Katzenjammer was a difficult piece to learn, but we stuck with it in order to premier the work at the Montage Concert. The brass and the percussion all held extra sectionals to work on the most difficult parts, and we then

rehearsed as an ensemble to fit it all together. A few weeks before the concert. the

piece started to come into focus. The many different juxtapositions in the piece can sound odd at first, but with some practice, LOUIS COPPERSMITH we were able to hear how they fit together. Sondheim and

Springsteen might not be the most obvious of musical bedfellows but Jim Stephenson found a way to brilliantly blend the two

To help the band get a better sense of Janet and her time as an undergraduate, Laura Trumbull '77 sent along a few mementos to the band. We received several photos of Janet, as well as a poop sheet she authored for the Game from 1975. It was fascinating to see the similarities between the band

today and the "old band" that crusties seem to be so fond of. Some have things changed very little: crimson blazers and hipster glasses are still in style, and even though the band room is no longer on Prescott Street, AND-ONLY-THERE-WILL-BE-NO-OTHER-TO-YALE-WITH-HELL POOP, was also big hit. Despite an initial disclaimer telling us that, similar to the Vince Lombardi Memorial Truck Stop, we shouldn't get our hopes up for this poop,

Janet still wrote a killer poop. Even after three decades the jokes weren't completely stale. Or maybe stale humor, like hipster glasses, just never went out of fashion with the Harvard Band.

> After weeks of practice, it was finally time to play the Katzenjammer Prelude at the Montage Concert. Jim Stephenson flew into Boston to hear the premier, and took the time to listen to a runthrough of the piece

before the concert and give a quick pep talk. The concert itself was is still a bit of a blur in my mind-I was caught up in a cloud of nerves and adrenaline-but I do remember what a rush it was when we hit the final chord.

In all, the Katzenjammer Prelude was a worthwhile challenge. The piece served as a tribute to a beloved crustie and a connection to our past. Beyond the value that I hope Katzenjammer holds for those know knew Laura Katz, the piece also holds a particular significance to me. The hours I spent learning, rehearsing, and performing the work have left an indelible mark on my memory. Beyond the melodies that still get stuck in my head, the piece serves as a reminder of the strong ties that the Band maintains among its members, past and present.

INC.

Student Conductor

Louis Coppersmith '14 was Student Conductor from 2012-2013. He is a Music concentrator from Phoenix, Arizona.

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**2012 TO 2013 SENIOR STAFF!** The staff enjoys one last hoot in front of Memorial Church. we still have

The poop, succinctly titled THE-ONE-

# JUST A SMALL TOWN GIRL, LIVING IN A BANDIE WORLD

remember the exact moment that I re- of these things and alized I wanted to be Schneider. Well, more are what you \_maybe not the exact moment—it was more of a gradual realization. But it did happen in those first couple of weeks after I joined the Band as a freshman. It also coincided with my realization that the Harvard University Band is more than just a music group.

To be completely honest, when I came to college I had no intention of joining the Band. I played bari sax in high school, but I was by no means serious about it. I did want to stay involved in music somehow, but I figured I'd join a choir or orchestra. Then, during my first week here at Harvard, on my way out of Annenberg, I was accosted by an enthusiastic and friendly Will Ramsey in a crimson blazer. Despite having no strong desire to join what I thought was a march-

ing band, I could not resist the chance to wear that

blazer, and I signed up for an audition.

My first days in the Band were pretty tentative, as was much of my Harvard experi-

ence at first. How was this rural Wisconsin girl supposed to have anything in common with someone on the big, scary, East Coast? It wasn't long until I realized that the Band was accepting of everyoneeven me! And despite making fun of the way I say "bag" and my immense love for cheese curds, they really did like me for who I am.

What does all this have to do with being Schneider? Well, let's just say I didn't stick with the Band for the music. Sure, I love playing some Ten Thou or rockin' out to a little Katy Perry from time to time, but that's just an added perk. What made me love the Band was the friendship, the raucous times, the humor with various degrees of subtlety, the bizarre traditions on and off the field, the innocuous rebellion...just the pure unadulterated fun. All

get when you mix the Harvard University Band with Professor Schneider's Silver Cornet Band

My first couple of years in Band, I always found myself drawn to the Schneiders. They were always the people who wanted to be everyone's

friend. everyone and wanted to be their friend

even the farmgirls from Wisconsin. It is because of Schneider and the Schneider Band that I found a wel- coming place, not just within Band. the but at Harvard in general. There have been times here that I've felt like I didn't belong,

but all that goes away with

KATIE WENDORF Schneider

the Band. Because of the immense hospitality, love, and warmth shown me by generations of Bandies and Schneiders, I wanted to do my part to make sure every member of the Harvard University Band would feel welcome and find a place they fit in.

Plus, I've always thought I looked good in green. :)

INC&PVP,

pathryn Wendorf

Katie Wendorf '14 was Schneider from 2012-2013. She is a Chemistry concentrator from Viroqua, Wisconsin.



CARRYING ON TRADITION The Schneider position is passed down with A KISS, A SHOWER OF GINGER ALE AND THE BACKDROP OF HARVARD PUMMELING YALE

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The Band would like to



Mr. Paul Thomas Tremoulet Mr. Jonathan Quick Mr. Hugh Moffett Mr. Dennis Lewis \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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# **95 YEARS YOUNG**

Hey Crust! Our exciting celebration of 95 years as an institu-tion championing unrivaled musical skill, cutting humor, feats of magnitude and might, and all-around, perpetual awesomeness is only 2 1/2 months away. My lovely, oh-so-capable and ever-cheerful assistant Bo and I have been working to ensure that the reunion weekend runs smoothly and reminds all why the Band is the fount of all wonder and goodness in the world.

By now, you should all have received in the mail registration forms and instructions. You can register by mailing your form with payment in an envelope to 74 Mt. Auburn Street. You can also register online at our website http://www.hcs.harvard.edu/~hub/95th/. Thank you to the miraculous 35 who have already reserved their spots. I love your enthusiasm. To those still rescheduling their lives around this oncein-a-lifetime\* event, note you can register up to the starting time of every event occuring over the reunion weekend.

Registration materials will be distributed en masse from 2:00 to 4:00 PM Friday afternoon, but you can track down my assistant Bo or me anytime to sign in. As the registration process unfolds, several overlooked details have been corrected thanks to helpful Crusties. Please continue to contact my email (reunionmanager@harvardband.org) with concerns. Parents who registered children for the discount package okease look out for consent forms and emergency contact information coming your way by early August.

Reminder that hotel information is available online with various (and approaching!) deadlines for reservations. Online forums are available for Crusties to coordinate weekend plans and reminisce. Fight songs will be posted online in the coming days, and flipbooks will be available when you arrive on campus.

OH! And FREE alcohol! How does one partake in gratuitous libations? Here's the deal: whichever class has the largest Crustie representation will earn TWO

> FREE DRINK TICKETS PER CRUSTIE. The forum on the reunion website is open to help you pull in your classmates. The rules: I cannot provide personal information, though I can tell you if your friend the saw-wielding prop crew manager or that contrary passiveaggressive Trumpetess is attending. Other rules: none. It's a battle royale, folks. Go to it.

## YOURS is LONGER?: Yes, my worthy opponents, MINE IS THE LONGEST.

Announcing: the world's longest ..... HA! No! Nothing shall be revealed until October 11th!

\*The Lesser Egyptian Gerbil (Gerbillus gerbillus) lives on average five years. Inexactitude is the key to all successful marketing.

INCREDIBLY YOURS,

## PAUL MEOSKY

HUB 95th REUNION MANAGER

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# THE CONDUCTOR'S CORNER

This past year the members in the Harvard University Band, Wind Ensemble and Jazz Bands has been busy but the experiences have been rewarding, enlightening and inspiring.

The Harvard University Band participated in the launch of the Harvard Campaign, the capitol campaign to raise 6.8 billion dollars. The band was part of a VIP event in September. They also represented Harvard University in the Allston-Brighton Parade. Both of these events were significant to Harvard University . The Harvard University Band continually receives numerous request to perform beyond the athletic events and always receive thanks and acknowledgement. I want to commend

and thank Alyson Freedy and the Senior Staff for their fine work leading the band last year and I am confident Theo Gerome and this years Senior Staff will do continue to do the same. I truly enjoy working with such wonderful students and leaders.

For this year and also for the 2014-2015 academic year I have been appointed as Interim Director of Bands and Don Bradon as Interim Director of

the Monday Jazz Band. Sonia Interim Brathwaite serves both Don and myself as Administrative Assistant. Jack Megan, Director of the Office for the Arts offers this update:

"With the arrival of Professor Vijay Iyer, distinguished composer and pianist, to the Harvard Music Department, attention is now turning to the search for Tom Everett's successor. While a search calendar is not firmly in place, colleagues hope to announce the position in late spring or summer of this year, and to conduct a search that would run through the 2014-15 academic year, with the new director starting in the fall of 2015 We are thrilled with the close collaboration between the OFA and the Music Department, and are optimistic that this collaboration will strengthen the position of the director in both the academic and extracurricular music community. We will have more updates as search plans take shape."

**Due to the Mahindra Humanities Department** selection of jazz artist Herbie Hancock as the 2014 Charles Eliot Norton Lecturer, The Harvard Jazz bands focused much of this year on the music and influence of Herbie Hancock. In November, Dr. Eddie Henderson, trumpeter and member of Hancock's Mwadishi band, was Artist in Residence and performed with the Jazz Bands in a concert titled "The Musical Worlds of Herbie Hancock: Maiden Voyage". In March and April we invited guitarist Lionel Loueke, and drummer Terri Lyne Carrington, both who have professional relationships performing with Herbie Hancock, and bassist John Lockwood as our spring Artists in Residence. With the collaboration of the Office for the Arts at Harvard and the Learning from Performance program the jazz bands were able to get to know these artists through performance and rehearsal as well through informal discussions and dinner. One of the highlights of the spring semester was inviting Mr. Hancock to spend two sessions with the members of the jazz band in an informal discussion, dinner and rehearsal. Our time

This past year the members in the with Mr. Hancock was special and will be Harvard University Band, Wind treasured for years to come.

In April The jazz bands also traveled to Worcester to perform as part of the Brown Bag Series sponsored by WICN Radio and Mechanics Hall.

In honor of the Harvard University Band's 95th Anniversary this coming fall, composer Libby Larsen was commissioned to write a work for the Wind Ensemble to be premiered at the Montage concert of the reunion weekend. Libby Larson came to campus in November to talk with the members of the wind ensemble about the commission project, her life is a composer, and music. We are excited for this opportunity and look forward to working

with her in the final rehearsals before the premiere. Ms. Larson has taken a particular interest in Bertha and hopes to incorporate the drum in some way in the composition.

> Continuing the traditional Band of the Beanpot Concert, the Wind Ensemble performed with the bands from Boston College, Boston University, Northeastern University in November. This

MARK OLSON concert continues to be an excellent <u>Interim Director</u> opportunity for the students from each college to meet each other. As

we continue with these concerts we are looking for ways to further foster student engagement.

The wind ensemble's music this year was centered on a dance theme. Our December concert titled Dancing with Dreams was a collection of music related to dance featuring Warren Benson's The Solitary Dancer and Guy Wolfenden's Illyrian Dances. The ensemble also premiered a composition by student composer Sam Wu'17, Dancing With Dreams. Our March concert held on junior parents weekend included Benjamin Britten's Courtly Dances, Scott Joplin's Combination March, and Joaquin Rodrigo's Adagio.

In April the Wind Ensemble once again invited student composers to compose works for the ensemble. Andre Nguyen '16 and Sam Wu '17 each submitted a composition and came in to rehearsals to work with the wind ensemble.

I continue to keep active with music opportunities professionally and in the community. This past year I attended the International Trumpet Guild conference in Michigan, the Midwest Band Clinic in Chicago, The Jazz Education Network Conference in Dallas, and the College Band Director National Association Conference here in Boston. These conferences were important opportunities to connect with colleagues, composers and artists from around the country. In the local area, I continue serve as the Director of the Middlesex Concert Band and also Principle Trumpet of the Metropolitan Wind Symphony. In April I am often out working with and adjudicating wind bands, jazz bands, and orchestras.

I am looking forward to seeing you all next fall at the reunion.

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Mark Ol

Mark Olson was named the Interim Director of the Harvard University Bands in 2013 amd has been with the Band since 2003.



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## BAND MEMBERS PRESENTED AWARDS

he Stephen D. MacDiarmid Award, named in honor of Steve MacDiarmid '77, is presented annually to versatile musicians in the freshman class. This year's recipients are Maryrose Robson, Justin Cavitt and Ronald Laracuente. The Malcolm H. Holmes Award '28, named after beloved Director Mal Holmes, is presented to two dedicated freshman Bandies. The 2013 recipients are Mattie Newman and David Armenta. The Robert T. Abrams Award, was initiated in 2008 by Bob Abrams '49. Established on the occasion of Abram's 80th birthday, the award is to be presented to a senior trumpet player who has demonstrated outstanding musicianship, distinguished leadership, and dedication to the Band. This year's recipient is Ali Zimmerman '15.



Harvard's Finest Trumpet Section Ali Zimmerman, the trumpet section leader for 2012-2013 enjoys a beautiful serenade by her section.

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