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The 2024 String Band **SHOWCASE**



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YEAR	1st PLACE	2nd PLACE	3rd PLACE	4th PLACE	5th PLACE
1958	Ferko	Quaker City	Uptown	South Philadelphia	Polish American
1959	South Philadelphia	Polish American	Greater Bucks County	Ferko	Fralinger
1960	Aqua	Polish American	Quaker City	Ferko	Greater Overbrook
1961	Polish American	Ferko	Aqua	Greater Overbrook	Fralinger
1962	Hegeman	Polish American	Quaker City	Ferko	South Philadelphia
1963	Quaker City	Polish American	South Philadelphia	Hegeman	Ferko
1964	Polish American	Greater Kensington	South Philadelphia	Ferko	Fralinger
1965	Greater Bucks County	Ukrainian American	Ferko	Greater Kensington	Woodland
1966	South Philadelphia	Polish American	Aqua	Greater Bucks County	Greater Kensington
1967	Fralinger	Ferko	Woodland	Polish American	South Philadelphia
1968	Fralinger	Ferko	South Philadelphia	Greater Overbrook	Aqua
1969	Ferko	Polish American	Greater Kensington	Woodland	Palmyra
1970	Polish American	Hegeman	Fralinger	Aqua	Ferko
1971	Hegeman	Woodland	Palmyra	South Philadelphia	Ferko
1972	Palmyra	Fralinger	Ferko	Durning	Trilby
1973	Fralinger	Greater Overbrook	Uptown	Ferko	Polish American
1974	Ferko	Fralinger	Greater Overbrook	Broomall	Aqua
1975	South Philadelphia	Greater Kensington	Ferko	Garden State	Harrowgate
1976	Harrowgate	Polish American	Woodland	Quaker City	Fralinger
1977	Harrowgate	Fralinger	Ferko	Trilby	Durning
1978	Quaker City	Fralinger	South Philadelphia	Hegeman	Polish American
1979	Greater Kensington	Ferko	Harrowgate	Polish American	Quaker City
1980	Fralinger	Ferko	South Philadelphia	Greater Kensington	Harrowgate
1981	Polish American	Hegeman	Greater Kensington	Ferko	Quaker City
1982	Ferko	Fralinger (tie-2)	Garden State (tie-2)	Quaker City (tie-2)	Aqua
1983	Fralinger	Polish American	Quaker City	Ferko (tie-4)	Greater Kensington (tie-4)
1984	Fralinger	Greater Kensington (tie-2)	Polish American (tie-2)	Avalon	Ferko
1985	Quaker City	Ferko	Avalon	Polish American	Fralinger
1986	Polish American	Fralinger	Quaker City	Ferko	South Jersey
1987	Fralinger	Quaker City	Hegeman	Aqua	South Philadelphia
1988	Greater Kensington	South Philadelphia	Quaker City	Ferko	Fralinger
1989	Quaker City	Fralinger	Greater Kensington	Ferko	Polish American
1990	Polish American	Palmyra	Ferko	Avalon	Quaker City
1991	Quaker City	Fralinger	Polish American	Avalon	Ferko
1992	Hegeman	Fralinger	Uptown	Avalon (tie-4)	Ferko (tie-4)
1993	Quaker City	Ferko	Fralinger	Avalon	Uptown
1994	Ferko	Fralinger	Uptown	Woodland	Quaker City
1995	Hegeman	Ferko	Quaker City	Fralinger	Uptown
1996	Ferko	Quaker City	Hegeman	Avalon	Woodland
1997	Ferko	Fralinger	Hegeman	Quaker City	Avalon
1998	Ferko	Polish American	Greater Kensington (tie-3)	Quaker City (tie-3)	Avalon
1999	Quaker City	Fralinger	Ferko	Avalon	Polish American
2000	Quaker City	Fralinger	Ferko	Avalon	Greater Kensington
2001	Quaker City	Greater Kensington	Fralinger	Avalon	Ferko
2002	Quaker City	Fralinger	Avalon	Ferko	South Philadelphia
2003	Fralinger	Quaker City	Ferko	Avalon	South Philadelphia
2004	Fralinger	Quaker City	Avalon	Ferko	Greater Kensington
2005	Fralinger	Quaker City	Avalon	Ferko	Greater Kensington
2006	Fralinger	Quaker City	Ferko	South Philadelphia	Polish American
2007	Fralinger	Quaker City	Ferko (tie-3)	South Philadelphia (tie-3)	Uptown
2008	Fralinger	Quaker City	South Philadelphia	Ferko	Avalon
2009	Fralinger	Quaker City	South Philadelphia	Ferko	Avalon
2010	Fralinger	Ferko	Quaker City	South Philadelphia	Avalon
2011	Quaker City	Ferko	South Philadelphia	Fralinger	Avalon
2012	Woodland	Quaker City	South Philadelphia	Ferko	Fralinger
2013	Fralinger	Quaker City	Woodland	South Philadelphia	Ferko
2014	Quaker City	Hegeman	South Philadelphia	Woodland	Fralinger
2015	Fralinger	Quaker City	Woodland (tie-3)	South Philadelphia (tie-3)	Ferko
2016	South Philadelphia	Ferko	Fralinger	Woodland	Hegeman
2017	Quaker City	Fralinger	South Philadelphia	Woodland	Ferko
2018	South Philadelphia	Quaker City	Woodland	Fralinger	Ferko
2019	Quaker City	South Philadelphia	Woodland	Fralinger	Avalon
2020	South Philadelphia	Quaker City	Fralinger	Woodland	Avalon
2021	No Parade				
2022	South Philadelphia	Quaker City	Fralinger	Avalon	Woodland
2023	Quaker City	Fralinger	South Philadelphia	Avalon	Woodland
2024	South Philadelphia	Quaker City	Fralinger	Woodland	Avalon



2024 String Band Showcase

Philadelphia Mummers' String Bands' New Years Association, Inc.

Band Write-Ups Are In Alphabetical Order

Mummers Parade Prize	Band	Theme Title
1st	South Philadelphia	Christmas Bizarre
2nd	Quaker City	Enchanted
3rd	Fralinger	Beyond The Bayou
4th	Woodland	Polynesian Paradise
5th	Avalon	Level Up
6th	Uptown	Sinfully Sweet Twisted Treats
7th	Ferko	Heavenly Harmonies
8th	Aqua	Spark Of Invention
9th	Greater Kensington	Tails Of the Wild Frontier
10th	Polish American	What Happens In The Museum, Stays In The Museum
11th	Duffy	Where The Wild Things Are
12th	Durning	Lights, Camel, Action!
13th	Hegeman	Pyramid Scheme
14th	Jersey	We Arrrr Just Here For The Booty

The Mummers Museum *A Unique Experience...*

Opening in the bicentennial year of 1976, the Mummers Museum, located at Second Street (2 Street) and Washington Avenue, stands in tribute to all Mummers ... past, present and future.

Dedicated to the Philadelphia celebration of the New Year, the museum houses a rich collection of mummers' paraphernalia and memorabilia, including spectacular costumes, a few of which date back to the turn of the 20th Century.

The Mummers Museum provides the visitor with a chronological progression of the Mummers Parade from a simple neighborhood celebration to a City sanctioned attraction drawing tens of thousands of spectators to the side-walks of Broad Street every New Year's Day, as well as a highly rated, vast local television audience.

Through exhibits and displays, a visitor can sense the commitment, dedication, sacrifice, creativity and talent of the men, women and children, from various backgrounds, who regard being a Mummers as a "way of life."

The museum offers an on-site gift shop, an on-line store and a banquet hall which is available for rental.

The museum conducts programs for both children and adults, and, free String Band concerts will be held this spring and fall.



Scott Brown, Executive Director of the Mummers Museum, invites you to visit and to attend numerous, fun filled events planned for this spring and summer. Consult the Mummers Museum web site for a schedule of events and activities. The appreciation of the art of Mummery acquired from touring the Museum will enhance your enjoyment of future Mum-mer Parades. You may also want to consider becoming a member of the Mummers Museum. Yearly memberships start at \$25.00 per year.

For more information and hours contact the Mummers Museum at 215-336-3050 or online at www.mummersmuseum.org

THE PHILADELPHIA MUMMERS' STRING BANDS' ASSOCIATION



Sam Regalbuto

Message from the President...Sam Regalbuto

Good evening and welcome to our Philadelphia Mimmers String Band Association Annual Awards and Installation of Officers Banquet. Tonight, we return to celebrate and honor not only our 124-year-old tradition, but our 64th year as an Association.

Last year in our final efforts to broadcast our beloved Mimmers Parade, we received the support from two organizations who truly care for and admire the entertainment and charitable impact the Mimmers bring to the city of Philadelphia. That last minute effort and support garnered a loyal and understanding partnership unlike the Mimmers have ever experienced in our history. We are forever indebted to our new friend's Live Casino and ME TV 2 /WFMZ.

Thanks to that new partnership, 2023 has seen immense progress for our Association. We now have a three-year television deal with the strong possibilities for extension. This deal is the first of its kind in our broadcasting history, and what we have been waiting for. A deal where we now own and control our own performing rights to use as we see fit. We have full corporate sponsorship control and a new rolodex of sponsors such as Nissan, Pep Boys, and our good friends at IBEW Local 98, just to name a few. This is a huge milestone and something unheard of in our broadcast experience. Due to this, our beloved Mimmers parade is now self-sufficient, a goal we have been working towards for so many years.

"Whether we seize them or not, the new year will bring new opportunities. Let us embrace what lies ahead and leave the past behind, as we venture into a new year full of possibilities and potential. Only together as a team can we progress to new heights."

New Year's Day 2024 saw a Mimmers Parade and a String Band Division brimming with exceptional imagination and creative expression that was beyond reproach.

I would like to congratulate the South Philadelphia String Band on their 2024 championship victory. Your ability to think outside the box has led to innovative and creative improvements to our parade. You consistently demonstrate a high level of originality which drives your continued success.

The warmest congratulations goes out to Kade Radcliff and the Uptown String Band on scoring first prize captain with his performance in Sinfully Sweet Twisted Treats. Kade's winning performance makes history for the Uptown String Band with their first-ever first prize Captains Award.

For the first time in our 64 years of existence we added a new organization to our ranks, the Jersey String Band. Captain Pat Walton, we welcome you and your Jersey String Band family to our Association. We know that you will be outstanding members.

My sincere congratulations to the Hall of Fame Inductees of our 2024 class. Your years of commitment and dedication to the String Band Association have not gone unnoticed. We commend you on this prestigious honor.

"Whether we want them or not, the new year will bring new challenges as we conquer the old challenges of our past. Our past should be a place of learning not a place of living."

"Teamwork begins by building trust and the only way to do that is to overcome our need for invulnerability."

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."

String Band Hall of Fame



1956	JACK TOWERS	1988	AL PRIMAVERA, JR.	2011	JERRY CROMPTON
1957	JOSEPH A. FERKO		EDWARD P. BROOMALL		CHERYL CROWE
1958	JAMES A. DURNING	1989	NICHOLAS (DUKE) BUONPASTORE		MARTY GOOD
1959	FRED J. KESEL		STAN POJAT		STEVE HIGHSMITH
1960	PETER A. BROOMALL	1990	THOMAS E. KNIG		JIM JAEP
1961	RAYMOND ENDRISS		LEN GIACOBETTI, SR.		MARGARET (PEG) RULLO
1962	ROBERT RUNKLE, JR.	1991	WILLIAM SPEZIALE		JIM TATAR, SR.
1963	RAYMOND GURT		DAVID ANDERSON, JR.	2012	JIM BROWNE
1964	WALTER KROP	1992	FRANK ANELLO		JACK DAILEY
1965	HARRY STRAUB	1993	JOSEPH BROGAN		JOHN JORDAN
1966	HARRY LAWSON	1994	JAMES FOX, JR.		ED LYNCH
1967	WILLIAM MINK		JOHN MILLAWAY		JOHN WERNEGA
	HARRY WHITMAN	1995	MIKE RAYER		BILL GARTON
1968	JOHN FRALINGER	1998	JOHN G. (OZZIE) OSTROWSKI		WARREN RIVELL
	DAVE ANDERSON		DANIEL F. CREEDON, III		ANTHONY TENUTO
1969	ROBERT HALL	1999	WILLIAM BOWEN, JR.	2013	MARK DANIELEWICZ
	JOHN HOGG		WILLIAM BOWEN, SR.		DAN MARAKOWSKI
1970	JOHN BAUKUS	2000	JAMES (Jimmy) KING		DAN SPENCER
	FRED CALANDRA	2002	WALTER (DUKE) BURKHARDT		JOE VOLKERT
1971	ADAM QUAGLIA		JOHN MACHALOWSKI	2014	DENNY PALANDRO
	JOSEPH BRUECKS		DON MORRISSEY		BOB SCHUHL
1972	GEORGE DUFFY		JIM MCKNIGHT		ED WEISSER
	ROBERT ZIEGLER		JOHN R. PIGNOTTI, JR.	2015	PETER J. (PETE) BROOMALL, SR.
1973	JIM DONAGHY		ROBERT W. QUAILE, SR.		JAMIE CALDWELL
	PETE AMADIE	2003	FRANCIS J. FOIDL, JR.		STEVE COPER
1974	JOHN ARLETH		HARRY HILL		ROBERT A. (BOB) KING
	HENRY J. KUNZIG, SR.		TOM LOOMIS		LEO VOLZ
1975	JOHN E. MAYER		JAMES MORAN, JR.	2016	LEO DIGNAM
	JOSEPH PISUZKO		J. KEVIN O'BRIEN		DOMINIC DIODATA
1976	EDWARD VENCKUS	2004	GEORGE J. BADEY, III		JOHN GILBERT
	ARTHUR (LINK) GARDNER		ROBERT (BOBBY) CUNNINGHAM		HAROLD PEOPLES
	ANDY OAKLEY		TOM DONAHUE	2017	ALEX DEPUTRON
1977	ANTHONY (IGGY) GENEVA		CHARLIE NICHOLAS		HON. JAKE HART
	JOSEPH BLASS	2005	THOMAS FERRY		JOHN KEANE
1978	HENRY KUNZIG, JR.		THEODORE F. KUDRICK		BOB LIGHTFOOT
	HERB SMITH, JR.		EDWARD MOYER	2018	HARRY BROWN, JR.
1979	RON MOYER		BOB CORCORAN		CHARLES R. GRASER
	HERMAN SEFLIN		JOHN RASMUS, SR.	2019	JIM MULLER, SR.
1980	JAMES BROOMALL		CHARLIE ROETZ	2020	JAMES BUCHAKJIAN, SR.
	ANTHONY (TISH) BORDONI		FRAN ROTHWEIN		THOMAS (SHAGGY) ROBISON
1981	JAMES M. DRIADON	2006	ANTHONY CELENZA		ANGELO LUTZ
	JOHN WALSH		JERRY LAROSA, JR.	2021	EDWARD REAGAN
1982	TOM A. HOWLEY	2007	JOSEPH KING		HARRY HARGESHIEMER
	JOSEPH L. BRESSET		CHARLES KOCHENSKY		LEONARD CAMUCCIO
1983	DON KEIR	2008	MIKE (LAPP) LAPERGOLA	2022	HARRY RIVELL
	BILL (CURLY) CONNERS		SCOTT MOYER		JIM MCGUGAN III
1984	RAY DANIELEWICZ	2009	BOB FARRELL		SAM REGALBUTO
	WILLIAM R. KRUZENBERGER		SAM HAMILTON, SR.	2023	BOB COLLINS
1985	JOSEPH DEIGHAN		RAY MALACH		ROBERT (BOBBY) HAYWOOD
	PHIL PESCHI	2010	HON. ROBERT (BOB) BRADY		STEVEN BUJNOWSKI
1986	JOSEPH A. VENUTO		JOSEPH BUJNOWSKI	2024	JOSEPH FARRELL
	CLIFFORD J. JOHNSON		JOSEPH LESO		JACK MILLS
1987	JACK HEE		DENNIS QUAILE		
	BOB SHANNON, JR.				

“Old Timers” Hall of Fame

1977	AL FINK	1993	FRANK KOHRI	2006	FRANK ROTHWEIN
1978	DAVID (POP) ANDERSON	1994	JOHN POOLER, SR.	2007	HARRY BROWN, SR.
1979	AL PRIMAVERA, SR.	1995	RICH NOTTIS, SR.		BOB MORRISEY
1980	SAM HAMILTON, JR.	1996	JAMES J. FOX, SR.	2008	CY DALY
1981	JOSEPH RILEY	1997	JOSEPH LONG		ROBERT E. (BOB) DICKS
1982	JAMES J. KING	1998	JOHN (POP) PIGNOTTI, SR.		ROBERT H. FINNIGAN
1983	HENRY DUNAWAY	1999	ROBERT (POP) SHANNON	2009	ARCHIE WHITE
1984	EDWARD (RAB) CARTER	2000	RUSSELL (MR FIG) FIGUEROA		SPENCE WHITE
1985	JOE (BAGEL) STRINE	2001	JOSEPH (JOE T) TRINACRIA	2010	AL KOENIG
1986	AL STEWART	2002	CHARLES N. MURARESKU, SR.		DONALD REEVES
1987	CARL JANKIEWICZ	2003	ANGELO CARANGO	2021	MICHAEL CAPUTO, JR.
1988	JOSEPH GIARDINO, SR.		JOHN WRIGHT, SR.	2023	GEORGE (BUCKY) PINE, JR.
1989	JOSEPH JANKOWSKI	2004	WILLIAM (POP) DEISSORTH	2024	JOHN (UNCLE JACK) CHRISTY
1990	GENE M. NEMETH		JAMES (POP) MCKNIGHT		ROBERT TRAUB
1991	MICKEY MALLON	2005	BOB HOLZ		
1992	CLEMENT C. RENDE		JIM MURRAY		



2024 Hall of Fame Inductee

Joseph Farrell



The members of the Aqua String Band would like to nominate Mr. Joseph Farrell for induction into the Philadelphia Mummies String Band Association Hall of Fame.

Joe's career in Mummery began in 1974 when he joined the Trilby String Band while working at the Pennsylvania Trucking Company. During that time, like so many of us, Joe was bitten by the mum bug and learned to play Drums & Banjo for the band leading up to his first parade in 1975, "A tribute to the American Indian." After 5 years, Joe decided to join some of his fellow band members in saying farewell to Trilby to join another Association band. That is when he found his forever home in the Aqua String Band.

1980's "All for One and One for All" provided Joe with his first parade in Aqua. With this first year under his proverbial harness, his roots were firmly planted. The years following Joe's arrival were prosperous for Aqua including two top 5 performances in the 80's, culminating with his prominent role in 1989's iconic "We Remember." Marching with future Hall of Famers, Joe's desire to be more than just part of the club blossomed into a craving for a leadership role. Being

the guy called upon time and time again to assist whenever needed, Joe worked his way through several leadership roles within Aqua. During his tenure, Joe served on the Theme, By-Law and chairing the Fundraising committees as well as held positions as Drill Master, Club Steward, Board of Director, Vice President and President. Working with team members, Joe's guidance and perseverance, helped Aqua navigate through the ups and downs of the mid 90's while leading with a gentlemanliness and class that has always followed him through his string band career. Through the years, he has exemplified what it is to be a leader and continues to be a role model for newer generations within the Aqua String Band. His enthusiasm and continued leadership were ultimately rewarded with his induction into Aqua String Band's Hall of Fame.

Joe's leadership roles have not been limited to the Aqua String Band. His passion for wanting to help this hobby grow and flourish led him to accepting a Delegate position for Aqua in the String Band Association. While acting as Aqua's voice for 20+ years, Joe sat on multiple committees including the SBA Rules Committee. It was his influence that led to changes in the performance rules in the early 2000's where he was integral in eliminating full disqualification for minor offenses in favor of the current point deduction rule.

His years in Aqua have truly allowed him to embrace the "family tradition" this hobby is known for. Joe introduced his father Tom, brother Tim, and sisters Kathleen and Marie, who have been vital to the behind-the-scenes activities in Aqua, to this rewarding hobby. He currently marches with his brothers-in-law and nephews and raised two sons within the walls of the Aqua String Band. Joe's sense of family goes beyond the immediate. Aqua brought out Joe's empathy for his fellow band member whom he considers his brothers. Always being the first to offer help, Joe has even opened his home for struggling members never turning a blind eye to those who needed help.

Joe's string band journey has had many highs and lows (the loss of friends who became brothers, Warren Smith, Duke Burkhardt and Don McGrogan to name a few) all while forging lifelong friendships, including Aqua's "Tobyhanna Rod & Gun club." Through it all, he has had an unwavering passion that has gone unmatched. Joe has brandished and emboldened the escutcheon of the Aqua String Band for 44 years and will continue to "Play with Passion, Play with Pride" for the rest of his lifetime.

It is for these reasons and many more why the family, directors, and members of the Aqua String Band are proud to nominate Joe Farrell for his well-deserved induction into the Philadelphia String Band Hall of Fame.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael Riddle
President
Aqua String Band

2024 Hall of Fame Inductee



Jack Mills



The Fralinger String Band is proud to announce Dr. Jack Mills, one of our Fralinger Man of the Year Award Winners, as the newest inductee into the String Band Hall of Fame. On behalf of all the past and present Fralinger members, we know that our accomplishments as an organization would not have been possible without leaders such as Jack. His unique, intrinsic ability to connect his string band life with his professional achievements, forged relationships, integrated volunteer services, and humanitarian efforts certainly make Jack one of a kind. We are truly honored to see our friend - this selfless, highly-educated man of many talents, known for his dedication, friendship, energy, leadership, and community work - become a member of the esteemed PMSBA Hall of Fame.

When Jack's lifelong, childhood friend Mark Danielewicz was diagnosed with leukemia in the early 1990s, Jack and Bob Mastroianni made trips to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) to visit Mark. While at CHOP, Jack organized wheelchair races with all the young hospital patients to cheer them up, and he encouraged candy betting. Which landed both Jack and Bob being thrown out of CHOP! Yet, the smiles on the faces of the patients and their joyous, unfiltered laughter truly had a life-changing effect on Jack. An idea was born; so, beginning in the mid-1990s when Jack was a young college student, he orchestrated and coordinated a plan to convince a bunch of his friends (Pat Bradley, Joe Ferry, Matt Kelly, Dan Mizner, Warren Rivell Jr., etc.) from multiple string bands to parade around local children's hospitals during the Christmas season. This time they were not thrown out and were instead, extremely well received.

Over many years, these endeavors grew to include Special Olympics and special needs events, nursing homes, senior citizen centers, Veteran's Hospitals, toy/clothing/book drives, urban area positive interventions, schools, and greeting individuals arriving home from hospitals and rehabilitation centers. The goal of these compassionate welfare missions was not to gain a multitude of positive media press for the string bands - but that was exactly what occurred and what continues to happen to this day. For Jack, string band musicians from Quaker City, Ferko, South Philadelphia, Polish American, Fralinger, etc. coming together to spread holiday cheer is what it is all about. As Jack often quoted from the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*, "*Remember - No Man is a Failure who has Friends*". During the last few years, this concept morphed into The Joe Ferry Christmas String Band, which was formed to honor and remember Joe, Kelly Wiseley, and Denny Palandro, Jr., along with candy canes for John Mulholland. Each year, a different charity is selected and friends/family donate to this cause.

Jack Mills has been parading on New Year's Day, consistently and consecutively since 1988. One of his fondest string band memories was even before being in the actual parade itself. In the fall of 1985, Jack assisted his grandfather (Joe Dombroski) in building backpieces and flowerpot hats for Polish American's Dr. Hi Tech Theme which would go on to win first prize. Little Jack's actual Transformer toys were the models used for many of the designs! To date, Jack has been a member of two bands, twice. In both the Fralinger & Polish American String Bands, Jack has served as a New Year's Day Officer. He has been a presentation/drill director, assistant presentation director, co-drill director, assistant captain, theme committee member, band researcher, theme presenter, choreographer, creative/storyboard consultant, banjo player, and Kid's Christmas Party DJ extraordinaire. He has achieved multiple first prizes with both organizations along with sitting on Association Committees. Jack is currently one of the longest-tenured, front-line string band dancers in the parade today. He's also a proponent of health & wellness, in conjunction with competing in Iron Man Triathlons/Ultramarathon Events with Jeff Crompton, of the Avalon String Band.

Jack was an integral part of the Travel/Tourism Planning & Implementation Logistics Team for both Fralinger & Polish American in spreading a positive message about the Philadelphia String Bands. From Walt Disney World, Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, Chicago, Hong Kong, the Philadelphia Phillies World Series, and to the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, Jack opened up the world of Mummies and the availability of the Philadelphia String Band Association to hundreds of thousands of people around the world. Dr. Jack Mills was Fralinger's emcee. He has not only entertained crowds with his jovial interactions, but he has also constantly mentioned many other string bands to spread the word about the positive attributes of this unique hobby in our culturally rich, City of Brotherly Love. Jack has been featured in many local and national media interviews throughout the years and has always put a dexterous, yet comical stance on the string band division. His efficacious interactions with our client base have been a strong attribute and have paid dividends for various string band clubs with future job bookings and engagements.

Professionally, Jack is approaching thirty years of successfully working in New Jersey Public School Districts. In addition, he is currently moonlighting by giving back in the evenings to a community in need at Strawberry Mansion High School in Philadelphia. (For the last couple of years, he began teaching in the evenings at Strawberry Mansion in the inner city. Jack believed that most of our society just talked about the teacher shortage, so he acted and decided to do something about it and go where he was most desperately needed in the evening hours). Jack has educationally mentored multiple individuals in numerous string bands and fancy brigades. Many string band members were given their first job by Jack in either summer camps or before/after school childcare positions and he's assisted/coordinated scores of up-and-coming future educators in the string band world with their first teaching or school administration position and set up fortified interviews for qualified candidates. From Classroom Teacher to School Business Administrator/Assistant Superintendent, from Director of Personnel/Human Resources to Director of Special Projects, Jack is truly an educator at heart and has a passion for the field within itself. He has taught U.S. History, World History, Social Science/Civics, and Reading/Language Arts throughout his long, storied, and licensed career. Moreover, he holds numerous state certifications and highly-qualified teaching credentials in Delaware, New Jersey & Pennsylvania. Educationally and as a cornerstone to his foundational core, Jack earned two Bachelor's Degrees (Rowan & Wilmington University), accomplished a Master's Degree in Education from Delaware, and achieved a Doctoral Degree from Holy Family University in Philadelphia. Dr. Jack Mills is a collegiate core value award winner, published author, and his research has been featured in educational magazines. Furthermore, Dr. Mills has lectured academically about the historical aspects of the Philadelphia String Bands in relationship to the Mummer's Day Parade.

As an entrepreneur and small business owner, Jack's philanthropy correlated to the string band world through his North Wildwood real estate holdings with Capri Property Investments, LLC. Additionally, he's donated thousands of comic books and reading materials to fellow string band members who were teachers and to families in need. These endeavors were to assist students in improving their reading skills/struggling readers who were below grade level in cojoining with his business Cap Jack's, Comic Books & Collectibles per the donations. Jack would like to thank his wife of twenty-five years, Colleen Mills, an architect/project engineer/construction manager and college professor for her unwavering support and also thank his daughter Capri Mills, a published author, accomplished poet, and Presidential Fellow at Bucknell University for her constant inspiration. Lastly, Jack gives special thanks to Bill Bowen, Jack Dailey, and Mike Rayer for their recommendations to the Hall of Fame Committee.



2024 Hall of Fame Inductee

Jack Christy



The Members of the Duffy string band would like to nominate John "Uncle Jack" Christy to be inducted into the Philadelphia Mummers String Band Association "Old Timers" Hall of Fame.

Jack joined Duffy String Band in 1975 and was recruited by his nephew to join the band, there Jack learned how to play the banjo, an instrument he stills play today. While in the band, Jack has made many friendships throughout the years including one special friendship to the Old Man, Henry Kunzig. Jack missed a few parades when he was having his children but never stayed too far from the hobby, always doing whatever he could for the band. Jack has only ever been in Duffy string band and has never had the desire to go to any other band.

Jack has spent many cold nights in our garage building backpieces and props for the parade, though backpieces aren't a staple with string bands like they used to be, Jack still wore one with Duffy string band until this past year at 85 years old. On top of being a mummer and a Father, Jack spent almost 40 years as a firefighter for the city of Philadelphia. Not only is Jack a member of Duffy string band, but he has held multiple positions with Duffy string band such as

Board of Director and theme committee member.

Jack has done many things for other bands to benefit mummery as a whole, he has played with many string bands at mummer's museum concerts to make sure they had enough people and jobs throughout the tri-state area as well as playing with bands on their CD recordings. Jack also participated in the String Band Association All Star CD albums, playing with some of the best musicians the string band association has to offer. In 2016 Jack went up the street two times to make sure the oldest string band, Trilby, could get up the street in their final year and he went back and paraded with Duffy, this just shows the kind of Person Jack Christy is. Jack also has taught a few banjo players that walked through the doors of the Duffy String Band who have gone on to play with some top winning string bands.

Whether it's serving on a committee in Duffy String Band or helping grow the hobby by bringing new people in and teaching them an instrument, Jack has always been a dedicated mummer and always supports the hobby in its entirety. Besides all the work he has done to benefit not only the Duffy string band and the String band association as a whole, but on January 1st, 2024, Jack will be 86 years old still parading and still playing his banjo with the Duffy String Band. With all these reasons and many more the members of the Duffy String Band appreciate the consideration of nominating Jack Christy to the Philadelphia Mummers String Band Association "Old Timers" Hall of Fame.



2024 Hall of Fame Inductee



Robert Traub



The Joseph A. Ferko String Band would like to congratulate Mr. Robert Traub on his induction into the Philadelphia Mummies String Band New Year Association, Old Timers Hall of Fame.

Robert Traub, affectionately known as, "Rob," joined the Ferko string band in 1941 as a guitar player. Rob joined along with his brother-in-law, Charles Bittner Sr., when the two followed Rob's nephew Charles "Ace" Bittner Jr. into the Ferko organization.

It was not long before Rob became Music Director of the Ferko String Band, a position he held from 1946 through 1955. During his tenure as music director, Ferko finished first or second prize for 8 consecutive years. This includes 3 first prizes and five second prizes.

During his years as music director, in 1946 Ferko marched in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York, wearing their "Rays and Rainbows" costume and were briefly featured in the classic movie, "Miracle on 34th Street".

Rob was also the music arranger for many years. This includes 1947 for Ferko's 25th Anniversary performance in which the band was awarded first prize. He was also assistant music director in 1959, 1960 and 1961. It was 1961 that Ferko's did their infamous performance of "The Blue and the Grey". At the Show of Shows performance, the band featured the song, "Tenting on the Old Campground." The musical arrangements, including vocals, were written by Rob.

In 1947 under Rob's music direction, Ferko recorded their first record with the Palda record company. This would continue for approximately 10 years and produced many records. Included in this are Ferko classics like Whispering, Babyface, Four Leaf Clover, When You're Smiling, and Hello. In 1955, Ferko recorded their infamous version of Alabama Jubilee. This was arranged by Rob, as many songs were and directed by William "Curly" Conners.

The music for Hello, a signature Ferko song which is still played today was written and arranged by Rob while Harry Leary wrote the lyrics. This song was designed as a welcome to the Republican National Convention held in Philadelphia in June of 1948. In May 1948 Ferko was featured on the Billboard magazine cover.

During his many years with the Ferko String Band, Rob made many friends, however, one he considered his best friend was surely our beloved founder, Captain Joseph A. Ferko.

Rob was also a professional artist, owning his own sign and artist business for over 45 years, Traub Sign Company at 13th Street & Girard Avenue in Philadelphia. For many years Rob designed and built Ferko's banner for the lead car for New Year's Day, he also hand painted costumes / capes over the years. Rob's last work was in 1976 when he designed and built the original Ferko plaque which was displayed in the Mummies Museum.

Mr. Traub is an innovator of his time and generation. His contributions had a profound impact and influence on string band music in general; he is an integral part of the development of the classic "Ferko Sound." That sound is one which the band strives to emulate today. Mr. Traub did these things through his vision, leadership, talent, direction, his arrangements, and his love of the Ferko String Band. His contributions are truly immeasurable.

Mr. Traub is also a member of the Joseph A. Ferko String Band Hall of Fame.





2024 People Behind The Scenes

Paul Wolf Sr. *Durning String Band*



The officers and members of the Durning String Band are proud to congratulate Paul Wolf Sr. as our 2024 "Person Behind the Scenes." Paul wasn't born into the mummer world but you wouldn't know that if you talked to him. He has done a lot to become well versed in this tradition both by research and talking with the elders in the band. Paul joined the band 12 years ago. He started as a marshal, pushing and working the props for the New Year's routine. It quickly became apparent that Paul was a special member. He began assisting with prop building and within a couple years he took over as lead builder and Head Marshal. As September rolls around each year, Paul spends many days and nights at the garage building our props. He leaves no stone unturned as he puts together the scenes for our presentation. Building props isn't Paul's only contribution. He has donned costumes for several of our themes and is also learning to play the snare drum. He is willing to do whatever it takes to help the band. During the Covid epidemic, Paul spent many hours renovating the Durning clubhouse.

Paul currently serves on the board of directors as the financial secretary and is a driving force behind our fundraising efforts. He is also a member of the theme committee.

Paul is married for 30 years to his wife, Cheryl, and has two children, Paul ,Jr. and Tyler, all members of the Durning family. His wife is a musician and his children are marshals. As a testament to his dedication to the community, Paul Sr. received the 2023 Magnolia Medal for Man of the Year. He started his career with the Magnolia Fire Company in 1986 and has served the Borough of Magnolia for 36 years, the last 12 as Fire Chief. In addition to his professional accomplishments in the community, Paul spends the holiday season bringing joy to all in the role of Santa Claus. The Durning String Band family is proud to have Paul as a member and a friend.

Non-Playing and Non-Costumed Members from our 2024 New Year's Day Performance

This Year, the Quaker City String Band has the honor of recognizing one of our members for the Man/Woman Behind the Scenes. This award honors a person considered an unsung hero.

This nominee works diligently and tirelessly as a champion for our band, sometimes without recognition. Through their efforts this member achieves success for our organization.

We, the officers and members of the Quaker City String Band, would like to recognize and congratulate all of our Non-Playing and Non-Costumed

Members from our 2024 New Year's Day Performance as our selection for the Philadelphia String Band Association's "Man/Woman Behind the Scenes" Award.

Annually, Quaker City promotes teamwork for both playing and non-playing members. As with all string bands, teamwork drives our performances each year at parades and concerts. In particular, constructing and performing with our props on New Year's Day would only be successful with the dedication of our members and volunteers. The members of Quaker City are very fortunate and grateful to have these members in our organization. They personify our band motto...Class, Pride, and most of all, COMMITMENT.



PHILADELPHIA MUMMERS STRING BAND ASSOCIATION

Lifetime Achievement Award

Each year the String Band Association presents a lifetime achievement award to a string band member for his or her individual accomplishments for the String Band Association going above and beyond to improve the quality of the Parade and promote the spirit of mummery. Following is the listing of the award recipients.



2003 Herbie Smith	2009 James Fox, Jr.	2015 James Fox, Sr.	2021 John Pignotti
2004 John Machalowski	2010 Mike Rayer	2016 James Donaghy	2022 John Jordan
2005 Ray Malach	2011 Joe Deighan	2017 David E. Anderson, Jr.	2023 Dominic Diodata
2006 John Gilbert	2012 Bill Bowen, Jr.	2018 Robert Shannon	
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2008 Tom King	2014 Bill Speziale	2020 Frank Foidl	

Presidents Award

2000 James Donaghy	2006 George Badey	2012 Joe Volkert	2018 Jack Dailey
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2002 Cliff Johnson	2008 Bill Patterson	2014 Mike Tomaselli	2020 Marty Good, Sr.
2003 Tom Ferry	2009 Cliff Johnson	2015 Bill Bowen	2021 Frank Quinn
2004 Charlie Nicholas	2010 Dominic Diodata	2016 Steve Volkert	2022 Dan Spencer
2005 Anthony Celenza, Jr.	2011 Leo Volz	2017 Dan Marakowski	2023 Louis Speziale

Officer of the Year

2000 Jerry Larossa	2006 Tom Loomis	2012 Ron Iannacone	2018 Ray Danielewicz
2001 Joe Venuto	2007 Perry DiMatteo	2013 Cheryl Crowe	2019 Marty Good
2002 David E. Anderson, Jr.	2008 Daniel Marakowski	2014 Denny Palandro	2020 Thor McLaughlin
2003 John Zachwieja	2009 None Awarded	2015 Jack Hee	2021 Frank Quinn
2004 Charlie Nicholas	2010 None Awarded	2016 Denny Palandro	2022 Mike Riddle & Steve Coper
2005 Cliff Johnson	2011 Daniel Marakowski	2017 Jack Hee	2023 Shawn Blubaugh

Award of Distinction

2022 Jessica Mazzone	2023 Joe Billhimer / Live Casino	2023 Dave Grzybowski
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THE PHILADELPHIA STRING BAND ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE CHAIRPERSONS AND MEMBERS OF THE BELOW COMMITTEES THAT ASSIST IN ORGANIZING THE MANY PARADES AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED TO OUR ASSOCIATION:

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IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN ANY OF THE COMMITTEES LISTED ABOVE PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE, YOUR STRING BAND ASSOCIATION DELEGATE OR PRESIDENT SAM REGALBUTO TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING ON ONE OF THE COMMITTEES LISTED ABOVE.

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The Officers and Members of the Aqua String Band would like to congratulate Joe Farrell on his induction into the Philadelphia String Band Hall of Fame!

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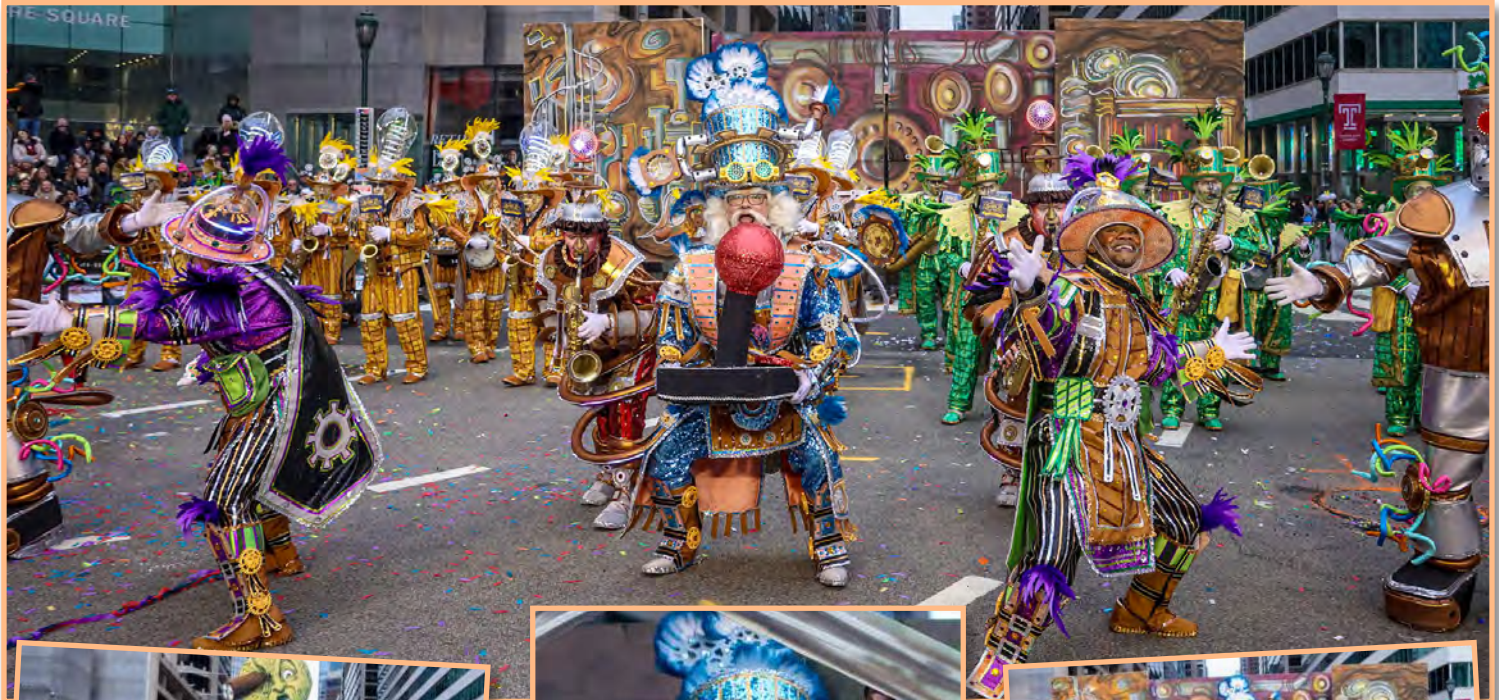


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SPARK OF INVENTION

Captain: Ken Maminski



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Director - Dennis McGee/ Alex Lamborn
Captain - Ken Maminski
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Music Director - Corey Riddle
Music Arranger - Fran Kerr
Choreographer - Marie Maminski
Costumer - JMK Creative
Costume Designer - David Rigler Designs
Theme Committee - Michael Riddle, Ken Maminski, Austin Tilley, Shane Coleman, Michael Osowiecki, Dave Maahs, CJ Poirier



Theme Concept

"Set in the time period of the late 19th Century, a new spark of engineering and invention was born! In this dawn of invention, we find the man behind these little sparks of inspiration, our Inventor! Join us as we tour our wacky Inventors workshop; meeting his "not so perfect" assistants and classic inventions that changed the course of history! Be prepared to use your imagination, as he showcases his new and up-and-coming creations that may seem familiar to you today! But as you may know, there is no innovation, with failure... so chaos is only a twist away! Be sure to stick with us throughout our whole journey, as you may witness an invention not yet even developed in today's new age..."

This show was designed to put you in a period before our own, yet a reality with a magical spin where all inventions are possible and alive! Beginning with you in the private office of our Inventor, then bringing you right onto the factory floor where the inventions come to life, literally.

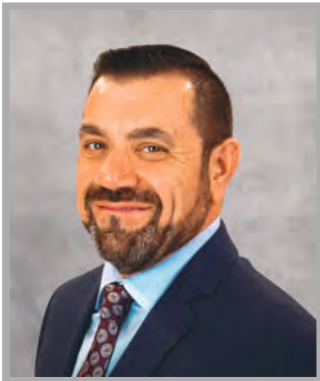
It's meant to be humorous by design and display moments of jest and fun. We want to not just showcase our inventions to you, but bring each one to life in its own unique way, and want you to enjoy the journey of what might happen next.

We incorporated different sounds and effects into our performance, to really enhance the overall emotion that our show is a working invention. Each scene was designed to sound a specific way to replicate the invention being showcased.

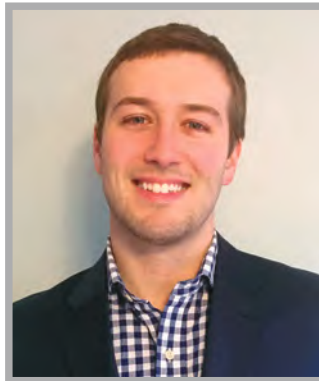
We chose to showcase specific inventions based upon the importance they made on society today, and to build our show towards the future of innovation and where society might go next. A projector that brings movies "to life", a gramophone that reveals the real source behind the music, a Bavarian clock that ticks to its own tune, and a machine from the future!

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Theme Concept

Mario, a blue-collar plumber from Philadelphia, is transported through a warp pipe to the Mushroom Kingdom to retrieve the Super Star from the evil Koopa king, Bowser. As he navigates toward Bowser's castle, he recruits several allies to help him capture and return the Super Star to Princess Peach and the Mushroom Kingdom. With the help of Toad and Donkey Kong, paired with an extra punch from the Power-Ups and the will and determination to bust through the Koopa Troopas, Bloopers, Gombas, and all the enemy clan, Mario defeats Bowser and his Koopalings in this super adventure...Watch as Mario collects coins, battles the baddies, and gets the star so Mushroom Kingdom can Level Up!





THE OFFICERS & MEMBERS
OF THE DUFFY STRING BAND
WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE

UNCLE JACK

ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE
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WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



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- Music Director - Anthony Ovecko
- Head Marshal - Joe Connelly
- Presentation Director - Sharon Crowe

Special Thanks to the hard working and dedicated committees, band members, marshals and social members who helped Duffy this year!!

We would like to congratulate John "Uncle Jack" Christy on his induction into Old Timers Hall of Fame.



Theme Concept

Morning drums greet the day as our journey begins. Tribes appear from hiding, gathering and singing "Welcome to the Jungle". Swinging through the trees arrives Jungle Jake, chief of Duffy Nation, leading the celebration to "Tarzan and Jane". With "The Baby Elephant walking through our tour continues. The strains of "Brazil" accompany the hypnotizing sight as brilliantly winged butterflies fly through circling the gathering. We quietly approach where "The Lion Sleeps Tonight". The Lioness' are awakened roaring through with "Chant of the Jungle". We run away through the dense leaves like it was "The Monkey Chase". We arrive among the birds "Flying Home" through the tree tops. Jake then tells stories told through rhythmic drumming and dance. "The Way of Water" is deafening when surrounded by falling and dancing waters. We "Wanna Be Like You" says the tribe as Jake leads them in "Runnin' Wild" and saves our "Caravan" from a circling serpent showing he is King of this jungle.

Jungle Jake is chief warrior of Duffy Nation and leads the tribe on a tour through the jungle rainforest. He'll be featured swinging into the presentation, dancing on drums and riding a snake, while dancing and presenting the show.

The presentation is up tempo from beginning to end starting with the surprise arrival of our main character followed by the journey through the jungle rainforest. The show contains production numbers involving interplay between the Captain, props and performers, along with solo and sectional musical features. We will also showcase moments of the musician's ability to perform choreography along with their playing. Multiple sided rotating prop structures, allowing for quick scene changes, and various feature props will enable us to present stunning vignettes of various locations throughout our journey.



Daring by design.

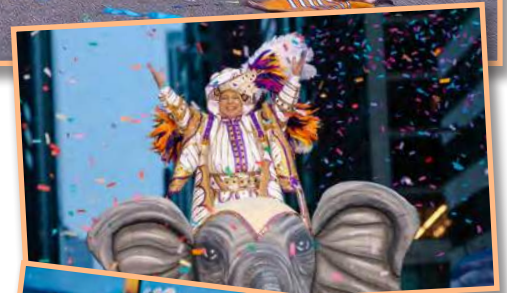
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Captain: Joe Pomante



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 Presentation Director – Rich Marlow
 Sergeant-at-Arms – Eric Heidrich

Theme Committee

Rich Burr, Eric Heidrich, Karen Forster,
 Rich Marlow, Steve Palys, Gary Pisarek,
 Joe Pomante, Steve Volkert, Cheryl Wolf,
 Paul Wolf

Theme Consultants

Music Arranger – Fran Kerr
 Banjo Arranger – Pat Bradley
 Choreographer – Michelle Villaronga at the
 Ronnie McLaughlin School of Dance
 Artist – Bill Bernard
 Music Consultant – Bob Griffiths, Jr.
 Assistant Presentation Director – Steve Palys

Theme Concept

Durning starts off in the Desert, windchimes start the show and Captain “Prince Asti” begins to make his grand entrance riding into the Desert on a Camel. He starts to turn the Hourglass, and the drums begin. The scene opens as the band in a “Caravan” start to enter through tents and into a Marketplace scene. The Captain and Dancers make their way into a colorful Marketplace with fruit carts and plenty of textiles to “Hindustan”. We then hit the “Streets of Cairo” and a basket full of Snakes slowly appear to “Arabesque”, they’re simply just “Cold Hearted”. The banjos take over and are featured in lavish Peacock suits to “Mr. Sandman”. The Magic Lamp quickly enters, a Genie rises and shows the Captain what “A Friend Like Me” is about. We slow the show down to “Lawrence of Arabia” as we approach a Grand Palace in the finale, “Prince Asti” and the band march in and end in a parade of Elephants.





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 and Linda Volgraf.
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 Brady, Roy Gibson, Suzanne Kelly, Veronica Pezzeca,
 Chris Salvatore, Michael Scarpata, and Diane Smith.

A very special thank you to John Wernega, Music
 Arranger, Marianne Martino-Giosa, Choreographer,
 Suzanne Kelly, Artist / Painter
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 Russ Fama, Costume Designer, and Jim Lasasso, Masks.

Theme Concept

Ferko takes you on a Journey thru Heaven, ARC ANGELS, Wind, Earth, Water, and Evil. Set, opens to the "Stair way to heaven" in the grips of clouds and sounds of Wind chimes bringing our show to a start. Earth Scene, opens and the Arc Angels of Heaven come into set and perform, Then opening up to let Pegasus fly thru the clouds to present our Captain and Dancers. The Garden of Eden scene a Good VS "Evil" scene with Accordions Snakes & Banjos Angelica Angels. Water scene, starts with a Tarp pulled over the band exposing a rainbow and a waterfall that explodes with all eyes on the Captain at the top of the mount. scene change to Sun Rays with a full band ensemble vocal. Finale, takes us to the golden gates of heaven that open to reveal the golden stair way which then opens into a flying dove.

Ferko's musical selections consist of "Angels from the realm of glory", "Day By Day", "In the garden", "Temptation", "Say a little prayer", "Panis angelicus", "All good gifts".

Captain John Evans - Costuming/ Character(s) - "Arc Angel Michael", who will draw your eyes to the different scenes. Captain's costume is of gold, silver and shades of blue with a crown, two different back pieces are used one is full extended wings trimmed with silver, while the second is smaller made of plumes with sun rays adorning both.

The Joseph A. Ferko String Band would like to congratulate one of our finest, Mr. Robert Traub on his induction, posthumously, into the Philadelphia Mimmers String Bands New Year Association - Old Timers Hall of Fame. Maestro Traub was our Music Director and Music Arranger for many years. His musical arrangements are still played and enjoyed by the band today.



Fralinger STRING BAND

Congratulations, DR. JACK MILLS, on your well-deserved induction into the String Band Hall of Fame! Your exceptional talent, dedication, and passion have left an indelible mark on the world of Mummery. Here's to a lifelong friend!



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BEYOND THE BAYOU

Captain: Brad Bowen



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 Presentation Director Emeritus - Mike Rayer
 Music Arranger - Chris Farr
 Costumer - J&R Costuming
 Artist - Russ Fama
 Choreographer - Dana Theil
 Masks - Jim LoSasso
 Make up - Kelly Lichorobiec

Theme Concept

Come celebrate Mardi Gras with Fralinger. But be warned - we're keeping the party in the backwoods bayou, far from the glitz and glamour of Bourbon Street. Here, Shadow Man calls the shots, and he's come a great distance to make sure you have an unforgettable experience. Travel on fan boats instead of floats. Dine on crawfish, let the cards decide fortune and fate. Just be careful walking through the marsh - if the fireflies don't git ya, the gators will. Please plan to stay late - you won't want to miss our grand parade when we crown the King of the Mardi Gras and send him off in style. Who will it be this year? Only Shadow Man knows. He might reveal a clue, but it'll cost ya. Que la fête commence! ("Let Joy Reign Supreme!")

Musical Repertoire:

Special blend of traditional New Orleans Second Line, Zydeco, Dixieland, with a dash of Calypso. Featured selections include "Iko Iko", "St. James Infirmary", "Jambalaya", "Little Liza Jane", "Friends On The Other Side" (from Disney's "The Princess And The Frog"), "Summertime", "Mardi Gras In New Orleans", and "When The Saints Go Marching In".

Captain:

Shadow Man returns from the unknown to lead the inhabitants of the bayou in a celebration for the ages. Tarot cards say as he desires, gators hunt on his command, he is in total control of his surroundings. A Southern Gentleman fallen from grace, sharp dressed with top hat and coat however not nearly as refined as he once was. He makes his way as a charlatan, preying on easy marks with games of chance, promises of fortune, and glimpses into the future. Friendly and flashy, he slithers from dark corners with a snake wrapped scepter as he makes deal after deal, until his luck runs out... again. He is the Shadow Man.

South Philadelphia String Band – 2024 First Prize

Captain
Denny Palandro, Sr.

Accordion
Steve Morrone
Matt Rawlik

Banjo
Mike DiFlorio, Sr.
Harry Dougherty
Ron Francesconi
Tom Healy

Tenor Saxophone
Jim Browne, III
Ed Daly
Shawn Decky
Bob Dougherty, Sr.
Mike Johnson, Jr.
Steve Krasowski
Chris McCrumb
Stive Mita
Eric Mizner, Sr.
Jay Nestor
Nathan Renson
Brian Schad
Ken Schwarz

Alto Saxophone
Ray Applegate
Dan Coccia
Jon Connolly
Al Deissroth
Robert Dougherty, Jr.
Jim Ferry
Dennis Iacono
Broc Johnson
Jack MacKenzie
Ryan McKelvey
Dan Mizner
Jim Moran
Mike Norton
Lou Palena
Steve Polumbo
Tom Rafter
John Simon
Anthony Tenuto
Fred Vicario

Baritone Saxophone
Wendell Coleman
Ed Fetscher
Bill Gibson
Joe Moran
Mike Paneghella

Bass Saxophone
Steve Miller
Andrew Graser
Joe Palena

Percussion
Joe Leone
Steve Carbone
Gary Stachowicz
Chuck Graser, Sr.
Ed Ambrosano
Frank Ambrosano

Dancer
Thomas D'Amore
Steve "Scuba" D'Emilio
Matt Gigliotti, Jr.
Steve McGinley
Joey Mizner
Aidan Moran
Nick Passio
Russ Wilson
Joe Yoa
James Cassidy

String Bass
Justin Graser
Ian Graham
Brian Ramey
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- The officers and members of the Greater Kensington String Band wish to thank our families, friends, and fans for their year-long support. Special thanks to the South Philadelphia and Uptown String Bands for their support of our 2024 show.

Theme Concept

Join our fearless leader Mayor MaxiMOOSE AdventureHORN and his crazy cast of Bears, Donkeys, Rabbits, and Beaver friends on an epic expedition that encompasses a variety of exciting experiences. This mismatched group of characters all dream of striking it rich as they embark on an adventure to find gold in the rugged frontier!

Mayor Max and his bear friends are coming around the magnificent mountain. As they navigate through the rugged tree-filled terrain, they stumble upon someone in a very compromising position!!!! The group then discovers a barn filled with hilarious but charming country donkeys. The donkeys bring a lively and playful energy to the show, adding a touch of humor and hootenanny. Together, the barn becomes a vibrant setting for joyous musical performances. Then, it's Time for the girls to show what they've got when they stumble upon the boot scootin' saloon rabbits. Continuing their quest for gold, they reach a picturesque river where they encounter their beaver buddies that are ready to bring down the forest. Known for their resourcefulness and aquatic abilities, the beavers guide them through the Red River's flowing currents. As their adventure comes to an end, they reach the peak of the mountain where MaxiMOOSE AdventureHORN and his BEARly rich friends stumble upon a hidden secret! To their astonishment, they discover gold nuggets rolling down the hillside. Overwhelmed with excitement, they celebrate their findings by putting on a grand finale that includes a captivating display of explosive discovery!



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Theme Concept

The Hegeman String Band takes you back into time to ancient Egypt where the sands whispered tales of forgotten glory. This is where Captain Cleopatra, the legendary queen herself, has returned from the depths of history with her army to awaken the secrets of the past.

Cleopatra breathes life into the ancient symbols as they appear off the walls and emerge into a dance with the spirits of ancestors. King Tut himself cannot resist and has to get in on the fun.

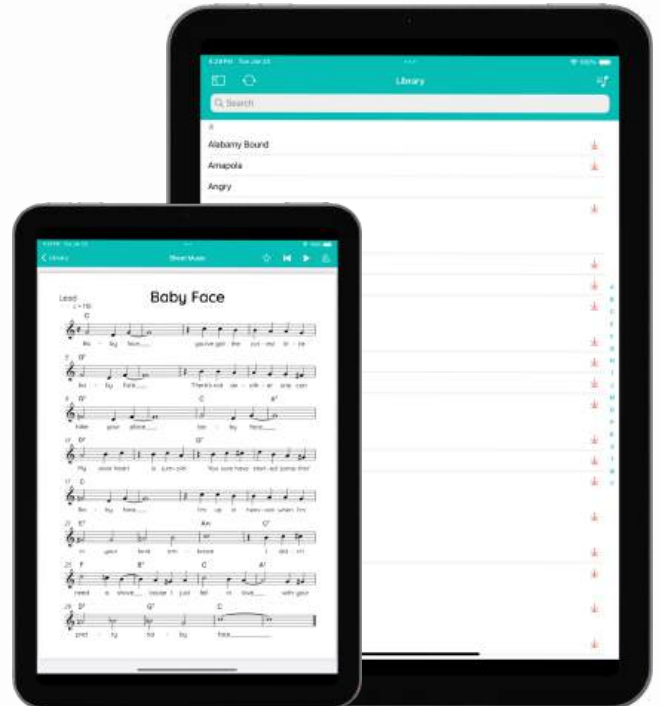
With a wave of her hand and her cape she brings forth all of the remaining hieroglyphics to a finale and an energetic celebration.



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Theme Concept

The pirates of Jersey are sailing toward treasure when their ship runs into trouble and sinks Under the Sea. They make their way through the Beautiful Briny Sea heading toward land, as luck would have it they found Plenty of Money on this island.





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Polish American String Band



WHAT HAPPENS IN THE MUSEUM,

Captain: Nick Magenta

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Music Arranger - Christopher D'Amore
Choreographer - Jaclyn Lieb
Costume/Set Design/Artist - Tim Magenta
Costumer - Regal Costumes

Theme Concept

Take a late-night visit to the museum and experience history like never before. It is after hours at the museum, and the exhibits have come to life! The security guard hears something unusual and discovers that the characters from the exhibits have broken free, causing chaos in the museum. Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders try to restore order, while behind the scenes, statues escape from their storage crates. You may want to take the elevator to quickly navigate your way through the museum, but beware of obstacles! Look out for the dinosaur exhibit, as Rexy is on the loose in search of her bone. As morning approaches, the characters retreat to their exhibits, ready for new visitors.





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Theme Concept

The Most Unusual Day is upon us! The great wizard Jimdolf the Grey appears atop the mountains, gazing down to the forest below. The Elf Warriors trumpet Robin Hood, gathering the woodland creatures. The Mushroom Men claim, We're Out of the Woods as the Orges burst forth making Gargamel shutter. The witches incant Hedwig's Theme as they dance Over the River and Through the Woods. This Waltz of the Flowers strums Oh What a Beautiful Morning. Florets perform a Garryowen Jig. The Gnomes call out Heigh-Ho and sing Four-Leaf Clover. The Dance of the Witches brings forth the Grimoire and Paint it Black Caldron summoning the evil Balrog. Orchestrating a Symphonic No. 25 battle, all creatures are ensnared in the Balrog's lasso. Breaking free, they wonder Could It be Magic? The triumphant return of our wizard as Jimdolf the White, emerging from the Hall of the Mountain King upon his dragon Smaug, confirms this forest is indeed "Enchanted!"



Quaker City
String Band



The Joseph A. Ferko String Band would like to congratulate

Mr. Robert Traub

our long time Music Director and Music Arranger

on his induction, posthumously, into the

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South Philadelphia String Band



CHRISTMAS BIZARRE

Captain: Denny Palandro, Sr.



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Theme Concept

In the heart of the North Pole, where magic and merriment meet, unfolds our "Christmas Bizarre." Our version of the Grinch, Captain Jingle Jangle with his Eccentric Elves bring playfully mean-spirited antics center-stage, and our cast of characters respond by turning mischief into entertainment. This wonderland of animated enchantment stirs up a bizarre twist to the traditional holiday with Christmas Balls breaking as they fall from our Trees and create a dazzling display. Reindeer appearing from the forest to prance and entertain. Gingerbread Men warmed and ready riding conveyor belts with their penchant for pranks. Colorful in style and spirit our Lighted Leg Lamps join our Snowmen to leave no doubt these are Happy Holidays. Riding high above an Around the World pop-up book we have the sights and sounds of destinations visited by Jingle Jangle. Christmas Bizarre approaches a festive feast finale. Jingle can't resist this magical time in the least. And he, himself, Jingle carves the roast beast.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the South Philadelphia String Band on our journey to winning the 2024 New Year's Day Parade. Your encouragement and enthusiasm have been invaluable, and we are incredibly grateful for your steadfast support.

Thank you to the most incredible marshal crew in the parade! Without you it does not happen!

The South Philadelphia String Band would like to congratulate Harry Dougherty and Paul Rucci on their induction into the South Philadelphia String Band Hall of Fame.

To our cherished families and friends, your unwavering support fills our hearts with gratitude and love. Your encouragement and belief in us mean the world, and we are endlessly thankful for each of you.



1ST PRIZE CAPTAIN

The Uptown String Band extends its congratulations to Kade Radcliffe for his exceptional dedication and victorious captain performance.



SINFULLY SWEET TWISTED TREATS

Captain: Kade Radcliffe



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 Set Designer - David Rigler
 Prop Artist - John McGarvey

The Officers and Members of the
 Uptown String Band
 would like to congratulate
 Kade Radcliffe
 for winning 1st Prize Captain
 in his first year.

Theme Concept

The long-abandoned candy store opens, revealing eccentric confectioner Melton Harsey pouring toxic ingredients into his mixing vats. Spilling mixers unleash twisted treats like Lolli Poppy and Larry Licorice, far from the usual delights like Sunshine, Lollipops, & Rainbows. Mr. Harsey admires his peculiar creations, insisting that It Must Be Seen To Be Believed, products of his Pure Imagination. With loyal helper Dottie Paper, they shape these confections, adding more than just a Spoonful of Sugar. On this Most Unusual Day, Harsey and his workers toss secret ingredients into the mix, going from pour to press while thinking Ain't She Sweet, admiring mischievous Peter Rottentails.

The bunnies playfully hop in front of Mel T. Chocolate's, their tattered wrappers barely holding together. With the help of an Oompa Loompa, Candy Man Melton turns this cocoa craze into a grand Easter Parade. As the chocolate hardens and sets like a Toot Toot Tootsie, Harsey packages up his Peter Rottentails and their delectable defections. Under Melton's guidance, Dottie Paper pulls taffy from the factory walls, transforming it into candy for the gumball machine. However, with each crank, Harsey's impatience grows as the broken machine fails to dispense. Taking matters into his own hands, he smashes it open with a hammer allowing his workers to chase After the Ball, eager to capture the coveted gumballs.

Melton returns to his control panel for one final creation. However, this Candy Man breaks everything he makes, causing horror and trepidation. In order to halt the overheating factory, he presses the emergency cool down button. Amidst the frosty aftermath, Cherry Entop struts in her sundae best, persuading Melton to embrace the sour and give up on being good. Emerging from the depths of the factory, burnt by the excessive heat, rises Harsey's most sinister sweet in the form of Mr. Puff Man. Harsey celebrates with all of his Favorite Things rejoicing in all of his candied chaos.



**THE OFFICERS & MEMBERS OF THE
DUFFY STRING BAND WOULD LIKE
TO CONGRATULATE OUR CAPTAIN
JAKE KUDRICK ON HIS 5TH PRIZE
PERFORMANCE! JOB WELL DONE!**



POLYNESIAN PARADISE



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Steven Bujnowski

Theme Concept

Woodland is proud to take you to the exciting and beautiful Polynesian Islands, welcomed by King Kamehameha as he arrives first on his boat. The islands come to life with vibrant colors and reveals of the band of Island Warriors clad in pink and blue! The colorful island vibes continue with the introduction of traditional tikis and our tiki warriors clad in red and black! Heavy drums and percussion fill the street along with songs from the movie Lilo and Stitch (He Mele No Lilo) and others such as the Pagan Love Song and Song of the Islands. Next comes the Hawaiian Island Postcard to reveal the eccentric and beautiful hula girl dancers playing banjos! Things become more relaxed as the band performs a moving piece from the movie Moana, before the tempo picks back up for Temptation and a Haka Dance. Keep an eye out for the erupting volcano and Lava Monster! The finale is a giant celebration with driving music and percussion filled with King Kamehameha riding in on his giant sea turtle! We hope you enjoyed the show!

Founded in 1926 in Southwest Philadelphia on Woodland Avenue, 2024 marks the 98th anniversary of the Woodland String Band. Woodland holds the second longest consecutive marching streak in the String Band Division and is the first member owned and operated String Band. The band is led by their exciting and energetic fifth year Captain, George Balzer IV. This year, we say congratulations and thank you to our Hall of Fame Inductees: long time members Brian Maher and Ken Piduch. We unfortunately lost one of our own towards the end of 2023. One of nicest men in the hobby, String Band Association Hall of Fame Member, Alex DePutron. It was our honor to march this year in celebration of Alex's life and dedication to the Woodland String Band.

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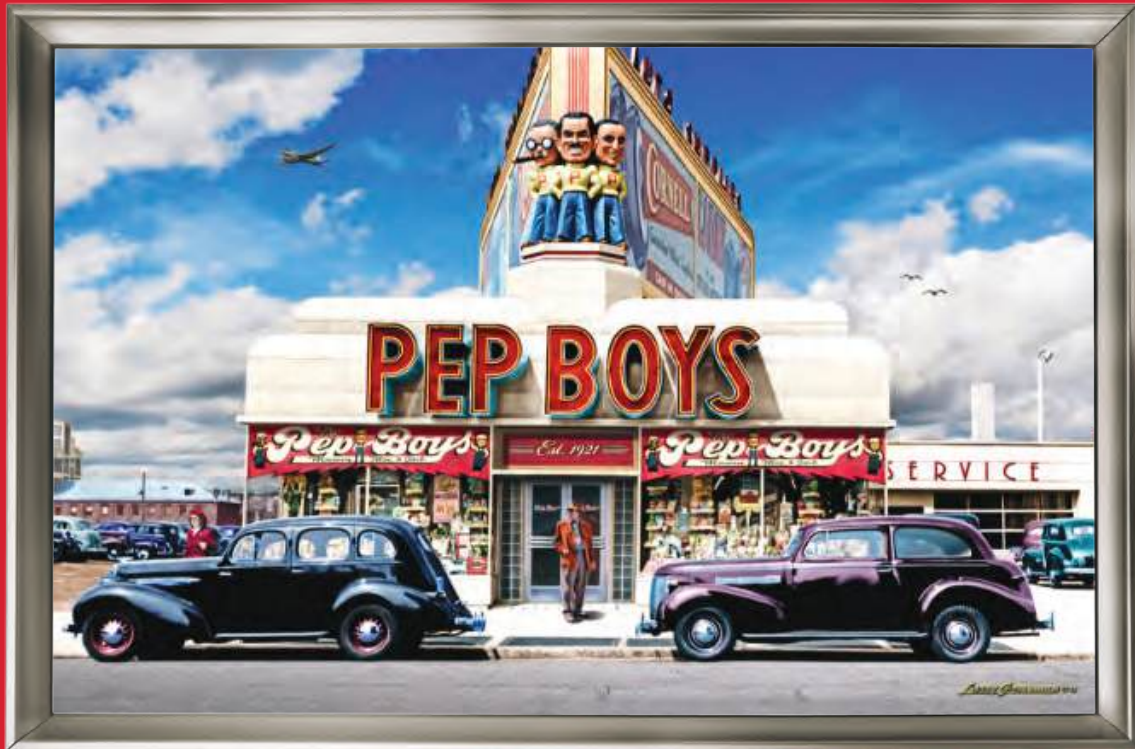
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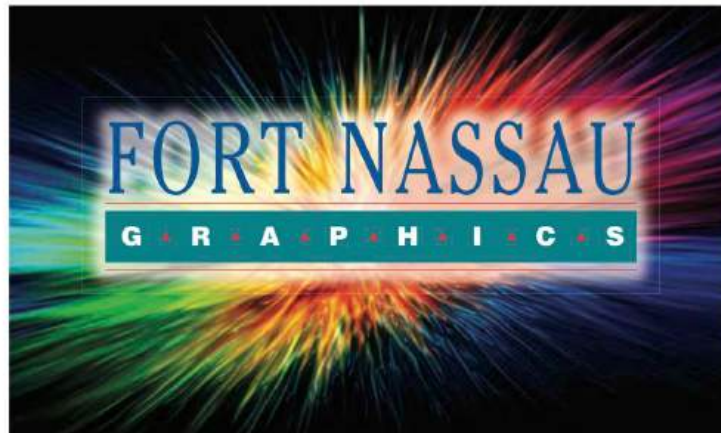
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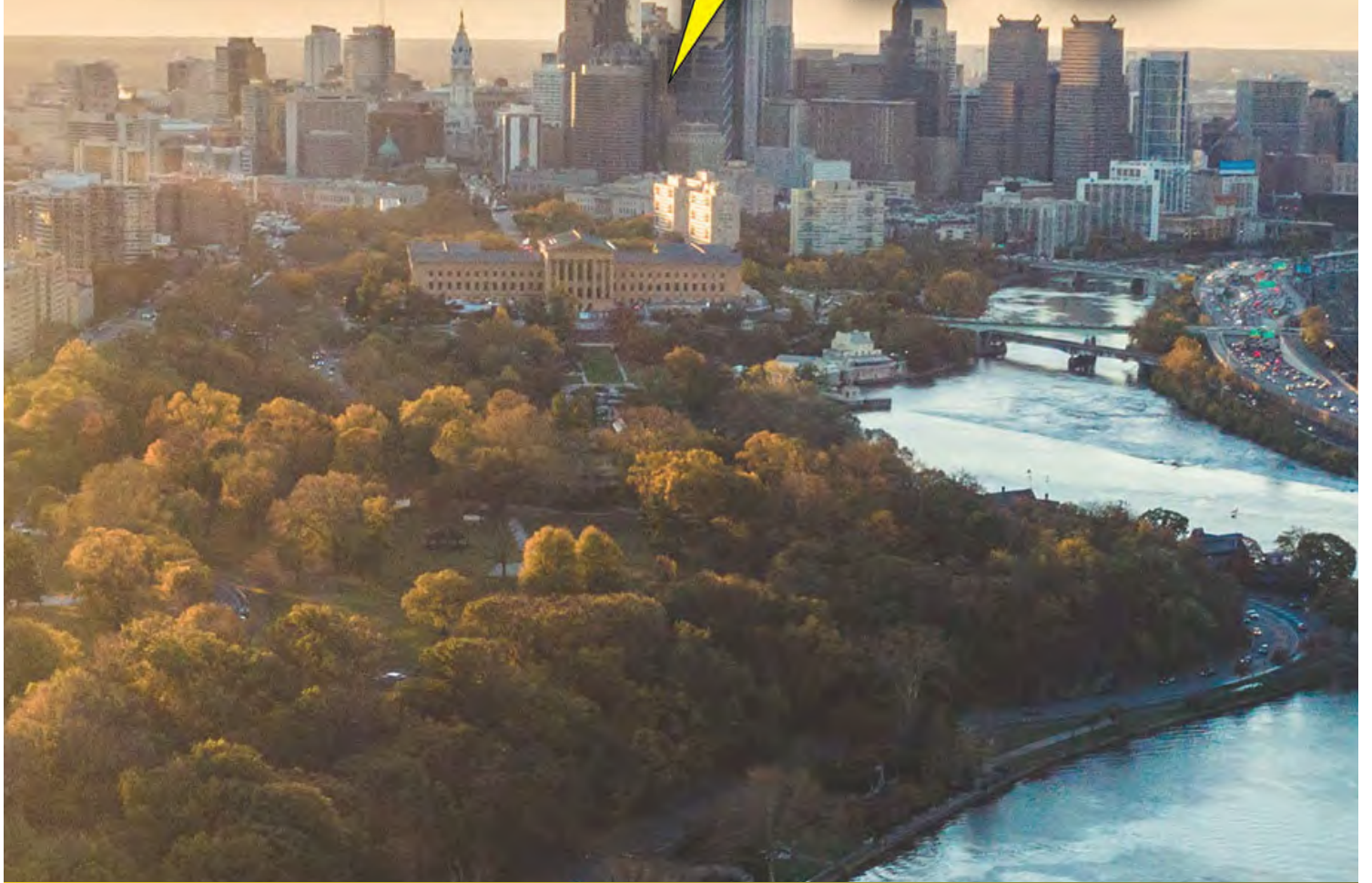


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