



GRAMERCY BRASS ORCHESTRA™  
OF NEW YORK

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Welcome to our Late Spring / Early Summer Newsletter!

We have much to share with you and look forward to seeing you at some of our upcoming events.

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**2022 Marks the 40th Anniversary of  
Gramercy Brass Orchestra of NY (GBO)!**



First arriving on the scene in 1982, Gramercy Brass Orchestra of NY (GBO) has made a 40 year contribution to the world of music and the brass band culture in the US.

To celebrate this Anniversary, GBO will be having a *40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert for NYC* on **Monday, September 12 at 6pm.**

**SAVE THIS DATE** as you will certainly want to be present for this celebratory concert and the VIP reception which will follow at the National Arts Club (NAC). The VIP reception will be our way of acknowledging all our sponsors who will make our *40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert for NYC* possible.

We begin by thanking Amazon for signing on to be a Principal Sponsor of this event and the NAC for hosting the reception. We would love to count you as one of our sponsors and be able to greet you at the private VIP Sponsor Reception. To learn more about how to take advantage of the

remaining sponsorship opportunities, please contact [jlambert@gramercybrass.org](mailto:jlambert@gramercybrass.org) .

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### **SPRING BRASS BAND JAM 2022**

The first ever Gramercy Brass Band Camp recruitment event, noted as the Spring Brass Band Jam, was held on Friday, April 22nd, at the South Presbyterian Church in Bergenfield, NJ.

Approximately 50 brass band friends, colleagues, band directors and GBBC alumni, gathered together for a fun afternoon of reading music for brass band, followed by a delightful time of great food and conversation. The event was co-hosted by Brian Timmons, Bergenfield District Music Supervisor, and Rev. Osy Nüesch, pastor of the South Presbyterian Church in Bergenfield.

Conductors for the “Jam” were; **Brian Timmons** (principal guest conductor), **Dr. Tom McCauley** - Director of University Bands at the John J. Cali School of Music at Montclair State University - and host of GBBC at MSU, **Max Morden** - principal cornet of Gramercy Brass Orchestra, and **John Henry Lambert** - Founder and Music Director of Gramercy Brass Orchestra.

This event was made additionally exciting as it was attended by members of Gramercy Brass Orchestra, **Princeton Brass Band**, **Imperial Brass** and others. A special feature of the day was the presence of cornetist **Richard Hillson**, principal chair of the **Triangle Brass Band** all the way from North Carolina. Richard performed the beautiful cornet solo, “Share My Yoke,” a song by Joy Webb arranged for brass band by Ivor Bosanko. Richard and many others in attendance were heading to the North American Brass Band Championships held in Huntsville, Alabama taking place the following weekend.

With the success of the Spring Brass Band Jam, we look forward to planning similar events in the future.

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### **Gramercy Brass Band Camp Registration is OPEN!**

GBBC is the official summer music institute of the award winning Gramercy Brass Orchestra of NY, held at the John J. Cali School of Music at Montclair State University.

This summer marks the 18th season of GBBC.

### **The dates for the Camp are July 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>**

The registration form is OPEN and accessible on our website/  
[www.gramercybrass.org](http://www.gramercybrass.org).

To register, just go to the website, click on the *Gramercy Brass Band Camp* tab, and the page with information and registration form will be there for you to complete and submit.

### **Who should attend GBBC?**

Young brass or percussion players who want to spend a week instructed by principal members of Gramercy Brass Orchestra of NY.

Depending on enrollment, we plan to offer ensembles on two levels:

- “Junior” Brass Band - Students with limited experience / Elementary through MS
- “Senior” Brass Band - Advancing intermediate level / MS through HS

College Interns are Welcome - we always enjoy having college students intern with us during the week to assist in all aspects of the programming.

### **Gramercy Brass Band Camp culminates in a *FESTIVAL WEEKEND!***

This is an opportunity for well advanced students, adults, music instructors, and GBBC Alumni to stretch and really be challenged with demanding repertoire for brass band.

The schedule is as follows –

**Saturday** (July 30) starting at 10:00 am - enjoy rehearsal sessions, clinics, and friendships!

**Sunday** (July 31) warm up session, photos, and an afternoon performance featuring all brass bands from the GBBC week!

To register for the Festival Weekend, go to [www.gramercybrass.org](http://www.gramercybrass.org) and click on the Gramercy Brass Band Camp tab. This will bring you to the description page and registration form.

***NEW FOR GBBC 2022! – with advanced registration OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS ARE AVAILABLE!***

For questions about accommodations, program, schedules, or any other details, please reach us at [GBBC@gramercybrass.org](mailto:GBBC@gramercybrass.org)  
Come spend a week with Gramercy Brass Orchestra at MSU!!



## Gramercy Brass Band Camp - Spotlight

GBBC is a fascinating “group effort” along with being an amazing week of joyous brass band music for “kids of all ages!”

In this edition of our newsletter, we would like to bring two individuals into the spotlight:

Danielle Padron, right, is a veteran GBBC intern, originally from Montclair State University. Danielle has grown with our organization in many ways. Recently, she has taken on the staff position responsibility of Operations Manager for GBBC. Danielle keeps us focused during our GBBC week at MSU, as well as heading up our GBBC registration and documentation of data resulting from GBBC online registrations.

Melissa Kay, left, joined the GBBC team as a music education student attending Caldwell University. Melissa has been active from “soup

to nuts” at GBBC, but has excelled as our chief Music Librarian. Over the years, Melissa has overseen thousands and perhaps millions of sheets of music for our students and faculty members. Her “over the top” contribution, however, comes when parts need to be transposed for instruments in differing keys and clefs. GBBC offers a nod of deep gratitude to Melissa for her tireless dedication to preparing the music on our stands.

*Thanks Danielle and Melissa!!!  
GBBC is very lucky and grateful to have you!!*

## Spring Break Arts Camp



A satellite program of Gramercy Brass Orchestra is continuing to develop in the thriving Jersey Shore Borough of Freehold, NJ with the establishment of the **Community Arts Center of Freehold (CACF)**. While Covid has greatly slowed the pace of operations, performances and music education programs are going forward for this wonderful and diverse community.

Recently, an arts program for area young people was offered. This “*SPRING BREAK ARTS CAMP*” was attended by 20 local Freehold young people from kindergarten through 8th grade.

During a week when schools were closed, our Spring Break Arts Camp provided a safe and productive alternative to fill out their week in a meaningful way. We were very pleased to have with us three amazing instructors:

Toni Field - Visual Arts, Rachel Kutner - Movement and Dance, and Karen Lee Schwartz - Music - Drumming, Singing, Keyboard and Guitar. We were honored to have our Community Arts Center partner, and Executive Director of the Freehold Area Open Door Food Pantry, Geralyn Fraggetta-Drury with us as our Operations Director, who was ably assisted by Wynter Horrigan and Geeta Torno.



GBO is truly grateful for the collaboration with the Freehold Area Open Door Food Pantry



who presented CACF with a financial contribution to help jumpstart the programming Post-Covid. Many of the young people attending the programs come through Open Door. We thank Geralyn Fraggetta-Drury, Executive Director of the Freehold Area Open Door Food Pantry.

The Community Arts Center of Freehold is also a member of the Freehold Borough Arts Council. We thank FBAC President Jeff Friedman and all the arts council members for their support!

Further details about an immersive Summer Program in August will be forthcoming.

## **CALENDAR**

Mon., July 25 - 31, 2022

Gramercy Brass Band Camp / Youth and Adult Summer Brass Festival

John. J. Cali School of Music at Montclair State University

Montclair, NJ

<https://gramercybrass.org/gramercy-brass-band-camp>

Sun., July 31, 2022 / 4pm

Brass Spectacular - Finale Concert!

Gramercy Brass Band Camp and Brass Festival

Montclair State University

For information - email: [info@gramercybrass.org](mailto:info@gramercybrass.org)

Sat., August 6, 2022 / 8pm

Shandee Music Festival / Sunset Concert Series

Livingston Manor NY

For Ticket Information: <https://shandeelee.org>

August 15 -19

CACF Summer Program

Monday, September 12 at 6pm

*40th Anniversary Concert for NYC*

Free Public Concert for all. Principal Sponsor

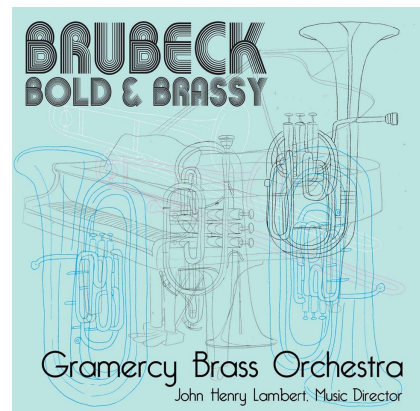
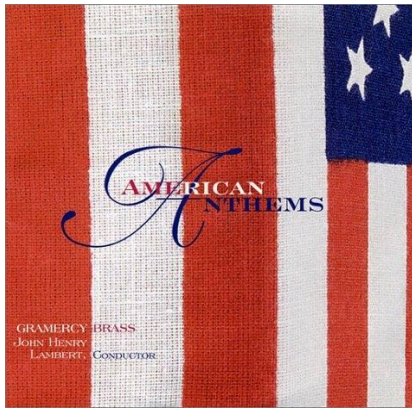


Check with us at [info@gramercybrass.org](mailto:info@gramercybrass.org) for updated information.

Saturday, September 17 at 8pm

Lansdale Community Concert Series  
Lansdale, PA  
For tickets and information: <https://www.lansdalecc.org>

GBO has three commercially released recordings, *AMERICAN ANTHEMS*, *CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE*, and *BRUBECK: BOLD & BRASSY!*



A fourth recording, *A GRAMERCY BRASS CHRISTMAS*, will be released later in 2022 in celebration of our 40th Anniversary!



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## WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1982, Gramercy Brass of NY, Inc. is a Non-Profit organization dedicated to providing world class concerts and music performance opportunities by musicians drawn from the community of leading professional brass and percussion instrumentalists in the NY/NJ area.

## OUR MISSION

Gramercy Brass of NY, Inc. promotes the joy of music through unparalleled music performances and outstanding programs in music education.

As a non profit organization, we depend on our friends, donors, sponsors, volunteers, and the best musicians around, all joining together in support of the many programs offered by Gramercy Brass of NY, Inc. in the communities we serve.

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