



GRAMERCY BRASS ORCHESTRA™
OF NEW YORK

Thank you for being a friend of Gramercy Brass Orchestra! We have had a busy summer which gives us much to share with you in this Fall Newsletter. We have much to celebrate and much to look forward to - read on...

Our 40th Anniversary!
**Gramercy Brass Orchestra of NY began in 1982,
making 2022 the 40th Anniversary of GBO.**



On September 12, 2022 GBO celebrated its 40 years in fine style bringing its Gramercy Park roots and community together with a free concert for NYC. Hundreds of fans, friends and neighbors gathered on Irving Place alongside Gramercy Park for a performance showcasing the very best of GBO.

Our 40th Anniversary public celebration was emceed by vocalist and voice-over artist, **Mike Schuil**, with guest performances by the legendary NYC Trumpet Soloist -**Wayne DuMaine** performing the Trumpet Concerto by Harry James, and Broadway Leading Man - **Matthew Hydzik** who treated the audience to selections from West Side Story, as well as several popular and blues tunes, additionally showing off his chops on the harmonica.

The concert also featured GBO soloist members, **Rob Fournier** on euphonium playing “You Raise Me Up” (from the Josh Groban library) and **Mike Fahie** performing his special rendition of Arthur Prior’s astonishing “Blue Bells of Scotland.”

The performance garnered two standing ovations from our very gracious audience.

A reception followed for sponsors and donors at **The National Arts Club**, a Gramercy neighbor and leading force in the arts in NYC.

It was an honor to have **NY1 Morning News Anchor, Pat Kiernan**, as host for the reception in the newly upgraded gallery of The National Arts Club. Mr. Kiernan very kindly offered a special opening segment about Gramercy Brass Orchestra’s 40th Anniversary celebration, on the following morning’s NY1 news show.

Gramercy Brass Orchestra’s 40th Anniversary Celebration for NYC is an event we will long remember, and we express our deepest gratitude to the many individuals, friends and volunteers who helped make this a very special and important day marking the Anniversary of GBO.

We are thankful for the generosity of our friends at **AMAZON**, our major concert sponsors, for supporting this incredible opportunity to celebrate this milestone. Additional financial support was provided by **Thrivent Financial**, along with many “Friends of Gramercy Brass Orchestra!”

NYC Council Member, **Carlina Rivera**, also joined our team without hesitation. At the very top of the performance she welcomed the huge gathering and presented Gramercy Brass Orchestra with an official Proclamation from the City Council of New York in recognition of GBO’s 40th Anniversary! What a thrilling moment for every member of GBO!!

We are very pleased that Manhattan Borough President, **Mark Levine**, was with us. Mr. Levine offered high praise to GBO in a wonderful letter included in our 40th Anniversary Journal.

Here is a link to highlights from our September 12th - 40th Anniversary Concert for NYC.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HOKWC7tXvrE>



August Theater 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)**.

A Theater Arts Camp week was presented by the CACF, August 15 through 19.

Students attending were mainly registered through our Open Door Food Pantry Partner, via their contacts with many young people within the Freehold Borough community. (Thanks to GERALYN FRAGGETTA-DRURY, Executive Director of the Freehold Open Door Food Pantry).



We organized daily instruction with the guidance of our Guest Theater Teaching Artist, Tieisha Thomas, joining us from NYC for the week. Ms. Thomas instantly identified various skill levels and paired students in meaningful artistic groups.



By the end of the week, students were versed in Ms. Thomas's methods of mind and body readiness and focused on the tasks at hand. On the final day performance, our students presented solo and ensemble monologues; the students created some during the week and



some taken from plays and readings suggested by Ms. Thomas. For some of our students, these were genuinely enlightening and motivational experiences.



In addition to theater training, we were joined by Freehold artist and art instructor Toni Field, who helped students create visual artwork in association with their theatrical presentations. Rachel Kutner joined us again with instruction in movement and dance concepts, all designed to work in tandem with our week-long theatrical theme.

We also want to thank our exceptional volunteer, Geeta Torno, who was with us for the week, helping with many aspects of operations and organization!!

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 more programming will be forthcoming.

Fanfare Trumpets of Gramercy Brass Orchestra

On May 19th, the Fanfare Trumpets of Gramercy Brass orchestra made an appearance at Met Life Stadium in the Meadowlands for the 2022 Montclair State University Commencement Exercises. In attendance were approximately 5,000 graduates and an estimated 20,000 invited guests. Below is a photo of three GBO Fanfare Trumpets during the sound Check - Max Morden, Sean Hack and John Lambert.

For the 13th consecutive year, the Fanfare Trumpets of Gramercy Brass Orchestra participated in the ANA Educational Foundation Honors Night Dinner, at the Pierre Hotel in NYC. This event, held on October 3rd, raised over one million dollars for student scholarships developing careers in the advertising industry. It has been said that the Fanfare Trumpets of Gramercy Brass Orchestra are a “built in part of these annual festivities.”

The guest emcee for this year’s ANA Educational Foundation Dinner was ESPN’s celebrity host, Elle Duncan, pictured below.

The GBO Trumpets have fanfared for Barbara Walters, Tom Brokaw, Chuck Scarborough, Michael Riedel, Katie Couric, Andie MacDowell, Mary Alice Williams, Smokey the Bear, The Bud Light Knight, and yes, Ronald McDonald at the Plaza Hotel for the Ronald McDonald House.



Gramercy Brass Orchestra 2022 Summer Season Tour

Gramercy Brass Orchestra of NY took its "show on the road" performing to full houses of the season opening concerts of two well established subscription concert series:

Shandalee Music Festival Sunset Concert Series / Saturday, August 6, 2022
The show was also broadcast on WJFF 90.5 FM - Radio Catskills.

Landsdale PA Community Concert Series / Saturday, September 17, 2022
Gramercy Brass Orchestra was also joined by Broadway Leading Man,



Congratulations to Andrew!

Gramercy Brass Orchestra member, Andrew Kosinski, has been awarded a position on the Composition/Arranging Staff of the US Army Band in Washington, DC (Pershing's Own.) We wish Andrew well in this new adventure (and hope he will send GBO some good new arrangements!!)

Matthew Hydzik, fronting GBO with music from West Side Story and other American classics.

Another highlight of the evening was an appearance by Derek Smith, guest conducting Gramercy Brass Orchestra in a beautiful arrangement of Shenandoah. Maestro Smith, now 95, was the Music Director of the NY Staff Band of the Salvation Army, and previously the band's legendary cornet soloist.

Double standing ovations at the conclusion of each of these performances provides a glimpse of the excitement generated on stage by Gramercy Brass Orchestra of NY.



Restored Monuments for Ocean Grove NJ

Members of Gramercy Brass Orchestra were invited to perform for the rededication of the restored WWI and WWII Monuments that line the entrance of historic Ocean Grove, NJ.

In a heart warming ceremony that was attended by more than 100 community members, veteran organizations and Neptune Township officials, four members of GBO provided patriotic music, appropriate for this special occasion. The event was organized by friend of GBO, Eric Houghtaling, former NJ State Assemblyman. Prior to the National Anthem being played, two WWII veterans both well in their 90s, raised the American Flag into place for the ceremony. The event concluded with our GBO quartet leading Irving Berlin's - God Bless America.



Pictured are John Lambert, Derek Smith, Susan Smith-Noseworthy and Max Morden



GBO at the Shandeelee Music Festival

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Giving Tuesday
Nov. 29, 2022

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Giving Tuesday 2022

A Matching Grant Challenge by THRIVENT FINANCIAL

Giving Tuesday is an opportunity to make our community stronger one act of giving at a time. We are happy to announce that Thrivent Financial has chosen Gramercy Brass Orchestra as a charitable partner for this year's Giving Tuesday initiative!

There are three great ways to support GBO and add strength to your gift through the Thrivent Matching Grant Challenge!

1. Donate

Visit our organization's Giving Tuesday donation page <https://bit.ly/GramercyDonate> on **Tuesday, November 29**, and make a special contribution to support our mission. Thrivent will amplify your impact by matching \$1 for every \$2 raised.* Plus, all online processing fees will be covered by Thrivent, meaning 100% of your gift will go right to GBO!

2. Celebrate

Share photos, messages of gratitude, and inspiration from your encounters with the GBO, GBBC or CACF on our donation page <https://bit.ly/GramercyDonate>. For each photo or message posted on this page between **November 22 and November 29**, Thrivent will donate an additional \$1 up to \$500 for our organization!

3. Participate

If you are in the New York area, join us at Holy Trinity Church, 3 West 65th Street on **November 15th at 7:30 PM** for a Kick off the Holidays concert with Gramercy Brass Quintet and Friends. A reception will follow.

To attend: Register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gramercy-brass-holiday-concert-hosted-by-thrivent-tickets-443271566187>

And as a bonus, Thrivent will donate \$2 for every event registrant, up to \$500 for GBO.

Mark your Calendars and make a plan to support GBO!

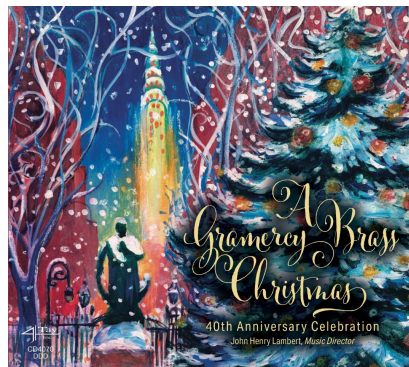
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*Donations made online to featured organizations through Thrivent's giving platform and at in-person events on Giving Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022, will be matched \$1 for every \$2 donated up to \$20,000 per Thrivent Member Network. Thrivent, in partnership with Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing®, offers you the opportunity to make online personal donations to the organizations you care about.

To see the concert via a virtual link on Giving Tuesday - Tuesday November 29 - scan the QR



~ANNOUNCING~
Gramercy Brass Orchestra's
40th Anniversary Commemorative Recording
A GRAMERCY BRASS CHRISTMAS!



Our 2nd album celebrating the joyous Christmas Season, *A GRAMERCY BRASS CHRISTMAS* is in CD format and surely a fantastic stocking stuffer for the music lovers in your life.

Our new recording can be sent to you via regular mail by contacting us at info@gramercybrass.org. \$20 will cover the total cost, including shipping and handling. Proceeds from every purchase of our recording will help support our 2023 Gramercy Brass Band Camp Scholarship Fund.

Purchase is required prior to shipping by visiting our PayPal DONATION button on our website - www.gramercybrass.org. Scroll to the bottom of the opening page for the donation button. Please notify us via email of your PayPal purchase and we will send you this exciting new recording of GBO!

You can also download *A GRAMERCY BRASS CHRISTMAS* via your favorite online music outlet, such as Amazon, iTunes, Spotify and others.

CALENDAR

Check with us at info@gramercybrass.org for updated information.

Gramercy Brass Quintet - Kickoff the Holidays Concert

Register here to attend: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gramericy-brass-holiday-concert-hosted-by-thrivent-tickets-443271566187>

Holy Trinity Church
3 West 65th Street New York NY

**Gramericy Brass Quintet with Organ, Choir and Percussion
with Preston Dibble, Music Director**

Friday December 9 at 7:30 PM
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
381 Grand Street Paterson NJ 07505

**Gramericy Brass Quartet, Choir, Percussion and Thomas Mustachio at
the organ.**

"Welcome Christmas"

Sunday, December 11 at 3pm.
Glen Ridge Congregational Church
195 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge NJ 07028

For website Information:

<https://www.glenridgecong.org/music/upcoming-music-events>

**Gramericy Brass Quintet with Organ, Choir and Percussion
With Preston Dibble, Music Director**

Sunday December 18 at 4:00 PM
Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church
217 Prospect Street South Orange NJ 07079

Gramericy Brass Quintet with Organ, Choir and Percussion

Christmas Eve, Saturday December 24 - 9:30 PM Carols 10:00 PM Christmas Eve
Mass

Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church
217 Prospect Street South Orange NJ 07079

Christmas Caroling at the Cottage Bar in Teaneck, NJ - IS BACK!!

Tuesday, Dec 20 @ 5pm

Join us for pure fun and to help raise funds for Gramericy Brass Band Camp Student
Scholarships. The Cottage Bar and Grill - 178 Cedar Lane, Teaneck, NJ 07666

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Founded in 1982, Gramericy 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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