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# The 2025 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
2025	South Philadelphia	Quaker City (Tied for First)	Fralinger	Uptown	Avalon



# 2025 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 Tied	South Philadelphia	Castlevania
1st Tied	Quaker City	Live At The Banana Cabana!
3rd	Fralinger	Junkyard Jam
4th	Uptown	Boardwalk Fantasea
5th	Avalon	Diggin Deep
6th	Polish American	Hoedown in Whoot'n Holler
7th	Woodland	Heavenly Harmonies
8th	Aqua	Spark Of Invention
9th	Ferko	Tails Of the Wild Frontier
10th	Greater Kensington	Sky High
11th	Hegemen	In Our Wicked Era
12th	Jersey	The Spy Who Mummed Me
13th	Duffy	Masquerade Noctem
14th	Durning	Wild Time in Rio

## 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](http://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 our 124-year-old tradition.

2024 unfolded an extraordinary chapter illuminating the course we are currently setting. The String Band Division received a prestigious invitation to represent all Mimmers in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Showcasing our unique talents and tradition on the grandest stage of them all, WrestleMania 40, set in none other than our beloved city of Philadelphia. Making headlines by being named ESPN'S #1 WrestleMania entrance and being seen by 1.3 billion people around the world.

Then on a beautiful sunny day in August, we had the honor of participating in the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs' Salute to Philadelphia Day. The team graciously adopted the title "Lehigh Valley Mimmers" in our tribute, proudly featuring our Mummer name on their official minor league baseball attire. It was a momentous day as all five presidents graced the field to partake in the ceremonial first pitch.

Finally, the Mimmers Parade showcased the restoration of our political credibility on New Year's Day 2025. Our esteemed Madame Mayor, Cherelle Parker, led off the string band division, joined our commentary team, and addressed Mimmers fans watching at home, proclaiming, "The Mimmers represent the best of what Philadelphia has to offer." We express our sincere gratitude and eagerly anticipate our ongoing collaboration to elevate our parade to its highest potential.

I extend my sincere congratulations to the esteemed South Philadelphia String Band for achieving the remarkable feat of securing consecutive Championships. Likewise, my heartfelt commendations go out to the Quaker City String Band for their well-deserved victory. It is with great admiration that I acknowledge and celebrate the exceptional achievements of both renowned organizations in this extraordinary moment. My sincerest congratulations go out to Captain Denny Palandro with his first prize portrayal of Count Dracula.

In 2025, the string band division reached new heights of creativity and grandeur. Your consistent growth and outstanding accomplished performances have earned worldwide praise and admiration.

Congratulations to the exceptional individuals who have been inducted into the Hall of Fame for the class of 2024! Your unwavering dedication and passion for the String Band association truly shine through. This prestigious honor is a testament to your hard work and commitment.

We are on the brink of two significant milestones in the upcoming year. Our grand Parade will kick off the celebration of our nation's 250th Anniversary while also marking our historic 125th year in existence. These pivotal events hold the potential to open new doors for enhancing our public perception, credibility, and financial standing. I am confident that we will seize these prospects and illuminate the essence of our Tradition on the global stage. I am optimistic!

"Optimism is a strategy for making a superior future. Because unless you believe that the future can be superior, you are unlikely to step up and take responsibility for making it come to fruition."

I urge everyone reading this to rise, shoulder the responsibility, and actively engage in safeguarding the next 125 years!

# 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 BRUECKES		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	2025	JAMES BROWNE III
	BOB SHANNON, JR.				MICHAEL (CRASH) RIDDLE
					LOUIS SPEZIALE

## “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 MORRISSEY
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		



# 2025 Hall of Fame Inductee

## James Browne III



### **Jim Browne, III: A Legacy of Excellence in the South Philadelphia String Band**

James Browne, III, has long been an integral part of the South Philadelphia String Band (S.P.S.B.) and the Mummers Parade, with a dedication that exemplifies the spirit of the string band division. Since childhood, Jim has immersed himself in the Mummers tradition, with his father, Jim Browne, Jr. – a Hall of Fame member who instilled in him the values of leadership, teamwork, and dedication. Jim’s journey began when he was just a young boy, watching, listening, and learning from the enthusiastic members of the S.P.S.B. As he grew up, he embraced the role of a mummer, taking his first suit with the band in 1995 and becoming a driving force behind its success.

Throughout the years, Jim has had leadership opportunities within the organization having served as a member of the board of governors, theme committee chair, musical director, and drill director, where his leadership has helped the band flourish. Under his guidance, S.P.S.B. has secured a remarkable place among the top bands in music effect, performance, and general effect for ten consecutive years. His innovative productions have led the band to score over ninety-five points in nine straight parades—an unprecedented achievement in String Band history. Jim’s passion and expertise were instrumental in earning first-place victories six of the last nine parades, and during that span winning Back-to-Back twice. Most recently in 2024 and 2025, thus setting a new standard for excellence in the parade.

Jim’s commitment to the S.P.S.B. extends beyond competition; his devotion to supporting fellow members and the broader Mummers community through collaboration and mentorship. He has actively served on the Judges and Parade Committees, helping to shape the future of the parade, and contributing to the continued growth and strength of the string band division. His willingness to mentor others exemplifies his dedication. Jim has willingly shared his knowledge on show design, props, performance, and music, demonstrating his commitment to the success of others in the Mummers tradition.

In addition to his responsibilities within the band, Jim skillfully balances his personal life as a devoted father. His ability to juggle the demands of leadership and family life speaks to his strong character and dedication. He has shown that being an engaged dad and a committed leader in the string band division can coexist successfully.

Jim’s journey has not been without challenges. In 2019, after S.P.S.B. faced an unimaginable tragedy, he emerged as a steady and compassionate leader, guiding the band through the challenging times that followed. His steadfast support helped keep the band focused and united, leading to another first prize in the 2020 parade. Even when faced with the uncertainties brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, Jimmer maintained his focus on keeping members engaged and prepared to return stronger than ever. That helped to achieve a Back-to-Back victory in 2022 upon the return to parading after the prior year cancellation.

From his beginnings as a young mummer to his rise as a respected leader, Jim Browne embodies the essence of dedication to String Band excellence. His contributions to S.P.S.B. and the broader Mummer’s community are clear.

With immense pride the South Philadelphia String Band Family congratulates Jim on his well-deserved and well-earned induction to the String Band Association Hall of Fame!

# 2025 Hall of Fame Inductee



## Michael (Crash) Riddle



Michael "Crash" Riddle joined the Aqua String Band in September of 1997, just months before his first New Year's Day parade in January of 1998. Joining as a percussionist having played the quads for the Archbishop Ryan Marching Raiders in high school, he was handed a pair of crash cymbals to play-along with. Having only seen the mummers on TV to this point, he earned his nickname "Crash" by enthusiastically punctuating the roll off with several loud slams of the aforementioned cymbals.

To some, this is a small funny story about a simple misunderstanding. To me, this story epitomizes the man my uncle is at his core. Many people when they first join will sit and listen for a while, some not even bringing an instrument to play. Michael however intended to be a member of the Aqua String Band and if that meant playing crash cymbals, he was going to give it his all.

This is the trait that has served him most in his Mummer's career and something he's passed on to me. After becoming the full time snare drummer in 2005, it was extremely rare to see the Aqua String Band performing without "Crash" holding down the tempo. In 2006 he began to get involved at an association level attending meetings as a guest, and by 2010 he was Aqua's president, a position he still holds.

It is at this point when his philosophy of setting goals and taking concrete actions to achieve them started to really change the course of our organization's history. As with many organizations across the United States, the Aqua String Band was in dire financial condition during the 2008 recession, and without his efforts and contributions, there would be no Aqua String Band today.

More than setting us up to succeed financially, he ushered in a new era of creativity and ingenuity to the band, bringing us some of the highest scoring performances in our storied history. As I mentioned earlier, "Crash" rarely, if ever, missed a job, and on top of that he was heavily involved with theme design, prop building, clubhouse maintenance, managing the board of directors, and even finding time to personally work on back pieces and costume parts. Then in 2012 he added "Drill Master" to his many hats, and wrote the drill for all of our performances from 2012 through 2019.

Fortunately for him, he has fostered tremendous talent within our organization, and has been able to relinquish many of these responsibilities in recent years. That does not mean that he has had any additional free time however. Once Aqua started to stand on its own, he turned his attention to the Philadelphia Mummers String Band Association.

Since starting getting involved at the association level in 2006, he has been on the judging, rules, bylaws, luau, marketing, and parade committees, even chairing the rules committee for a time. He has been a director and held the titles of Financial Secretary in 2020 and Treasurer in 2021. He performed these duties not for power or for glory, but because he felt he could make a positive impact for all organizations.

It is not uncommon for "Crash" to mention how he talked to someone from another organization and now we're teaming up. From sharing buses to jobs to save on costs, to loaning members/costumes to bands who need a helping hand, "Crash" regularly makes it a point to make sure that all organizations have what they need to succeed. He has also initiated many social programs under his tenure, bringing our local and mummer communities together without the tensions of competition.

In many ways, an organization's hall of fame serves to honor those through which the history of said organization must be told. Without the personal contributions of Michael "Crash" Riddle, the story of the Philadelphia Mummers String Band Association can not be told. Not only is he responsible for saving one of the charter organizations from collapse, he extends his skills and efforts to all organizations by working for the association.



# 2025 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Louis Speziale



The Joseph A. Ferko String Band is proud to nominate Louis Speziale for the Philadelphia Mummers String Bands New Year Association [Regular] Hall of Fame.

Louis first appeared with the Ferko String band on New Years Day 1982 as the shoe-shine boy in Ferko's First Prize winning "Golden Memories of the Bowery", where he had the good fortune to parade with his father, Captain Bill Speziale Sr., as he also won first prize Captain that year. From then on Louis spent the next 35 years as a proud and active member of Ferko. Through those years, Louis held many leadership positions including 12 years as a member of the Board of Directors, terms as President and Vice President, 2 years as Presentation Director, and many years as a Drill Committee member, Financial Secretary and Fund-Raising Committee member. Louis's efforts were vital to the success of the

Ferko String Band over those years, which included 5 First Prizes and 6 Second Prizes. To recognize Louis for his constant dedication and devotion to both the Ferko String Band and the reputation of Mummery, he was elected to the Ferko Hall of Fame in 1999.

Louis has been a key contributor to the performances of the Ferko String Band in parades and shows all over the United States and the world, including, but not limited to, 4 statewide tours of Florida, The Football Hall of Fame Parade, multiple New Orleans Mardi Gras parades, The Indianapolis 500 parade where we were selected to open the national TV broadcast, The Mohegan Sun, The New York State Fair, and parades and performances at Mardi Gras in Nice, France and Chinese New Year in Hong Kong. It is through these efforts that Louis has helped expose a worldwide audience to the sound, look, and joy of what a Philadelphia String Band is. Over all these years, Louis has striven to represent Mummery, and String Bands in particular, in both a positive light and professional manner, by always following one of Joe Ferko's most basic rules: "Be a gentleman at all times."

Louis is personally known to most of you by him proudly representing Ferko in the String Band Association as both a Delegate and Alternate Delegate through the years. He is currently assisting the Association in the staging of the New Years Day Parade since 2019 and has been Chairperson of the Judging Committee for the past 3 years.

We of the Joseph A. Ferko String Band feel that Louis represents, through his dedication, devotion, and accomplishments over the years, the very best of what a member of the String Bands should be. Based on his contributions to the Philadelphia Mummers String Bands New Year Association and Mummery in general we respectfully ask for your consideration in adding Louis A. Speziale to the Philadelphia Mummers String Bands New Year String Band Association Hall of Fame.

Thank You for your time and consideration.

# 2025 People Behind The Scenes



## Matthew Gigliotti *South Philadelphia String Band*



The South Philadelphia String Band is proud to enthusiastically present Matthew Gigliotti with the 2024 “Man Behind the Scenes” Award. As a dedicated and irreplaceable member of our organization for over 35 years, Matty’s unwavering commitment, exceptional talents, and tireless work ethic have been instrumental to the success of our club.

Over the years, Matty has held numerous leadership roles, including Vice President and Drill Director. In each capacity, he has gone above and beyond to ensure the smooth operation and performance excellence of our band. His expertise extends far beyond the stage; Matty is the heart and soul of our prop-building efforts, devoting countless hours—weeknights, weekends, and beyond—to crafting the props and staging elements that bring our performances to life.

Matty’s selflessness is unmatched. While he occasionally performs in costume, he often steps back from the spotlight to focus on running and managing props, ensuring everything runs seamlessly behind the scenes. His work ethic and “band-first” mentality inspire all of us. No task is too big or too small for Matty, and his dedication to the South Philadelphia String Band is evident in every aspect of his contributions.

It is no exaggeration to say that without Matty’s dedication, creativity, and countless hours of hard work, we would not have been able to achieve the level of success we have. His efforts have been a cornerstone in helping the South Philadelphia String Band accomplish six first prize finishes out of the last nine String Band competitions—a testament to the incredible impact he has on our group.

In short, Matty Gigliotti epitomizes what it means to be the “Man Behind the Scenes.” His tireless efforts, creativity, and leadership are the foundation of our success, and his passion for the band is truly unmatched. It is with great pride and without reservation that we recognize Matty for this well-deserved honor.





# 2025 People Behind The Scenes

## Michael Pezzeca *Joseph A. Ferko String Band*



A corporal with the Philadelphia Police Department, Michael Pezzeca embodies the true definition of “man behind the scenes” not only figuratively, but literally. He joined Joseph A. Ferko String Band as a saxophone player but quickly found his love when he became involved at the warehouse. He enjoyed it so much that in his third year, he made the tough decision to move strictly into prop construction and design.

Michael has been not only the foundation, but structure for prop department the last two years. Without him, our shows would have been bare. Working diligently, often by himself or with a small crew, Michael delivered exceptional work, often ahead of schedule. All of which was clearly born of his love for the organization. He has worked extensively with painters, ensuring the theme committee’s visions come to life and as coordinator NYD, ensuring marshals were well prepared for the judges’ stand.

As if that wasn’t enough, Michael served as property director for the last two years. He remained committed to ensuring the club was clean and that any property issues were handled quickly. At times, this meant that he’d be checking in on the club daily and handling many repairs himself, including roof or plumbing leaks and maintaining club property throughout all seasons. With Michael’s diligence, the club has remained functional, clean and free of issues for the better part of two years.

To us, Michael figuratively and literally embodies “man behind the scenes.” He often shows up before or after rehearsals or spends odd hours at the warehouse, missing many of our regular members. Yet despite that, he remains a committed member and integral part of our organization, often going far above and beyond what anyone could ask for. Without Michael, our club would not remain functional. Without Michael, our props would not make it to City Hall. Without Michael, Joseph A. Ferko would not be the same.

The Board of Directors would like to close with a final and heartfelt thank you to Michael’s wife, Veronica and his three children. We know that his work at Ferko leaves less time for him to spend at home, so we are truly grateful that his family supports him and our organization. The Board of Directors and membership of the Joseph A. Ferko String Band are proud to name **Michael Pezzeca for “Man Behind the Scenes.”**



# 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 <b>Herbie Smith</b>	2009 <b>James Fox, Jr.</b>	2015 <b>James Fox, Sr.</b>	2021 <b>John Pignotti</b>
2004 <b>John Machalowski</b>	2010 <b>Mike Rayer</b>	2016 <b>James Donaghy</b>	2022 <b>John Jordan</b>
2005 <b>Ray Malach</b>	2011 <b>Joe Deighan</b>	2017 <b>David E. Anderson, Jr.</b>	2023 <b>Dominic Diodata</b>
2006 <b>John Gilbert</b>	2012 <b>Bill Bowen, Jr.</b>	2018 <b>Robert Shannon</b>	2024 <b>Cheryl Crowe</b>
2007 <b>Robert Qualie, Sr.</b>	2013 <b>Bill Garton</b>	2019 <b>Jack Hee, Jr.</b>	
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2000 <b>James Donaghy</b>	2007 <b>Wayne Boyd</b>	2014 <b>Mike Tomaselli</b>	2021 <b>Frank Quinn</b>
2001 <b>John Zachwieja</b>	2008 <b>Bill Patterson</b>	2015 <b>Bill Bowen</b>	2022 <b>Dan Spencer</b>
2002 <b>Cliff Johnson</b>	2009 <b>Cliff Johnson</b>	2016 <b>Steve Volkert</b>	2023 <b>Louis Speziale</b>
2003 <b>Tom Ferry</b>	2010 <b>Dominic Diodata</b>	2017 <b>Dan Marakowski</b>	2024 <b>T.J. Ferry</b>
2004 <b>Charlie Nicholas</b>	2011 <b>Leo Volz</b>	2018 <b>Jack Dailey</b>	
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2006 <b>George Badey</b>	2013 <b>Mike &amp; Heather Brown</b>	2020 <b>Marty Good, Sr.</b>	

## *Officer of the Year*

2000 <b>Jerry Larossa</b>	2007 <b>Perry DiMatteo</b>	2014 <b>Denny Palandro</b>	2021 <b>Frank Quinn</b>
2001 <b>Joe Venuto</b>	2008 <b>Daniel Marakowski</b>	2015 <b>Jack Hee</b>	2022 <b>Mike Riddle &amp; Steve Coper</b>
2002 <b>David E. Anderson, Jr.</b>	2009 <b>None Awarded</b>	2016 <b>Denny Palandro</b>	2023 <b>Shawn Blubaugh</b>
2003 <b>John Zachwieja</b>	2010 <b>None Awarded</b>	2017 <b>Jack Hee</b>	2024 <b>Angelo Lutz</b>
2004 <b>Charlie Nicholas</b>	2011 <b>Daniel Marakowski</b>	2018 <b>Ray Danielewicz</b>	
2005 <b>Cliff Johnson</b>	2012 <b>Ron Iannacone</b>	2019 <b>Marty Good</b>	
2006 <b>Tom Loomis</b>	2013 <b>Cheryl Crowe</b>	2020 <b>Thor McLaughlin</b>	

## *Award of Distinction*

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The Officers and Members of the Aqua String Band would like to congratulate our President, Michael Riddle, on his induction into the Philadelphia String Band Hall of Fame!





## SPELL-BOUND SHADOWS

Captain: Austin Tilley



### OFFICERS

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Theme Committee - Shane Coleman, Michael Fitzpatrick, Brennan Flaherty, C.J. Poirier, Corey Riddle, Coleton Rivera, Austin Tilley



### Theme Concept

In the confines of a magical fortress, lurks the ultimate power of sorcery and evil. Join us as we introduce to you the wizards who were branded into the elements of sorcery for life. Led by our magical and powerful Sorcerer, we will show you through the realms of his castle and ultimately into the pits of his dungeon. Throughout this journey you'll experience magical plants, dancing brooms, and the powers of sorcery. But it won't be until the end of your journey that you'll witness the beast that lurks beyond the chamber of secrets. So join these "Spell-Bound Shadows" in their mystical adventure through magic.

This year's show was designed to be dark in nature. The characters within the show are to be portrayed as the objects that they once used to achieve their magical powers, but are now used against them. We want to transport you into the realm of magic in this year's performance.

By doing so, we developed a storyline that would help take you through our "fortress of magic" by displaying magical objects that wouldn't necessarily make sense in an everyday world through the use of plants, brooms, potion bottles, etc.

### Musical Selections:

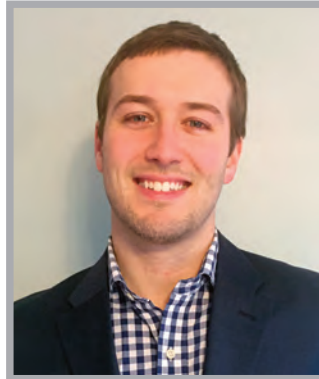
Werewolf by Night (Marvel), Dies Irae, Swan Lake, Tales of the Crypt, What a little moonlight can do, Bippity-Boppity Boo, Point of No Return (Phantom of the Opera), Night on Bald Mountain, Sorcerer's Apprentice, Paint it Black

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Painter – Mark Kannengieszer

### Theme Concept

Al B. Rich, the sole remaining miner of the Avalon Mining Company (AMC), takes a chance with one last blast - BOOM - and opens Minecart Mountain! As the mountainside crumbles, Al uncovers vibrant jewels, and a wall of gems, glowing with a rhythmic pulse as if they were breathing, fills the mouth of the tunnel. With a whoosh, Al sidesteps a runaway minecart, then spills coal lumps onto the tracks. He pulls the minecart back to reveal coal miners appearing from the soot-covered ground and Diamond Dons spinning out from behind precious stones. Al is not alone; he's mined a gritty bunch to uncover what lies ahead. Al transforms into AMC's profitable prospector and embarks on a minecart ride through the prolific mines armed with tools and TNT. Upon entering an abandoned gold mine, explosions of dynamite echo through the tunnels. Look out for the minecarts coming down the track carrying the punch-drunk gold miner, Uncle Nuggets! When they are unexpectedly washed into town, Al discovers that the grounds where they reside are just as fruitful as the mines. The Avalon Mining Company's town erupts in celebration, and Al B. Rich and his mining crew grab a lifetime's worth of riches.

Avalon String Band would like to congratulate Joe Urzillo Sr. on his 50th parade!!! Congrats Joe!!!



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Captain: Jake Kudrick



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Painter - John McGarvey

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

Uncle Jack 87 years young.  
Cheryl Crowe, first female to receive the SBA Lifetime Achievement Award.



### Theme Concept

Bienvenue! "Be Our Guest" at Chateau Duffy sur la rue Cedar. Appearing empty and quiet in light, soon awakens as "Night on Bald Mountain" ushers in the night. It's time for the New Year's Masquerade. Cavaliers guide you into the foyer. The strains of "Beetlejuice" play in your fellow guests in costumes portraying "Beetlejuice" play in your fellow guests in costumes portraying daylight and the night. "The Munsters Theme" plays and appearing from under the grand staircase is our host Jacques who will lead us into the ballroom and the first dance to "Grim Grinning Ghosts". Need a partner? Look into the mirrors from which will appear the Old Maids to "Ain't She Sweet". Jesters bring levity and lasting memories "After You've Gone". "You Don't Bring Me Flowers"? Well step into the Atrium where "Flowers" step right out of their pots. All shall dance the Minuet to "Transylvanian Lullaby" with our host playing the organ with accompanying violins. The great clock "Puts A Spell On You" wanting to stay forever. With daylight approaching Jacques retrieves from the attic his giant spider whose "Spiderwebs" will certainly bring la soiree to an end. After which all will "Jump In The Line" to exit... Until next New Year's Eve.

Jacques will be our host at his Masquerade of the night. He will be both performing and guiding us through his mansion.

The Captain appears in a Chavalier styled costume with a doublet and breeches in red with gold brocade. The hat, jacket and boots feature black and purple spider web motif with matching red and gold brocade accents. The flowing black cape is adorned with red and black lightning accents and edged with gold fringe. Black, red and purple feathering accent all pieces. A half skull mask with additional makeup completes the look.



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## A WILD TIME IN RIO

Captain: Joe Pomante



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

### Theme Committee

Joe Pomante (Chairman), Rich Marlow,  
Rich Burr, Paul Wolf, Steve Palsy, Gary Pisarek,  
Wayne Robenolt, Cheryl Wolf, Logan Robenolt,  
Christine Boyd, Eric Heidrich, Phylicia Robenolt

### Theme Consultants

Music Arranger – Fran Kerr  
Banjo Arranger – Pat Bradley  
Choreographer – Michelle Villaronga at the  
Ronnie McLaughlin School of Dance  
Artist – Bill Bernard  
Percussion Arranger – Andrew Kruc

### Theme Concept

The Durning String Band will present a high energy and captivating parade of animals while capturing the essence and lively spirit of the Carnivale.

As the parade begins the rhythmic sounds of samba echo through the air, blending the sounds of the percussion. Leading the procession are the majestic participants in the parade with dazzling costumes featuring lively colors with feathers, jewels, and backpieces, creating a backdrop for the animals that will follow.

The captain will make his appearance adorned in elegant sequins, feathers and majestic bird head to interact and lead the parade. Coming into view are the elegant dancers with bird heads and stunning costumes. Ushering in our larger-than-life bird to follow are our banjo players in exquisite bird costumes to present a solo Papa Loves Mambo.

As the parade continues, we display the fish with dancers coming out with seahorse heads and colorful balloons to replicate animated bubbles in the ocean. While creating a school of fish, the band will perform a line dance with the captain.

As we continue the parade, the tiger and dancing monkeys are displaying multilayer effects. The parade then culminates in a grand finale featuring heightened dancers on Bongos and the captain dancing on top of the gorilla adorned in fruit ending with a joyful tribute to the beauty of nature.



The Joseph A. Ferko String Band would like to congratulate

**Louis Speziale**

a long time member on his induction into the

Philadelphia Mimmers String Bands New Year Association

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The Joseph A. Ferko String Band would like to congratulate

**Michael Pezzeca**

on your selection as our **Man Behind the Scenes**



# Joseph A. Ferko String Band



## MELODIAS DE LOS MUERTOS

Captain: Scott Ratzke, Jr.



### OFFICERS

Captain - Scott Ratzke, Jr.  
Co-Captain - Jimmy Diguglielmo  
President - Patrick Bradley  
Vice President - Joseph D'Emilio  
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Treasurer - Roy Gibson  
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Music Arranger - John Wernega  
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Roy Gibson, Lisa Kaiser, John Raniolo, Scott Ratzke, Jr.,  
Joseph Renzi, Frank Sesko.  
Costume Committee - Matthew F. Lewandowski II -  
Costume Chairperson, Justin Fayette - Associate Cos-  
tume Chairperson, Michael Caputo, Missy Clifford,  
Bob Jackson, Jenny Jackson.  
Prop Committee - Michael Pezzeca - Prop Coordinator,  
Michael Scarpato - Assistant Prop Coordinator, Chris  
Salvatore - Assistant Prop Coordinator, Erica Harney -  
Painter, Veronica Pezzeca - Drapery Seamstress.  
A very special thank you to John Wernega, Music  
Arranger, and Marianne Martino-Giosa, Choreographer  
On behalf of the entire Joseph A. Ferko String Band,  
we want to congratulate long time member, Louis  
Speziale on your induction into the Philadelphia  
Mummers String Bands Association - Hall of Fame.  
On behalf of the entire Joseph A. Ferko String Band,  
we want to congratulate Michael Pezzeca [Prop  
Director and Property Director] on your selection as  
MAN BEHIND THE SCENES AWARD.

### Theme Concept

Join Ferko on an unforgettable adventure as Captain Scott Ratzke's spirit comes back to life in search of his wife. Beginning with a stroll and laying of flowers on the ofrenda, Scott chases after her in search of reunification, even if it is only for a short time. As "Granada Smoothie" and "Siboney" play, we are confronted with a massive Day of the Dead celebration in the streets of Mexico. See dancers adorned in flowing dresses and banjos and accordions adorned in traditional banners. Finally, our captain meets his wife for a dance to their favorite song, "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You." Unfortunately, they are interrupted and separated by running bulls as the intensity is raised through a fiery rendition of "Malagueña."

Melodías de los Muertos (Melodies of the Dead) was inspired by the beautiful culture and beliefs of the Day of the Dead celebration. While primarily celebrated in Mexico, Day of the Dead is culturally significant celebration in many parts of South America. It centers around the belief that souls come to visit their loved ones, attracted by their favorite foods and items laid at an ofrenda. As such, our music was inspired by Latin American rhythms. Additional pieces include "El Toro Caliente," "South of the Border," "The Girl from Ipanema," "Mexican Hat Dance," and "Cachita." Common symbols of the celebration include marigolds, flags, sugar skulls and ofrendas, all of which can be found prominently displayed in our show. Suits were inspired by the bright and bold colors of sugar skulls often associated with the celebration.

From the theme committee, a special congratulations goes out to our prop constructor and coordinator, Michael Pezzeca, for earning "man behind the scenes." The committee would also like to give a special, heartfelt thank you to our painter, Erica Harney for the incredible art work she did in a compressed time frame and for stepping in when all seemed lost.

# South Philadelphia String Band – 2025 First Prize

## Captain

Denny Palandro, Sr.

## Accordion

Steve Morrone

## Banjo

Mike DiFlorio, Sr.  
Ron Francesconi  
Tom Healy  
Tony Polumbo

## Tenor Saxophone

James Browne, III  
Eddie Daly  
Shawn Decky  
Bob Dougherty  
Mike Johnson  
Steve Krasowski  
Christopher McCrumb  
Stive Mita  
Eric Mizner, Sr.  
Jay Nestor  
Nathan Renson  
Ken Schwarz

## Alto Saxophone

Dan Coccia  
Jon Connolly  
Al Deissroth  
Rob Dougherty  
Jim Ferry  
Dennis Iacono  
Broc Johnson  
Jack MacKenzie  
Ryan McKelvie  
Dan Mizner  
Jim Moran  
Mike Norton  
Lou Palena  
Steve Polumbo  
Kayden "The Kid" Schwarz  
John Simon  
Anthony Tenuto  
Fred Vicario

## Baritone Saxophone

Ed Fetscher  
Bill Gibson  
Joe Moran  
Mike Panaghella  
Brian Schad  
David Schaffer

## Bass Saxophone

Andrew Glazier  
Steve Miller  
Joe Palena

## Percussion

Steve Carbone  
Kevin Flatley  
Frankie Hugs  
Joe Leone

## Dancer

James Cassidy  
Will Deissroth  
Steve "Scuba" D'Emilio  
Jack Hee  
Michael Luciany  
Steve McGinley  
Joey Mizner  
Aidan Moran  
Russ Wilson  
Joe Yoa

## Bass Fiddle

Ian Graham  
Justin Graser  
Brian Ramey  
Paul Rucci

## Marimba

Wesley Manajlo

## Frankenstein

Jimmy Mulholland

## Fire Walker

Evan Hee  
Brian Schad, Jr.

## Marshals

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Zach Amendolia  
Gabe Armento  
Tom Armento  
Bill Berenato  
Karl Bezak, Sr.  
Michael Brown  
Big Jim Browne  
Everly Browne  
Justin Browne  
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Nick Caputo  
Shane Clancy  
Isaac Connell  
Amy Conrad  
Pat Corkery  
Gus De John  
Ashton D'Emilio  
Rich DiNella  
Bella DiSilvestro  
Travis Dombrow  
Harry Dougherty  
Ian Egan  
Joe Egan, III  
Joe Egan, Jr.  
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Mike Hale  
Joe Harris  
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Ryan Hee  
Ryan Henderson  
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Joe Menajlo  
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Anja Mizner  
Enya Mizner  
James Moran, IV  
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Nina Morrone  
Jesse James Murphy  
Jenna Nestor  
Kristin Nestor  
Justin Nestor  
Mike "Pags" Pagliarella  
John Palandro  
Lauren Palandro  
Joey Palena

## Bryant Parks

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Owen Polumbo  
Ryan Polumbo  
Charleigh Puchon  
Chuck Puchon  
Billy Quigley  
Maximus Ramey  
Matt Rawlik  
Billy Richardson  
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Lou Staino  
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Alaina Stiteler  
Lenny Tenuto  
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Erick Vicario  
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# Quaker City String Band – 2025 First Prize

**Captain**  
Good, Jim

**Accordion**  
Kwapinski, Joe  
Rothwein, Fran

**Banjo**  
Bamberski, Joe  
Bradley, Pat  
Ferry, T.J.  
Graser, Sean  
Halner, Steve  
Lippi, Jim  
Rivell, Jim Jr.  
Rivell, Jim  
Tomaselli, Mike  
Urzillo, Dominic

**Tenor Saxophone**  
Brown, Harry Jr.  
Cavanaugh, Paul  
Eisenhower, Brian  
Falcon, Julio Sr.  
Farrell, Matt  
Fletcher, Dylan  
Fox, Jim III  
Frattari, Lou  
Graser, Scott  
Oliveri, Lenny  
Regalbutto, Rodney Jr.

**Alto Saxophone**  
Brown, Aiden  
Broomall, P.J. Jr.  
Capaldi, John  
Check, Len  
Creedon, Dan IV  
Falcon, Julio Jr.  
Figueroa, Justin  
Figueroa, Karl  
Fox, Jason  
Fox, Jim Jr.  
Fox, Justin  
Good, Scott  
Harvey, Bill Jr.  
Lemanowicz, Greg  
McGugan, Jim IV  
McGugan, Mike Sr.  
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Quinn, Frank V  
Rapone, Frank  
Regalbutto, Rodney Sr.  
Rothwein, Kyle  
Rothwein, Nick  
Stermel, Jamie  
Stermel, Patrick  
Yurick, Jim  
Zulli, Mark

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Kelly, Matt  
Navickas, John  
Salvato, Brian  
Wisniewski, Tom

**Bass Saxophone**  
Brown, Mike "Spanky"  
O'Driscoll, Ryan  
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Schonely, Chris

**Percussion**  
Cieplinski, Matt  
Good, Marty Jr.  
Keane, John  
Muller, Jim Jr.  
Rothwein, Shawn  
Stinger, Kevin

**Bass Fiddle**  
Harris, Joe  
McGugan, Patrick  
Roetz, Charlie Jr.  
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Baker, Caleb  
Baker, Dan  
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Bamberski, Joe, Sr.  
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Brown, Shane

Buonodono, Chris  
Calter, Charlie  
Carlini, Mark  
Carpenter, Dave  
Cassidy, Kevin  
Castaneda, Alejandro  
Chiaro, Joe  
Connelly, Dennis  
Craig, Michael Sr.  
Craven, John  
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Curran, Bobby  
Darling, Ethan  
Deacon, Jim  
DeMarco, Matt  
DeMarco, Rich  
DePre, Jack  
DePre, Jim  
Desalis, John  
Donohue, Sean  
Dougherty, Matt Jr.  
Dougherty, Matt Sr.  
Dudzic, Tom  
Dymowski, Joe Sr.  
Ells, John  
Farrell, Pat  
Fragale, Jon  
Ferrante, Phil  
Ficco, Matt  
Fletcher, Austin  
Fletcher, Tom  
Forte, Len  
Fox, Eric  
Fox, John  
Fox, Kevin  
Gault, Pat  
Gianforcarlo, William  
Greco, Kevin  
Good, Martin Sr.  
Haggarty, Joe  
Harris, Ryan  
Hermer, Tony  
Hickey, Bill  
Horwatt, Matt  
Huntkowski, Matthew  
Johnson, Fred  
Jung, Mike  
Jung, Michael  
Kelly, Fran Jr.  
Kelly, Fran Sr.

Kelly, Kieran  
Kelly, Matt Jr.  
Killian, Fran  
Koszelak, John  
Kromchad, John  
LaPergola, Mike  
LaRocca, Nolan  
Lees, Bob  
Little, Andy  
Lord, George  
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Martin, Cam  
Marren, Jack  
Mastero, Rich  
Mastero, Steve  
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McCormick, Blaise  
McCormick, Cayden  
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Nardone, Mike  
Natoli, Bill Jr.  
Norton, Jack  
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Orrico, CJ  
Pacanowski, James  
Pagano, Mike  
Pagano, Sal  
Pagano, Steve  
Pagano, Steven Jr.  
Papa, Sal  
Perry, Sean  
Plavin, Joe  
Podagrosi, Alex  
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Rothwein, Frank  
Salvato, Hank  
Sanborn, Aussie  
Saxton, Joe Jr.  
Saxton, Joe Sr.  
Scheuren, Andrew  
Schwartz, Chris  
Sharksnas, Sam  
Senator, Charles  
Slivinski, Shawn  
Stinger, Larry  
Stinger, Sean  
Strine, Joe  
Stroop, Mason  
Thompson, Mike  
Toal, Joe  
Trombetta, Anthony III  
Turner, John  
Vaughan, Casey  
Vaughan, Mick  
Vaughan, Mike  
Verrilli, Carmen  
Wagner, Hal  
Walsh, Pat  
Ward, Charlie  
Watt, Joe  
Watts, Justin  
Watts, Scott Jr.  
Watts, Scott Sr.  
Wisniewski, Carter  
Wisniewski, Tom Jr.  
Wojnar, Tom  
Wood, Buzzy  
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## JUNKYARD JAM



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 Costumer - J&R Costuming  
 Captain Costumer - Regal Costumes  
 Artist - Russ Fama  
 Choreographer - Dana Theil  
 Make Up - Kelly Lichorobiec

### Theme Concept

In the heart of the city, an abandoned junkyard lay silent by day. But as the sun goes down, the junkyard stirs with life. A huge dog bursts through a rust fence, scattering newspapers in its wake. Auto parts and glass bottles spring to life, clinking and clattering. From his throne of scraps, the King of the Junk rises, commanding the evenings Junkyard Jam. Rotten fruit emerges from trash bags, joining the spectacle. A broken slot machine in a Vegas neon boneyard lights up and hits the jackpot, coins spilling out in a glittering cascade. A broken washing machine whirs to life and donated cloths tumble out, performing a lively "spin cycle" routine. The King tunes a dusty old radio, crackling to various genres of music, setting the mood for each act. The broken bottles, inspired by the music, perform the iconic bottle dance. The evening reaches a crescendo with a STOMP-inspired percussion break, as the inhabitants create a rhythmic symphony using anything they can find. For the grand finale, Mater from "Cars" tows out an oversized trash can for a special guest. Tonight the junkyard is no longer a place of desolation but a musical sanctuary of joy.

Scene-based song selection include Overture from Camelot, Extra! Extra!, Vehicle, 99 Bottles of Beer, Luck be a Lady, Plenty of Money and You, Round and Round, You're Never Fully Dressed Without A Smile, Brother Can You Spare A Dime?, Deep In The Heart Of Texas, Tico-Tico no Fuba, Sunshine Of Your Life, Bottle Dance from Fiddler on the Roof, and the Dummy Song.

Captain Brad Bowen is the abandoned junkyard's self appointed Sovereign of Scraps and Ruler of Rust. The Hobo King takes his place upon his throne of scrap, as in a fever dream, bringing to life objects from his court of junk. The Junk King is a grizzled man with a twisted crown upon his ragged hat and a jacket of patchwork fabric. His regalia consists of scrap metal, springs, tattered newspaper, and worn out rags.

Congratulations on your well deserved induction into the Hall of Fame! This achievement is a testament to your hard work, dedication, and the lasting impact you've made within the Mummer's organization. Your passion and perseverance has set an example of integrity, commitment and excellence. This recognition is a reflection of everything you have worked for, and no one deserves it more than you.

Love,  
Victoria, Samantha & Louis III



# Greater Kensington String Band



## SKY HIGH

Captain: Shawn Blubaugh



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Music Director - Matt Deininger

Costume/Set Designer - Tim Magenta  
Music Arranger - John Wernega  
Choreographer - Jaylen Baron  
Artist - John McGarvey

### Theme Concept

The rocket space bus touches down on the sleek landing pad at SKY HIGH! The Nerd Squad, behind their hip to be squared glasses, adjusted blazers and digital pocket calculators along with the Rebel Crew wearing leather jackets, skirts and born to be wild punk hair, exit the bus and enter the moon crusted hallways for their final day of learning in 2525! Headmaster Dr. High Tech, a man with a distinguished resume and monochromatic dress suit, greets all students to start the day. They begin the day off in science class, as they explore the periodic table. The students then take a trip down the hall to automotive class, where they tune up space cars and upgrade the space-car's turbo thrusters. Things get a bit quieter as students head to the library, where Librarian Mrs. Stella Luna demands that her "data sanctuary" is a quiet haven. Next up, Gym Class! Students stretch and perform gravity-defying moves as they float across the gym floor. Back in the classroom, students see what it's like on planet earth as they study European Geography, United States History and get tested on their knowledge of the French language. The final bell rings for the school year and the students go runnin' wild to explore the cosmos. School is out for the year!!

The officers and members of the Greater Kensington String Band wish to thank our families, friends, and fans for their year-long support. Our 2025 presentation is dedicated to the memory of William J Gerner. Bill was a dedicated president to our organization and was crucial in our rebuild over the last 10 years. He will be truly missed.

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### Theme Concept

In Our Wicked Era (Hegeman's Version) is a performance in which Hegeman String Band brings you to a time before Dorothy's house ever touched down in Oz, before the yellow brick road guided our heroes toward their destiny, there was a time of darkness, magic, and untold chaos. "In Our Wicked Era" unveils the untamed origins of Oz's most iconic figures, weaving a spellbinding tale of power, ambition, and transformation. At the heart of the storm is the Wicked Witch, a formidable force whose grip on the land tightens with every command to her legion of menacing flying monkeys. As she strives to bend Oz to her will, she unknowingly sets into motion the creation of three unlikely champions—the Lion, the Tin Man, and the Scarecrow. Bound by fate and shaped by her dark magic, these three beings are thrust into a world where they must forge their own paths, each carrying the scars of the Witch's meddling. A gripping prequel to what's known as "The Wizard of Oz", This is Hegeman's version of a tale of rebellion, resilience, and reckoning.



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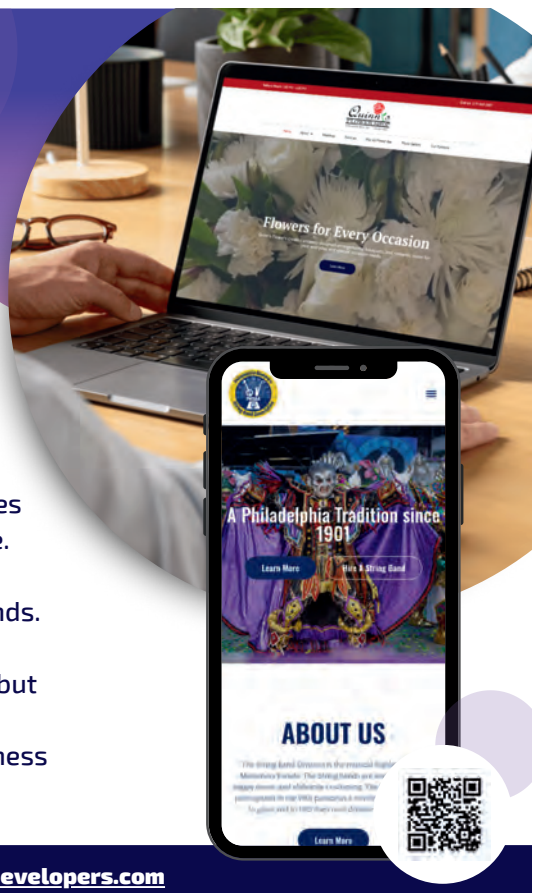
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## THE SPY WHO MUMMED ME

Captain: Patrick Walton



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### 2025 Theme Production

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 Choreographer - Charlotte Erikson  
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 Consultant/Drill Designer - Rick Tierno  
 Artist - Daniel Duffy  
 Set Designer - Robert Erikson  
 Costumer - J&R Costuming  
 Theme Committee - Michael Jusko, Pat Walton,  
 Robert Erikson, Eric Wertz, Tim Erikson,  
 Ryan Erikson

### Theme Concept

Welcome to the Jersey String Band computer lab, where Dr. Evil and his Bandits have stolen one of the system's main disks. Seconds later, our very own James Bond, Captain Patrick Walton, is on the case of the missing disk. Along the way, he receives help from Austin Powers, Inspector Gadget, and Carmen San Jersey. However, Dr. Evil, his Henchmen, and the Bandits still possess the missing disk.

Using magnifying glasses, James Bond is closing in on who might have the missing disk but still needs to find it. After some time, James Bond and Carmen San Jersey make the discovery and fight off Dr. Evil and the Henchmen to disable the laser.

Jersey String Band honors the memory of longtime mums and Jersey String Band founders Jim Penney and Cliff Nolte who passed away this year.

This year we inducted Steve Knestaut, a founding member, as our first inductee to the Jersey String Band Hall of Fame

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# Polish American String Band



## HOEDOWN IN WHOOT'N HOLLER

Captain: Nick Magenta



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Greg Schwarz, Bob Bizik  
Music Arranger - Christopher D'Amore  
Choreographer - Jaclyn Lieb  
Costume/Set Design/Artist - Tim Magenta  
Costumer - Regal Costume

### Theme Concept

You are cordially invited to the annual Hoedown in Whoot'n Holler. Join party host Captain Nick Magenta as he and his rambunctious group of yokels celebrate a day in their slice of Appalachian paradise. Watch out for Captain Nick wielding a shotgun and you just never know what critters might interrupt your morning "business". No hillbilly hoedown is complete without moonshine but watch out Cletus often gets to the batch before it's done. The tunes of the resident Jug Band get everyone in the mood to celebrate a good old-fashioned wedding. But no hillbilly celebration is complete without a little Family Feudin'. Beware! Grandma is the worst. Amidst the fightin' Eureka! our band of bumpkins strike black gold and celebrate on Good Ole' Rocky Top. With our newfound fortune it's time to trade in that Old Jalopy and head for the hills ... of Beverly that is. All in a normal day in the hillbilly hideaway of Whoot'n Holler. Y'all Come Back Now Ya Hear.



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## LIVE AT THE BANANA CABANA!

Captain: Jimmy Good



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### Theme Concept

Wiping sounds of The Girl from Ipanema swirl as a huckster unloads fruit from his truck to a stand in front of an old, abandoned nightclub. Finding an ancient mask in one of the crates, he inspects the relic closely. It suddenly latches on, transforming him into a god of mischief! Yelling "Get On Your Feet" the abandoned nightclub turns into a fruity fantasy, Jackpots ring out, and our bountiful band brings forth the bashes they bear in Brazil. This commotion awakens the gorillas who shake the Chiquita Bananas out of their trees to dance in this bountiful bacchanal. The waiters offer the patrons Cocktails for Two filling the juicer with some luscious fruit that is found at Hernando's Hideaway. The Fruit Cocktails torch Tico-Tico as the entire ensemble serenades to Escape (the Piña Colada Song). They erupt into El Cumbanchero, seeking pleasure, calling upon Cuban Pete to amplify this celebration and sing Mama Yo Quiero as Carmen Miranda shakes her stuff. I go to Rio for the supersized celebration harkening old times at the Copa Cabana. Removing the mask, the huckster is brought back to reality. Was it all a dream, or was this cacophonous cornucopia real?





**Congratulations**  
**To**  
**Jim Browne III**  
**Of The Fabulous South Philadelphia String Band**  
**On His Induction**  
**Into the String Band Association**  
**Hall Of Fame**  
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**Mom and Dad**  
**Everly, Gab, and August**  
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**Well Deserved**

# South Philadelphia String Band



## CASTLEVANIA

Captain: Denny Palandro, Sr.



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 Jon Connolly

### Theme Concept 2025 First Prize

The Back-to-Back Champion South Philadelphia String Band unveiled a hauntingly grand spectacle with their 2025 First Place Theme – Castlevania. From a Garden suit entwined in vines and roses, the journey twisted through a misty graveyard and into the heart of a towering castle.

Musicians, cloaked as living Pipe Organs, breathed chilling melodies as saxophone and percussion-playing Tombstones loomed. In the distance, the First Prize Captain's Castlevania town set the eerie stage. Shattered Stained Glass musicians unleashed bursts of vibrant light, summoning the Spider and Mad Scientist Dancers from the castle's depths.

Inside, Chandeliers flickered, and Candles played as The Phantom rose to play his Music of the Night. Flames erupted, illuminating Frankenstein's awakening, and casting eerie shadows across the stone walls. As Dracula rode forward, the castle's ghouls, freed from their eternal prison, surged forth in a final, thunderous crescendo—a gothic masterpiece of dark beauty and eternal life.

The members of the South Philadelphia String Band want to thank our families, friends, and sponsors for their unwavering support for this wonderful tradition. Without you, we would not be able to continue to compete and win at our championship level!

We also want to congratulate our Man Behing the Scenes – Matt Gigliotti.

Jim Browne, III, on his hard-earned, well-deserved induction into the String Band Association Hall of Fame!

**Your brothers in the South Philadelphia String Band proudly congratulate you on your well-earned induction into the String Band Association Hall of Fame!**

**Your dedication, passion, and unmatched talent have not only made an incredible impact on our band but have also left a lasting legacy in the string band division.**

**With our greatest appreciation - congratulations Jimmer, Your South Philadelphia String Band Family**



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Captain: Kade Radcliffe



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### Theme Concept

In this story, we embark on a journey to Coney Island, a vibrant amusement park by the shore. As we enter, the lively tune of "Entry of the Gladiators" fills the air. We meet quirky characters like Frank N. Furter at concessions and Ferris Wheeler at the games. To uncover your future, you visit the Mystic Madame, whose magic leaps out from her poster. These three colorful characters guide our guests through the park, and really *Make'em Laugh* along the way.

As the enchanted posters disappear, we meet The Great Tilyou, the charismatic ringmaster of the park and a descendant of its founder, Peter Tilyou. Fresh from a *Fanstamic* & daring escape act, he seamlessly leads us through the Boardwalk FantaSea, a *Circus On Parade*. Tilyou finds his assistant, Tizzy Ticket, at the ticket booth, and their playful antics keep us *Smile Darn You Smile*.

The Coney Island Mermaid Parade soon arrives, bringing Shoobie-Sean and this *Minnie the Mermaid*, Cara Shell, to the shore alongside Sammy C. Horse. As the tide rolls in, we enjoy ice cream from the Fudgy Wudgy Man *In the Summertime*.

Next, Tilyou takes *Round & Round* on the Cyclone roller coaster, and the ride ends with snacks and hot dogs with *Too Much Mustard*. Tizzy Ticket spins Tilyou through the Fun House, where seahorses come to life. We end the day with Tilyou's High Strike, landing in a *Toyland* full of prizes. As the sun sets, Tilyou wraps up our adventure with Sunny the Seagull, leaving us with memories of a day *In the Good Old Summertime*.

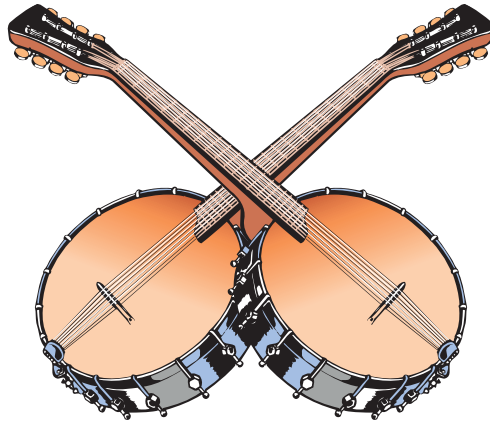
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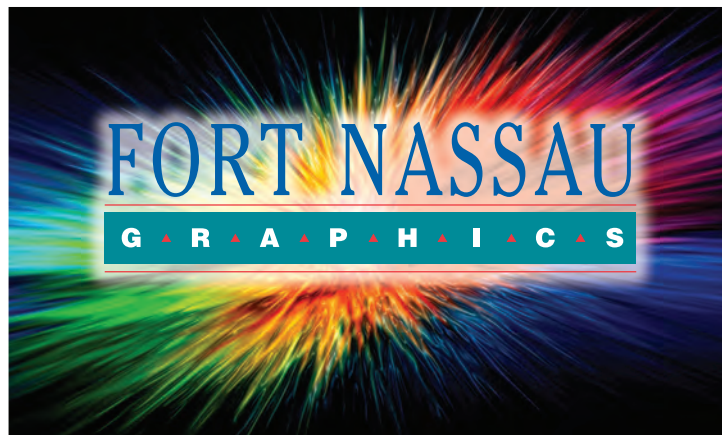
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### Theme Concept

Join the Woodland String Band on the high seas as we take you from above water to under the sea on a swashbuckling pirate adventure. Just be aware of what lies in the waters of the abyss! The cannon fight leads to a sunken ship where the dead comes to life. Captain George leads the way introduce the hairy seaweed covered pirates as the coral reef comes to life from the ocean bottom. Our traditional Jolly Roger pirates show off their vibrant colors and strong skeleton bone structure! Follow along with the intensity of the music as we explore an oyster shell coming to life, the giant banjo playing treasure and of course, the underwater organ playing pirate! Captain George and his band of pirates complete their conquest and of course, ride home on the back of the dead hammerhead shark! We hope you enjoyed the show!

Founded in 1926 in Southwest Philadelphia on Woodland Avenue, 2024 marks the 99th 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 sixth year Captain, George Balzer IV. Congratulations on another top 4 finish to Captain George! We would also like to congratulate long time Hall of Fame member, Bob Schramm on his 50th anniversary with the Woodland String Band. Thank you for all that you do Bob and for your continuing commitment to the men of Woodland!

The band is looking forward to planning for our 100th parade in 2026!  
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