

## Brockville Concert Band

Brockville Music Festival – April 30, 2019

### Adjudicator's Comments (transcribed)

Great programme – a classic ballad & a contemporary (& Canadian) high-energy jazz chart! Bass clarinets, French horns, bari sax, lots of percussion colours – wonderful! Looks like an excellent overall balance of instruments, with lots of flute & foundation, & a good proportion of middle voice “glue”. & oboe – great!

SALVATION – (comments only) excellent French horn playing out & good blend & pitch adjustment as you played. Bass line keep intonation ↓. Super bass clar/ Fr. Horn duet. Fast air may help stabilize low brass centre of sound. Tymp, can < more to *ff* chord. Bass line can lead overall sonority. Keep major thirds ↓ in triadic chords. Bravo!

AIR – Try to start a touch softer, & without accent. Clars use covered throat tone fingerings. Tutti lines can < > more. B] nice smooth clar break crossing. Fl/tpt generally good blend – keep listening. C] clars stay legato across break. Nice sax/clar 3 (eighth-note/half-note) amen cadence before D]. Upper ww – blend to flute or oboe. Excell. soft snare. Lovely majestic '*f*' at end – can last (whole-note) chord release (gradually) vs abrupt cut off? Very end of sound. More low ww/brass may help even fuller '*ff*'. Bravo!

J.BUG – *ff* can be more intense – fast, driven air. Good drum set – hold absolutely steady 😊  
Very nice low ww, & tpt mute wah's! Now consider adding more < > shaping to melodic lines.  
Around 49) lock & ensemble – feeling the off-beats. 73) less sax to blend with clars. 77) Bravo H. James tpt!! 84) cl/sax check accidental holds (C#/ F# end of bar). Good bass line (eighth-notes) match. Nice bari-sax! Look up ww to move together. 100) G. Krupa! 107) & 112) can be more – try < . Excellent swing everyone. WW faster air for conviction 123, 126 etc.) 148) shout chorus – cleaner articulation & faster air for energy, clip tpt/low brass. Bravo ending, tpt's – everyone, go for a hotter *ff* now – channel Benny Goodman's band & intensity. ↑↑ clip and drive. Good tpt → 188), & group staggered entries. Great job everyone!