

## *Highline Community Symphonic Band*

November 28, 2006

Dear Members,

Earlier this year, after speaking with several people in Victoria about our desire to travel to their fair city and perform, I was given the name of Mr. Rick Underwood, the Conductor of the Greater Victoria Concert Band. Mr. Underwood was very enthusiastic about our idea, and while in Victoria during the Thanksgiving Day weekend I touched bases with him. He informed me that their ensemble would like to host us for our concerts (outlined below), help as they can to provide equipment, and perform with us in those venues. WE ARE IN!!! Our next step will be to determine who can commit to the trip, and whether we have an instrumentation that will properly represent our band. Victoria is a beautiful city, as many of you know, and it would be great to go there, perform & connect with another group similar to ours, and get a chance to hang together with you!

Below is a basic itinerary for the trip. Efforts were made to accommodate those who would need to come in early on the day of the concerts, and for those who need to depart the same evening and head home via the Canadian ferry to the mainland. Several members will be heading over a day or two ahead, and staying a day or two (Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day). While in Victoria I also spent time with Dee Grey, Manager of the Embassy Suites, who will host us and provide favorable rates for those who wish to stay at the Embassy during their stay. While there are several options for traveling to Victoria, the Blackball Ferry out of Port Angeles docks in the inner harbor of Victoria and has an early crossing that will allow you to make the call time for the first concert (10-15 minutes from the ferry). The Embassy is roughly two blocks from the ferry. Goggle Black Ball Ferry for rates, schedule, etc. We will provide detailed itinerary, travel options, maps, etc. once we determine who is going.

Friday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Equipment Truck to Victoria Via Port Angeles Co-Ho Ferry
Sat., May 26 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 equipment set-up at Beacon Hill Cameron Band Shell
	1:30 concert with Greater Victoria Concert Band
	TBA Reception/Dinner Buffet/Social at Embassy Suites
	6:30 equipment set-up at Esquimalt HS (15 min. from harbor area)
	7:30 concert with GVCB
Sunday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	TBA Equipment truck return home / offload at Evergreen

In the warm-up room at the Foster Holiday Concert you will be able to put your name on slips provided, drop them in the box, and we'll go from there!

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Ron Hazenberg, Conductor and Musical Director