

Press Release:

The City of Bordentown and the Bordentown Military Institute's Alumni Association are announcing a day long visit by the West Point Concert Band on January 12, 2018.

The day's activities will include visits to area schools to sit alongside of and play with band students. Bordentown Regional High School will be the site of a free concert by the band at 7:00 pm that evening. Tickets are available at City Hall on Farnsworth Ave. in Bordentown City and may be reserved on line at bordentownmusic@aol.com. Tickets are free, but availability is limited. In case of inclement weather, the 'snow date' for the concert is Sunday, January 14 at 3:00 pm.

The Bordentown Military Institute was founded in 1881 and operated as an independent military school for 91 years. In 1972, it merged with the Lenox School in Lenox, Massachusetts. The school closed in June 1973.

In the late 1980s, the BMI Alumni Association re-emerged and began scheduling biennial reunions. Since then, the Association has grown in numbers and scope, thanks to a dedicated alumni board and extremely valuable volunteers.

BMI worked closely with Mayor Lynch and producer, Robert Violette, to bring the West Point Jazz Knights to Bordentown a few years ago. That concert brought nearly 1000 people to Bordentown Regional High School for an SRO event. The band came to entertain but found themselves the ones being entertained. Dinner, gift packages, post-concert reception and many expressions of thanks were provided to these service people who represent the United States through their very powerful and beautiful music making. The City, BMI, and Violette Productions plan once again to celebrate the West Point Concert Band, especially as they celebrate their bicentennial.

Mayor James Lynch attended BMI for 3 years before it moved to Massachusetts and then graduated from the Hun School. Mayor Lynch has long worked to keep the presence of the school and their alumni a positive part of Bordentown's culture and history. Mayor Lynch actively seeks opportunities for musical and other cultural events in Bordentown to bring the community together and to show off the history, restaurants, shops and architecture within the city's one square mile.

Robert Violette, Artistic Director of Violette Productions and a former Bordentown resident, is known as performer and producer. He has been securing talent for Bordentown Community Concerts for the past 4 seasons; produces concert operas throughout the mid-Atlantic; and serves as a member of the Board of Directors for Assisi Performing Arts, an international music festival in Italy.

For further information contact Robert Violette, producer of the West Point Concert Band engagement, at bordentownmusic@aol.com.