 **July 20-21**

**Program Change: Previously-announced Peter Appleyard and Swing fever will NOT appear at the 2013 Trenton Big Band Festival due to unexpected medical reasons.**

**“Benny Meets Artie,” Rex Hotel Orchestra headline 2nd Trenton Big Band Festival**

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If you’re a big band swing and jazz fan, then you need go no farther than Trenton this summer to find some of the world’s best.

The second annual **Trenton Big Band Festival**, sponsored by the **City of Quinte West,** the **Seasons Dufferin Centre**, and the **Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation** will swing into downtown Trenton and the Centennial Park Amphitheatre on Saturday July 20th and Sunday July 21st.

One of the best-known ensembles in Canadian big band jazz, the JUNO-winning Rex ***Hotel Orchestra*** led by **John Macleod**will anchor the triple-header Sunday afternoon big band extravaganza. The trumpet-playing Macleod has been a mainstay on the Canadian jazz scene for the last 30 years, including a long stint with the legendary *Rob McConnell and the Boss Brass.* The band’s name comes from its monthly performances at Toronto’s premier jazz club, *The Rex Hotel.*

Big band swing fans will feast on the music of the legendary *Benny Goodman* and *Artie Shaw* bands, re-created by the fabulous ***Galaxy Orchestra*** led by multi- instrumentalist **Ross Wooldridge**. Wooldridge has earned five National Jazz Awards nominations for clarinetist-of-the-year in the last seven years.

Kicking off the Sunday afternoon stage show will be the Belleville-based ***Commodores’ Orchestra***, which could well be the continent’s longest continuously-operated big swing band. Joining the Commodores will be the popular seven-member singing group, ***For The Love Of A Song.***

Admission to the three-band extravaganza on Sunday is $15 in advance, and $20 at the gate. Tickets are available through the City of Quinte West website [**www.city.quintewest.on.ca**](http://www.city.quintewest.on.ca) and the Trenton Big Band Festival website [**www.trentonbigbandfestival.com**](http://www.trentonbigbandfestival.com) .

Saturday afternoon, the ***Toronto All-Star Big Band*** will spread its swing-era nostalgia free of charge in downtown Trenton. And Saturday evening, the Toronto-based funky brass band ***Rhythm and Truth,*** led by JUNO award- winning ***Paul Neufeld,*** will perform on the Riverside Patio behind Tomasso’s Restaurant and the Port Bistro.

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