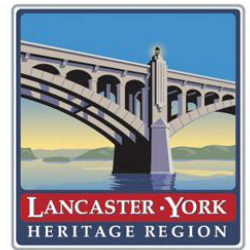


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Steam Whistle Concert Update

Rehearsal Time and Corporate Sponsor Announced

York, PA - The Lancaster-York Heritage Region and other community partners are pleased to announce that Whistle Master Donald E. Ryan will hold a rehearsal for the annual Christmas Steam Whistle Concert on Saturday, December 22nd, beginning at 2pm, at the New York Wire Company (441 East Market Street, York). The practice session will last approximately one hour.

Members of the press are encouraged to attend the rehearsal to take photos, capture sound and video clips and ask questions to project partners. Due to the steam available for the rehearsal, Mr. Ryan will rehearse for about 45 minutes uninterrupted inside the factory. Towards the end of the rehearsal, members of the press will be invited to come inside to take performance shots. Following the rehearsal, Whistle Master Don Ryan, Lancaster-York Heritage Region President Mark Platts and a representative from New York Wire Company will be available for questions and comments. For questions about the concert's rehearsal, please contact Mark Platts with the Lancaster-York Heritage Region at 717-252-0229 (office) or 717-968-6610 (cell phone).

Also this year, PeoplesBank has stepped forward as the primary corporate community sponsor for the concert. PeoplesBank, a Codorus Valley Company that remains headquartered and managed in York County, has been committed to serving York County customers for over 140 years with a complete variety of financial services. Project partners thank PeoplesBank for their generous financial support to help sustain this unique Christmas concert tradition for another year.

Additional contributions from the community are needed to keep this holiday tradition alive for years to come. To make donations for future Steam Whistle Concerts, interested citizens can send their tax deductible contributions to: **STEAM WHISTLE CONCERT FUND, c/o PeoplesBank, 48 East Market Street, York, PA 17401**, or call the Lancaster-York Heritage Region at 717-252-0229.

The Lancaster-York Heritage Region is a non-profit organization based in Wrightsville that helps identify, preserve, interpret and promote the rich heritage and culture of York and Lancaster Counties. For more information about our mission and programs please visit www.StoriesoftheLand.org.

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