

Abington - The Abington Summer Concerts Committee is pleased to bring another extraordinary music group to perform at the Catherine and Joseph Nisby Bandstand at 6 p.m. on August 8th - the "Occasional Brass Quintet."

Audiences will be treated to music from all genres, perfect for an evening of music on the lawn of the Abington Millennium Memorial Complex. The accomplishments of the musicians are outstanding, so whether one prefers orchestral arrangements, Dixieland jazz, classic show tunes or even salsa, the "Occasional Brass Quintet" will be sure to please.

Leading the quintet on trumpet, piccolo trumpet and flugelhorn is Bryan Hilliard a native of Brockton. After studying with the late Walter Chestnut at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Bryan joined the Boston-based funk/rock band Rippopotamus in 1991 and toured with the band for several years. The trombonist for the quintet is Russell Bogartz. He had planned to audition for orchestras after graduating Cum Laude from U. Mass Amherst with a degree in Music Education but he too joined the award-winning Best of Boston band Rippopotamus and toured with the band for numerous years. Ami Fields, a native of Raleigh, North Carolina has B.A. and M.A. degrees in Horn Performance and plays the French horn for the quintet, splitting her time between the Boston and New York City music scenes. Stan Johnson has been performing professionally for 22 years and plays trumpet and flugelhorn with the quintet as well as with his own jazz trio. Completing the Occasional Brass Quintet! is Tom Haggerty on tuba. Haggerty's performing highlights include performances with the Boston Pops and Boston Symphony Orchestras as well as with the Hot Tamale Brass Band chosen to perform on Yawkey Way before Red Sox games.

This year, the Summer Concerts Committee is also pleased to have the "Snack Shack" open thanks to members of the Abington Lions Club. The Lions will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, cold drinks and numerous popular snacks. In the event of rain, the concert will be held at the Abington Senior Center, 441 Summer Street. For further information call 781-878-8521. The concert is free thanks to the sponsorship of Janet and Dr. Peter McDonald.