

## **Chris Thiessen - Music Committee Chair's Report (2015-16)**

Over this year, we had a great meeting to plan the year's worth of concerts. We had a substantial list of 35 themes to start from that we have received from the band over the last 4 years, which helps us a lot. The typical meeting starts with us reviewing all of the suggested topics. Each person then puts forth ones we think will work well for the particular season, and then we all add any pieces that might compliment the theme. As always, we love getting suggestions from everyone, we certainly have lots of well-traveled musicians in the band. If you were looking to suggest a theme for the band to program, let us know the theme as 5 or so pieces that would support it. You can contact the committee by talking to us at rehearsal, emailing us, or submitting a concert suggestion here: <http://nepeanconcertband.com/member-login/suggest-a-concert/>

Given feedback from the band last year, we decided to gather a number of themes and have the band vote on which one to program. The themes we voted on this year were:

- 1) A Night with Walt Disney
- 2) Movie Matinees
- 3) When the Saints Go Marching In
- 4) Wind Ensemble Through the Ages
- 5) Perceptions of the Exotic

As we all know, the winners were Movie Matinee's and Wind Ensemble Through the Ages! My personal view, given the votes that were collected, is the themes that were clearer and more well known won. My take away from that is that if we are to have the band vote again, we (the music committee) need to do a better job of showing the types of music that would be within each concert.

One callout I would like to make it to Warren for making the music handout and pulls very well organized. I remember a time when almost half of a rehearsal was lost when we did a music pull. Just as a note: *even if you're not in the music committee, feel free to help out when we're handing out music.* The faster the music hits the stand, the quicker we can play it.