



A GETTYSBURG BRASS BAND FESTIVAL BENEFIT CONCERT

Jazz *Al Fresco* On Seminary Ridge



The Hotel Paradise Orchestra

Jari Villanueva
Music Director, Conductor, and
Arranger
Janet Paulsen
Lead Vocalist and Manager

The Hotel Paradise Orchestra is a 15-piece ensemble dedicated to authentically recreating the sound and style of music from the 1920s and 1930s. The orchestra features a full complement of professional musicians, including two violins, tuba, banjo, two trumpets, two trombones, three saxophones/clarinets, piano, and drums. Each performance brings audiences closer to the way these songs were originally heard when first composed and performed during the Jazz Age. The orchestra's repertoire highlights iconic composers of the era, including Duke Ellington, Baltimore native Eubie Blake, Cole Porter, Fats Waller, and George Gershwin and Ira Gershwin.

Musical director Jari Villanueva and vocalist Janet Paulsen share strong ties to Gettysburg. Jari is the co-founder of the 100 Nights of Taps program, now in its ninth year. He serves as the bugle soloist and faculty member for the Lincoln Leadership Institute and is a member of the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania. Each year, he performs Taps at Gettysburg's Annual Dedication Day and for First Night, as well as for the Gettysburg College freshmen during their annual commemorative walk.

Janet Paulsen is a graduate of Gettysburg High School and studied voice with Kermit Finstad at Gettysburg College. She previously lived in Gettysburg with her sister, Judy Leslie, and brother-in-law, Bill Leslie, longtime residents who are actively involved in the local community.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026 7:00-9:30 PM

United Lutheran Seminary Pavilion Stage • Tent opens at 6:00 pm

Ticket and dinner reservation form available at

<https://www.gettysburgbrassbandfestival.com>