

United States Military Academy Band honors Leroy Anderson

Woodbury, Connecticut

June 29, 2008

The United States Military Academy Band from West Point, New York performed a concert titled "A Tribute to Leroy Anderson" in Anderson's hometown of Woodbury, Connecticut on the composer's birthday, June 29, 2008. Lieutenant Colonel Timothy J. Holtan conducted the band on the Centenary of Leroy Anderson at Woodbury's Nonnewaug High School.



United States Military Academy Band
Nonnewaug High School
Woodbury, Connecticut
June 29, 2008

The free concert was sponsored by the Woodbury Lion's Club. Over 1,000 people filled the concert hall on a very hot and humid day to help celebrate Leroy Anderson who lived in Woodbury from 1949 until his death in 1975.

Several presentations by dignitaries preceded the concert. Woodbury First Selectman Paul Hinckley read a special proclamation from Connecticut Governor Jodi Rell declaring June 29, 2008 Leroy Anderson Day in Connecticut. Rolf Anderson, a son of the composer, read a letter of congratulations from President George W. Bush. Congressman Chris Murphy presented a special recognition from the United States Congress.

The program included popular Anderson compositions including "Sandpaper Ballet," "The Syncopated Clock" and "Serenata," along with many lesser-known pieces.

Members of the composer's family in attendance included daughter Jane Anderson Vercelli, son Kurt Anderson the composer's widow, Eleanor Anderson, as well as many cousins from Connecticut.



Leroy Anderson, Woodbury, Connecticut

