'THE KLAUS ANSELM

Performer and Educator Information Sheet

THE PERFORMER

Most recently Klaus performed as part of the Blyth Festival in the hit show "Mr.New Year's Eve: A night with Guy Lombardo" where Klaus received much praise about his trumpet stylings within the show. Currently Klaus is also keeping busy as a trumpet player in various settings, including weddings, corporate events, private functions, and anywhere a trumpet sound is desired.

Over the past two decades, Klaus has enjoyed performing for audiences of different genres throughout Canada, Europe, and the USA. His experience ranges from playing solo trumpet for ceremonies, such as Remembrance Day and Easter, to playing in German Polka bands (Kitchener Oktoberfest), Mexican Mariachi bands, Jazz Combos, Big bands, Top 40 bands, as well as classical groups.

Some past highlights include playing with Dan Aykroyd in his Elwood Blues – Blues Brothers band, The Garden Brother's Circus touring Canada, for Princess Anne with Kingston's C & E Garrison Military Band, Jay Vazquez's Janis Joplin and Carlos Santa tribute tours in the USA and Canada, Elton Rohn (Canada's best Elton John's tribute band), with Canada's queen of pop Jully Black, and many more.

In Toronto, Klaus has had the privilege of playing with Christian Overton's Big Band, the Swing Shift Big Band, The George Lake Big Band, Luis Mario Ochoa's Latin Big Band, Kim & Company Wedding Band, Saturday Night Jive Wedding Band, Groove Marmalade (Top 40 band), and many more.

Klaus has also taken a special interest playing in musical theatre bands for several GTA theatre groups. He has performed in many plays including Guys&Dolls, Beauty and the Beast, Kiss me Kate, A funny thing happened on the way to the forum, Annie, Ragtime, Shrek, and most recently in the Blyth festival.

THE EDUCATOR

With partner Mike Wark, Klaus has set up a music education company that works with music teachers within the school system to provide assistance and resources to music programs. Check out The Bandaids for more information (www.thebandaids.ca). Klaus is also an enthusiastic trumpet teacher for beginner and young trumpeters. Contact him directly if you desire a trumpet lesson. (info@klausanselm.com)

Klaus had the privilege of attending Humber College, obtaining an Advanced Diploma in Jazz Studies with Honours. While at Humber where he studied with some of the finest and accomplished players in the country including Steve Crowe, Alastair Kay, Brian O'Kane, and Steve McDade.

Humber also exposed Klaus to Composing and Arranging (with Andy Ballantyne and Dave Stillwell), Jazz Pedagogy (with Brian Lillos), and other courses in Music Theory, Improvisation, Aural Training, Jazz History, Solo Performance, Repertoire Development, and many more.

Following Humber, Klaus obtained his Bachelor of Music in Jazz Studies, which was articulated through Humber College.

Klaus has enjoyed teaching private lessons in Kingston and the Greater Toronto area in a multitude of education settings, ranging from one on one customized lessons as well as one on one lessons in a structured school curriculum to giving group clinics to high school students.

Sharing the passion of music and trumpet playing with students remains one of Klaus' goals which he continuously evolves with every student.