



FRALINGER STRING BAND

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FACT SHEET

In 2014, the band won fifth prize in the New Year's Day parade with the theme "The Circus Comes to Clown". Full of energy, spirit and fun, our clowns entertain you with exciting music and dance routines. Led by Captain Scott Wray, Music Director Ken Niewinski and Presentation Director, Jeff Crompton, Fralinger is renowned throughout the world for very unique musical instrumentation and an uplifting performance style.

- Most *consistent* top prize winner over the last 35 years:
 - Won first, second or third prize in 25 of the last 35 New Years' Day parades
 - 17 First Prizes overall, including 2013
 - From 2003-2010, the band won an unprecedented eight consecutive first prizes!
- Organized on December 18, 1914 by **Dr. John J. Fralinger, M.D.**, a Philadelphia physician, pharmacist and also the team doctor for Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics. **WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR 100th ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR!**
- Reorganized in 1974 as a nonprofit organization governed completely by the membership
- A *progressive* Mummers String Band organization:
 - First string band to vocalize
 - First String Band to emulate brass instrument sounds with reed instruments (1971)
 - First String Band to feature the Big Band sound (1972) and Dixieland Jazz (1973)
 - First String Band to receive Philadelphia Mayor's Achievement Award (1975)
 - Herb Smith (Music Director Emeritus), Mike Rayer (Presentation Director Emeritus), and Bill Bowen Jr. (Captain Emeritus) – all members of elite Mummers' Hall of Fame
- Significant engagements:
 - Toronto Ukrainian Festival (2012)
 - Mardi Gras - New Orleans, LA (1973 and 2012)
 - Hong Kong International Chinese New Year Parade (2007)
 - Walt Disney World SpectroMagic[®] Parade (2007)
 - Official 2008 World Series Champion Philadelphia Phillies "Whiz Kids" pep band (since 1990)
 - Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell Inaugural Parade – Harrisburg, PA (2003)
 - Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett Inaugural – Harrisburg, PA (2011)
 - Miss America Pageant Parade – Atlantic City, NJ
 - Pearl Harbor Memorial Concert – Honolulu, HI (1997)
 - Baseball Hall of Fame Parade – Cooperstown, NY
 - Selected for "America's Bicentennial Celebration" television special (1976)
 - Appeared in Brian De Palma's movie, "Blow Out" (1981)
 - Appeared in Philadelphia Constitution Bicentennial Parade (1987)
 - Appeared at Disney's New York premieres of "Pocahontas" (1995) and "Hercules" (1997)
 - Dick Clark's "Freedom Festival" television special (1989)
- Musical Specialties:
 - Sing-along favorites
 - Standards
 - Dixieland/Jazz
 - Big Band/Swing
 - Patriotic
 - Contemporary
 - Latin

"The Ultimate in Mummers Entertainment"