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**What:** **DEMOCRACY ROCKS**  
**Presented by:** The Cape Cod Concert Band  
Tom Borning, Conductor  
**When:** **2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 28, 2023**  
**Where:** Knight Auditorium  
Barnstable High School, 744 West Main Street, Hyannis  
**Admission:** **FREE!!** (Donations welcome to benefit Voices of Children.)  
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Just in time for Memorial Day, the CCCB presents a master blend of classic rock, toe-tapping marches, music by American composers, and a guest appearance by WCAI's Mindy Todd, all to benefit Ukraine. *Democracy Rocks* takes place Sunday, May 28 at 2 PM in the Knight Auditorium at Barnstable High School. Admission is free.

Opening with *Affirmation*, an optimistic fanfare by the Black American composer William Owens, the program shifts into high gear with selections from The Rolling Stones, including the Siobhan Magnus favorite, *Paint it Black*. Next up is an arrangement by CCCB hornist and composer Mike Donovan of Simon and Garfunkel's mega-hit, *Bridge Over Troubled Water*. From there, we take in the depth and beauty of the American countryside, as depicted by Rossano Galante, in his soaring *Red Rock Mountain*. Other program highlights include music by Neil Diamond, Bruno Mars, E.E. Bagley, and—of course—John Philip Sousa.

Mindy Todd, host and producer of WCAI's *The Point*, joins the Band to narrate composer Elliot Del Borgo's hauntingly beautiful setting of the "The New Colossus." The famous poem by Emma Lazarus was originally written to raise funds to build a pedestal for the Statue of Liberty. Many of us know a line or two, but the full poem offers up a powerful reminder of the ideals of our young democracy. And because democracy is never a given, we're collecting audience donations to benefit the Ukrainian charity, Voices of Children.

The Cape Cod Concert Band, an all-volunteer 45-piece wind and percussion ensemble, is conducted by Tom Borning. Also the director of the Falmouth Town Band, Mr. Borning plays trumpet across New England, and is the host and creator of *The Everything Music Ed Podcast*, set to launch later this year. The CCCB is funded by audience donations, business supporters, and grants from the Mass Cultural Council, the Elizabeth B. McGraw Foundation, and the Cape Cod Melody Tent. Visit [www.capecodconcertband.org](http://www.capecodconcertband.org) to learn more.