



The appreciative audience at Nottingham's Talents Salutes the 300<sup>th</sup> Show  
Nottingham's Talents Salutes the 300<sup>th</sup>, on Tuesday, August, 16<sup>th</sup>

Steve Soreff, MD

Nottingham's Talents Salutes the 300<sup>th</sup>, was performed on Tuesday, July 16, 2022, at 6 PM at the Bandstand, next to the Community Center as part of Nottingham's year-long celebration of its 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

It commenced with Claire Burbank singing the National Anthem, *The Star-Spangled Banner*. She and her voice electrified the audience. Claire is entering her junior year at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, loves theater and singing, and was the co-director of the 300<sup>th</sup> production of Rebecca Rule's *The Town Meeting*. She has authored 13 anti-bullying books including [Sassy Tomatoes](#), which is available at Liar's Paradise.



Claire Burbank singing the National Anthem.

Lisa Kennard next sang the official Nottingham Town Song., entitled *Our Nottingham, New Hampshire Town*, which is sung to the tune *America, the Beautiful*. Lisa not only wrote that song but also is the author of [BIG Dreams Inn a Small New Hampshire Town](#).



Lisa Kennard singing *Our Nottingham, New Hampshire Town*,

The first act was the Sunrise Strummers Ukulele Band. This is a group played ukuleles and washboards and was under the direction of its volunteer leader, Kathy Stilwell. They have practiced together for 4 years and are based out of [Newmarket Senior Center](#). What they performed included *Summer Time*, *On the Road Again*, *This Land Is Your Land*, and one Hawaiian, *Aloha 'Oe*.



## The Sunrise Strummers Ukulele Band

The next act was [Craig Werth](#). He is New Hampshire songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. “After two decades of performing part-time and regionally, Craig served as the full-time accompanist/co-arranger for three-time Juno Award winner [David Francey](#), starting in the fall of 2006. He co-produced Francey's ‘Right of Passage’ which won the best album Juno. He toured heavily for nearly 5 years, showcased by David for his own writing and performance skills. With the release of his folk-DJ charting album of original songs, ‘The Spokes Man’, Craig returned to the stage much more as a solo artist. He has also toured internationally with the highly and widely acclaimed Gaelic-Americana artist, [Kyle Carey](#)”. Craig Werth is also the pastor of Nottingham’s Community Church, He wove folk, acoustic, and Americana music together and an original song praising the people of Nottingham.



Craig Werth

This was followed by the amazingly talented duo of Claire Burbank and Cassidy Green. Yes, the Claire who began the concert with the National Anthem. And there is Cassidy Green. Cassidy will be entering her sophomore at Dover High School. Along with Claire is co-directed the play, *The Town Meeting*. She has played many roles in numerous productions including Annie in *Annie*, an Oomphloomph in *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, the Princess in *The Little Mermaid*, and a tree in *Into the Woods*. She has attended and is now part of Nottingham’s Recreation Department’s summer drama camp staff. The duet sang *Come to Your Senses* from *Tick Tick Boom* written by Jonathan Larson and Queen’s *Somebody to Love*. The two thrilled the audience with their sparkling performance.



Left Claire Burbank and right Cassidy Green

Next, Steve Soreff, who emceed and produced the show, introduced and thanked Steve Welch, Chair of the 300<sup>th</sup> Committee.



Steve Soreff and Steve Welch

The was followed by Dan Raymond who played these 4 instrumentals on his guitar: *Something, Here, There and Everywhere, A Taste of Honey, and Day by Day.*



Dan Raymond

Then there was another duo. [Stolen Covers Duo](#) consisting of Theresa and Rick Landry. They sang and played the history of classic rock songs from the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, 00's and 10's. These included *Johnny Be Good*, *I'm a Believer*, *Joy to the World*, *You Were Meant for Me*, *Ran Away*, and *Light*.



Theresa and Rick Landry

The show closed with a finale of all the performers and the audience singing first *Happy Birthday to Nottingham* and *You are my Sunshine*.



Full cast finale



Schuyler Scribner

The brilliant sound and lighting production was done by Schuyler Scribner. Schuyler is the producer of the NHPBS series [\*Our Hometown\*](#) which soon will feature Nottingham. Peggy Tucker\* provided by donation to the 300<sup>th</sup> vegetarian chili and hot dogs. Bill Burbank\*\* photographed the show and supplied the pictures. Thanks also to the Nottingham Recreation Department for supplying the tables, chairs and hot dog maker and to Joe Welch and Wanda Langford for selling 300<sup>th</sup> items such as tee shirts and cookbooks.

\* Peggy is part of Sunrise Strummers Ukulele Band and standing on the left side of the group with the blue shirt and hat.

\*\* Bill is seated center of the audience picture with the camera and blur shirt on.