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Let's Plant a Tree: Mantone Memorial Fundraiser Concert
MCs: Emily Dobmeier and Riley Goodemote

Ford Hall
Wednesday, May 2, 2012
10:00 a.m.
Program

Brooklyn
Youngblood Brass Band

BIG BILL’S PHAT 7
Bill Connors
Sam Thurston
Ethan Zawisza
T.J. Schaper
Chris Miley
Jimmy Rose
Will Sigel
Ian Cummings

Don't Stop Believin'
Journey

PANGEA TUBA QUARTET
Seth Magee
Kevin Kozik
Michael Horsford
Steve Vaughn

Michelangelo
Sigvart Dagsland
arr. Frode Rydland

Steve Vaughn, euphonium
Seth Waters, piano

Groovin' High
Dizzy Gillespie

South Hill Quartet
Jason Juliano
Will Sigel
Damien Scalise
Sam Shuhan

Born This Way
Lady Gaga

Ithacapella
Premium Blend
IC VoiceStream
Gregory Mantone

Gregory J. Mantone (1991-2011) was the oldest child of Stephen and Linda Mantone, and the older brother of Emily Mantone. Greg was raised in Mount Sinai, New York, a small town in Suffolk County, Long Island. Greg was a 2009 graduate of Mount Sinai High School. At the time of his death, Greg was in his third year as a music education major at Ithaca College.

There are so many ways to describe Greg. In addition to being an excellent student and musician, he was a creative thinker and a responsible and hard working young man. Greg was a person who always enjoyed his life to the fullest. He lived up to all of his responsibilities, and still found the time to pursue his other interests and do the things he loved to do. He loved his home, his family, his friends, his music. He was a devoted son, a loving older brother, an excellent role model for his sister, his younger cousins and for the students he was learning to teach. He savored every moment of every day. Yet none of this describes all of who he truly was – a kind, sweet, loving and generous person. Greg always looked for – and found – the goodness in people. Over and over again, the comment made by people who knew and loved Greg has been, “He was the kindest person I have ever met.”

It is difficult to summarize a person’s life in a brief biography. The most important thing that we can say about Greg is not a list of his accomplishments, although he did accomplish much in just twenty years. The most important thing is that we knew and loved such a wonderful person. We were blessed to be Greg’s family. We are grateful for the closeness we shared with him, and we are thankful that he shared his funny, creative, entertaining, sometimes bizarre and always intelligent thoughts with us. We had twenty wonderful years of life with him, as did his extended family and the many, many friends who loved him as well. In a life that was all too short, Greg touched many people’s hearts.

Memorial Information

The Ithaca College Junior Music Education majors and the members of the Ithaca College Euphonium and Tuba studio have expressed a sincere and deep desire to create a permanent memorial to Gregory within the Ithaca College School of Music.

The hope is to plant a special tree, located outside the School of Music and labeled with a special memorial plaque, named in memory of Gregory. We believe the tree would serve as a visible memorial and a place where students could gather in peace and in memory of our dear friend Gregory.

No matter the amount, we thank you for considering making a contribution to a permanent memorial in the School of Music in honor of Gregory Mantone.
Thank-You

The Ithaca College Tuba/Euphonium Studio would like to thank Hickey's Music Center and Purity Ice Cream for their generous donations for this event.

Special thanks to all of today's performers for making this event possible.

Donations for this memorial can be made in the Diva Lounge and in McHenry Lobby following the concert.