

THE COMPTON HEIGHTS CONCERT BAND

Whether it's an antique clock or a stately old house, perhaps you have felt the sense of satisfaction that comes from restoring and breathing life into some relic of a bygone day. That same preservationist philosophy is the driving force behind the Compton Heights Concert Band of St. Louis and our efforts to promote and perform the fine concert band literature of yesteryear.

The band was organized in 1976 by Band President and Executive Director, Harry Swanger, who formed the band to provide music for Compton Heights neighborhood events. From this modest beginning, Swanger has strived to build the band, now numbering over 60 volunteer, student and professional musicians who annually present 30 concerts in St. Louis and outstate Missouri.

Musical Mondays, the band's eight week summer series of old-fashioned band concerts, presented annually since 1980, is held in the Henry Shaw Memorial Bandstand in Tower Grove Park, recently designated a national historic landmark. The band's other popular series, Sunday Serenades, held in Francis Park in south St. Louis, began in 1986. These musical traditions attract 50,000 listeners annually.

Featuring a Sousa-style program, each concert includes outstanding soloists. Some of the nation's most talented musicians have appeared, including William Warfield, Debbye Turner (Miss America 1990), The Nuclear Whales Saxophone Orchestra, and trumpet virtuoso, Arturo Sandoval. In 1988 the band hosted the national convention of the Association of Concert Bands. Since then, the band was selected for the 1990 and 1993 ACB national conventions, showcasing at the latter its model schools education program which includes students playing in concert with the band. Under the Missouri Arts Council touring program, the band has been acclaimed by audiences in Hermann, Joplin, Farmington, St. Joseph, St. Peters, Jefferson City, and Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Gregory Fox was appointed Conductor of the band in September 1992. Inspired by "the people and the music", Greg returned because band members are "a wonderful group of people to work with -- dedicated to making good music and to having a good time doing it". Greg calls the opportunity to present 30 concerts a year "unique" and finds the audiences "the greatest!" Greg holds the Doctor of Education in Music Education from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, studying conducting under the noted Harry Begian. He has taught music at every level from elementary school to university, and has conducted community, school, and honor bands in New York, Illinois, and Missouri. A founding member of the Arch Brass, he has organized and conducted the annual Merry TubaChristmas concert at the St. Louis Galleria since 1989. Greg is also Choir Director at Grace Community Chapel in St. Peters, where he makes his home with his wife, Pat, and two children, Lars and Cherstin, both members of the band.

The announcer for our concerts is Lucille Schroeder, wife of band vice-president and tubist Jon Schroeder. In addition to her pleasant voice and professional demeanor, Lucy injects a lively sense of humor and energy into every concert, and helps the audience gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the music the band is presenting.

To help finance its many expenses, the band depends upon individual and corporate donations, concert sponsors' fees, a weekly Bingo, Bandwagon memberships, the Missouri Arts Council, The Regional Arts Commission, The Arts & Education Council, and the Monsanto Fund.

For more information, please call the band office at 776-2227, or write to the Compton Heights Concert Band of St. Louis at 2335 S. Grand, St. Louis, Missouri, 63104.

The Saint Louis Art Museum

Presents

"Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony"



*A mini-concert of
Holiday Season Music
By the Compton
Heights Concert
Band; Storyteller,
Julie Kriekhaus; and
Louie the Lightning
Bug, special guest.*

Tuesday, November 29, 1994
Grigg Gallery

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Welcome	- Jim Burke, Museum Director
Remarks	- Chuck Mueller, Pres. & CEO, U.E.
Holiday Music	- Compton Heights Concert Band
"December Tale"	- Julie Kriekhaus, Storyteller
Tree Lighting	- Louie the Lightning Bug
Carol Sing-along	- Compton Heights Concert Band
Photos	- with Louie the Lightning Bug

Compton Heights Concert Band Program

Dr. Gregory C. Fox, Conductor
Lucy Schroeder, Announcer

Holiday Music

JINGLE BELL ROCK	Joe Beal
TOYLAND	Victor Herbert
THE CHRISTMAS SONG	Mel Torme/R. Wells
RUDOLF THE RED-NOSED REINDEER	Marks/arr. Lavender
WHITE CHRISTMAS	Irving Berlin

Carol Sing-along

CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG	James D. Ployhar
Hark, The Herald Angels Sing	
O Come All Ye Faithful	
Deck The Halls	
Silent Night	
The First Noel	
Joy To The World	
We Wish You A Merry Christmas	

Christmas Sing-A-Long

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing,
Glo-ry to the new-born King!
Peace on earth, and mer-cy mild,
God and sin-ners rec-on-ciled.
Joy-ful, all ye na-tions rise
Join the tri-umph of the skies;
With th'an-gel-ic host pro-claim,
Christ is born in Beth-le-hem.
Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing,
Glo-ry to the new-born King!

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

O come, all ye faith-ful,
Joy-ful and tri-um-phant,
O come ye, O come ye to
Beth-le-hem.
Come and be-hold Him,
Born the King of an-gels;
O come, let us a-dore Him,
O come, let us a-dore Him,
O come, let us a-dore Him,
Christ, the Lord.

"Deck The Halls"

Deck the halls with boughs of
hol-ly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
'Tis the sea-son to be jol-ly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Don we now our gay ap-par-el,
Fa -- la, la-- la, la la la,
Troll the an-cient Yule-tide ca-rol,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

"Silent Night"

Si-lent night!
Ho-ly night!

All is calm, All is bright.
Round yon vir-gin
Moth-er and child!
Ho-ly in-fant, so ten-der and mild,
Sleep in heav-en-ly peace!
Sleep in heav-en-ly peace!

"The First Noel"

The first No-el the an-gels did say
Was to cer-tain poor shep-herds
in fields as they lay:
In fields where they
lay keep-ing their sheep,
On a cold win-ter's night
that was so deep.
No-el, No-el, No-el, No-el,
Born is the King of Is-ra-el.

"Joy To The World"

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth re-ceive her King;
Let ev-'ry heart
Pre-pare Him room
And heav'n and na-ture sing,
And heav'n and na-ture sing,
And heav'n and heav'n
and na-ture sing.

"We Wish You A Merry Christmas"

We wish you a mer-ry Christmas,
We wish you a mer-ry Christmas,
We wish you a mer-ry Christmas,
And a Hap-py New Year!
Good ti-dings we bring for you and
your kin.
We wish you a Mer-ry Christ-mas
And a Hap-py New Year!