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The Compton Heights Concert Band

Highlights:

- 1976 Band Formed in living room in Compton Heights neighborhood
- 1977 First Concert in Tower Grove Park
- 1979 First Holiday Pops Concert
- 1980 TuneFul Tuesdays now Musical Mondays summer concert series in Tower Grove Park
- 1983 VP Fair-audience of 1 million, band bus ends in river!
- 1984 Band charity bingo begins
- 1986 Sunday Serenades concert series in Francis Park begins
- 1988 Band hosts Association of Concert Bands Convention
- 1989 First Tour to St. Joseph and Omaha
- · 1992 First indoor series Band on Grand
- 1992 First Missouri Arts Council tour Hermann, MO
- 1998 First Powell Symphony Hall Concert
- 2000 "Sunrise Serenades" TV Show Begins -- Saturdays at 5:30 AM, KMOV, Channel 4, CBS

The driving force behind the Compton Heights Concert Band is a preservationist philosophy determined to promote the American Concert Band, the unique American art form created by Patrick Gilmore in the 1860's and perfected by John Philip Sousa at the turn of the last century, and to play the fine concert band literature of yesteryear. As with jazz, another unique American art form, concert bands and concert band literature are undergoing a resurgence in America as we embark on a new millennium. Sousa's concerts were dubbed "the world's greatest pops concerts". In this tradition, a Compton Heights Concert Band concert features programming appealing to all ages and musical tastes; "something for everyone".

From its modest beginning in the Compton Heights neighborhood livingroom of band organizer, President and Executive Director, Harry F. Swanger, in 1976, the Band quickly became a metropolitan St. Louis area tradition, attracting over 50,000 listeners annually to its famed dual summer series, *Sunday Serenades* in Francis Park and *Musical Mondays* in Tower Grove Park. In addition, the Band performs at annual holiday concerts and metro area events such as the Old Courthouse. Featured artists include: Hugh Smith, tenor; Arturo Sandoval, jazz/classical trumpet wizard; Sukay, "Music of the Andes"; Alex Klein, Chicago Symphony's principal oboist; BNFL Brass Band; Jerry Robinson & Sax-O-Peel, The Lennon Brothers; William Warfield, Baritone; Debbye Turner, marimba; Ricardo Morales, Metropolitan Opera principal clarinet; Nuclear Whales Saxophone Orchestra; Myron Floren, accordion; Stephanie Williams; Jean Kittrell & The St. Louis Rivermen, Keith Brion, Sousa portrayer; The Legend Singers; The St. Louis County Community Chorus; and our own vocal duo of Robert Ellison and Beverly Stewart-Anderson.

Edward Dolbashian, Music Director & Conductor, is the orchestra and opera conductor at the University of Missouri, Columbia, and conducts the Alton Symphony Orchestra, Alton, Ill. Appointed conductor of the Compton Heights Concert Band in September, 1998, he is also an accomplished oboe and English Horn player. The announcer is Lucy Schroeder, wife of band vice-president and tubist Jon Schroeder. Lucy injects a lively sense of humor and aids the audience appreciation of the music.

In addition to weekly Band rehearsals, members devote thousands of volunteer hours at its charity bingo at the Band operated bingo hall, Bandwagon Hall, 6245 Lemay Ferry Road, 845-1877. The Band is also supported by Catherine Manley Gaylord Foundation, Clifford Willard Gaylord Foundation, Commerce Bank, Missouri Arts Council, Regional Arts Commission, Southwest Bank, St. Louis Parks & Recreation Department, and The Whitaker Foundation.

To make a tax-deductible donation mail to Compton Heights Band, 2335 So. Grand, St Louis, Mo. 63104 or call (314) 776-2227. Web site: www.chband.org

Backstage Bio

Hugh Smith

Hugh Smith is from Lebanon, Ohio. He holds a Masters in Music from Bowling Green State U., Ohio, and a Masters in Fine Arts from the Academy of Vocal Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



Photo by Barry Dierkes

He has appeared with major symphony orchestras and opera companies all over the world. This month he is in *Jenufa* at the Lyric Opera of Chicago and will also perform in *Attila*! In 2000 alone, he appeared with the American Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorale of New York as King Midas in *Die Liebe der Danae* at Avery Fisher Hall, New York (January); Opera Pacific's production of *Manon Lescaut* (February); Hamburg State Opera in *La Boheme* and *Rigoletto* (April-May and October); and Lyric Opera of Chicago's production of *Jenufa* (November-December 2000). Future engagements include the Lyric Opera of Chicago, Chatelet, Opera Pacific, and Munich Opera.

He won the following awards: 1993 International Friedrich Schorr Competition, 1994 Metropolitan Opera National Auditions, 1994 Mario Lanza Competition, 1995 Luciano Pavarotti International Competition, 1996 Placido Domingo International Competition, and 1997 Sullivan Foundation Award.

His opera experience includes:

Alfredo, La Traviata (Lyric Opera of Chicago, Opera de Puerto Rico, Lisbon)

Forresto, Attila (Bologna, Parma)

Cavaradossi, Tosca (Netherlands Opera)

Des Grieux, Manon Lescaut (Opera Pacific)

Don Carlo, Don Carlo (Opera de Paris)

Faust, Faust (Dayton)

King Midas. Die Liebe der Danae (Avery Fisher, NY)

Laca, Jenufa (Lyric Opera of Chicago, Charleston, Spoleto USA)

Lenski, Eugene Onegin (Academy of Vocal Arts, Phil.)

Manrico. Il Trovatore (Academy of Vocal Arts, Phil.)

Pollione, Norma (Opera Geneve)

Pinkerton, Madama Butterfly (Houston, San Francisco, Napoli, Teatro San Carlo)

Riccardo, Un Ballo in Maschera (Academy of Vocal Arts)

Rodolfo, La Boheme (Cincinnati, Toledo, Dayton, Hamburgische Staatsoper)

In addition: Beethoven's Ninth (Puerto Rico Symphony); Giovanna d'Arco (Carnegie Hall);

Nabucco (Carnegie Hall); Verdi Requiem (Bologna, teatro comunale).

Soloist with: Philadelphia Orchestra, St. Louis Symphony, American Symphony Orchestra

The Compton Heights Band's Founder, Executive Director and President, Harry Swanger, and Kitty Swanger took 3 groups to Europe to see Hugh in opera performances. In October, 1998, 19 heard Hugh in *Don Carlo* at Opera de Paris; in November 1999, 31 heard Hugh as *Cavaradossi* in *Tosca* at the Netherlands Opera; and in 2000 25 heard Hugh perform beautifully as Rodolfo in *La Boheme* at the Hamburg State Opera! This has become a tradition and many of the travelers are asking about next year!

Tonight, Hugh returns to the Compton Heights Concert Band stage for the eighth time!

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Rick Wallace

Percussion
Brian Hucker
Kenneth Husser
Jennifer Watt
Wm. Shane Williams

Tuba
Phillip Cornett
Jeff Hoard
Jon Schroeder

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Mr. Dolbashian began his musical training as a student at New York's famed High School of the Performing Arts. Upon graduation, Mr. Dolbashian entered the Hartt College of Music, in Hartford Connecticut, where he earned his degrees in oboe performance.

Mr. Dolbashian's conducting career began when he accepted the directorship of the Holyoke Symphony Orchestra in Holyoke, Massachusetts. His orchestral conducting studies took him to Pierre Monteaux School of Orchestra Conducting in Maine, studying under Charles Bruck; and to Yale University, where he served as student conducting assistant to Otto Werner-Mueller en route to earning a Master of Musical Arts degree in Orchestral Conducting. Further studies took place at the Tanglewood Institute, with Leonard Bernstein, Seiji Ozawa, Andre Previn, and Gustav Meier, and the Boris Goldovsky Opera Conducting Seminar. Before coming to Missouri, Mr. Dolbashian was a member of the Hartford Symphony for 11 years and was principal oboe of the Hartford Chamber Orchestra, the Goldovsky Opera Company, and the Hudson Valley Philharmonic. He made his solo oboe debut in Town Hall, NY, NY, 1969.

In addition to his duties as Music Director of the University Philharmonic, Alton Symphony, and the Compton Heights Concert Band, Mr. Dolbashian also maintains an active guest conducting schedule. He appeared as guest conductor of the "1998 International Festival of Music Orchestra" in Belem, Brazil, and as guest conductor of the Londrina Symphony in Londrina, Brazil. And, most recently, with the St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra.

St. Louis County Community Chorus

In 1976, desiring to sing more varied music, a group of church choir members arranged for a rehearsal hall, a director and an accompanist to form a new choral organization to be called the St. Louis County Community Chorus. Bravely, they advertised for "anyone interested" to join. Sixty people from eleven St. Louis communities came to sing. In the decades since, the St. Louis County Community Chorus has performed throughout St. Louis: Fair St. Louis, retirement centers, the Old Courthouse, corporate programs, the Compton Heights Concert Band and the Kirkwood A.I.M. Band, are just some of the many appearances by this grass roots choral group honoring their pledge to serve the entire community. We are pleased to have the St. Louis County Community Chorus, now numbering over 100 voices, return to the Compton Heights Concert Band stage for this memorable concert.

Jim Buffaloe, Artistic Director, St. Louis County Community Chorus, is in his 13th year with the chorus. He was a choral conductor at Affton High School for 26 years. He earned his Bachelor of Music Degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma and his Masters from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary School of Sacred Music, Louisville, Kentucky, 1958. He is also a composer of 15 anthems and won 1st prize in the National Anthem Competition. He now works as a piano technician and magician.

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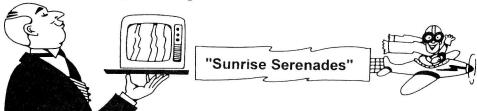
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Tune in for the Compton Heights Concert Band's new, funfilled half-hour television production, "Sunrise Serenades", on Channel 4 KMOV (CBS) on Saturday at 5:30 AM. Yep, that's AM, as in early morning!

The first several "Sunrise Serenades" shows highlighted excerpts from the July 24 and 25 performances of "Sunday Serenades" at Francis Park and "Musical Mondays" at Tower Grove Park. Some shows have featured Hugh Smith at the Band's 1998 and 1999 Holiday Pops Concerts at Powell Symphony Hall.

The host for the show is the Band's founder and Executive Director, Harry Swanger; occasional cameo appearances are made by the Band's Maestro, Edward Dolbashian, and special guests. In addition to the fine music from this Summer's concerts, "Sunrise Serenades" includes appearances by Moosic, the Band's new mascot, and a short segment from "Kitty's Kitchen". Kitty Swanger features recipes from the Band's cookbook, "Cooking to Beat the Band".

If you're usually in bed at 5:30 AM, tape it and call us at 776-2227 to let us know what you thought of the show. If you really like the show, call Channel 4 at 621-4444 and let them know just how much you enjoyed it!

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The Compton Heights Band is planning an exciting group tour to Detroit, Toronto & Niagara Falls for the Hugh Smith *Carmen* opening night performance. Groups went to Paris, Amsterdam & Hamburg previously for Hugh Smith opening night performances! These fun-filled tours have delighted many tour goers each year! If you are interested in joining, call the Band office at (314) 776-2227.

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Deck The Halls

Arr. Chip Davis/Robert Longfield

Core'ngrato (Faithless Heart) Hugh Smith, Tenor

S. Cardillo/Arr. Leonard B. Smith

Come Back To Sorrento Hugh Smith, Tenor

E. DeCurtis/Arr. Paul Van Loan

Feliz Navidad

Jose Feliciano/Arr. John Moss

I'll Be Home for Christmas St. Louis County Community Chorus Walter Kent/Arr. Steve Zegree

Happy Holidays/White Christmas St. Louis County Community Chorus Irving Berlin/Arr. Edward Lojeski

And This Is My Beloved from "Kismet" Based on a theme by Alexander Borodin Hugh Smith, Tenor

Robert Wright & George Forrest Orch. by: Lanny Waggoner

St. Louis County Community Chorus

Arr. Hynes

Hugh Smith, Tenor

The Christmas Song

Be My Love

Mel Torme & Robert Wells Arr. John Higgins

Eric Gargrave, Saxophone

Rodgers & Hammerstein

Highlights from "Carousel" Hugh Smith, Tenor

Arr. for Hugh by Jerry Robinson

Intermission

A Trumpeter's Lullaby Mary Weber, Trumpet Leroy Anderson Arr. Philip J. Lang

Guardian Angels Around My Bed Hugh Smith, Tenor

Harpo Marx Special Arr. by Jerry Robinson

Ave Maria

Hugh Smith, Tenor

J.S. Bach / Gounod

Special Arr. by Jerry Robinson

Do You Hear What I Hear

St. Louis County Community Chorus

Arr. Emily Crocker & John Moss

Holiday Favorites

St. Louis County Community Chorus

Arr. Emerson & Lavender

Christmas Sing-A-Long

Hugh Smith, Tenor, Leader

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O Holy Night

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Arr. Calvin Custer

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Deck The Halls

Deck the Halls with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la, la la la la 'Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la, la la la la Don we now our gay apparel, Fa la la la la, la la la la Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, Fa la la la la, la la la la

Silent Night

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright. Round yon virgin Mother and Child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace! Sleep in heavenly peace!

The First Noel

The first Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year!
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We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year!



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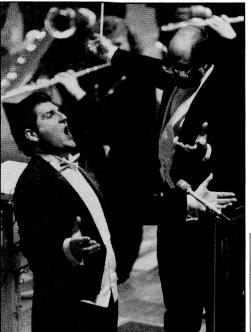


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