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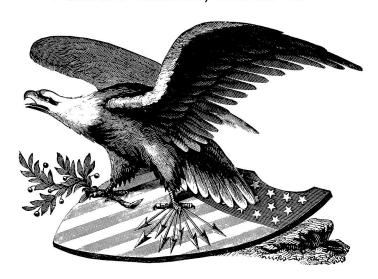
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# The Compton Heights Concert Band

Edward Dolbashian, Conductor

23<sup>rd</sup> Annual *Memorial Day Tribute Concert* 

Featuring Robert Ellison, Baritone





Tower Grove Park Monday, May 29, 2000 3:00 PM

# 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 TuneFull 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
- 1999 20th Anniversary Summer Series

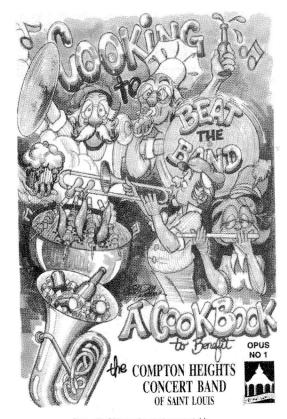
The driving force behind the Compton Heights Concert Band is a preservationist philosophy determined to promote the American Concert Band, the unique American art form created by Patrick Gilmore in the 1860's and perfected by John Philip Sousa at the turn of the last century, and to play the fine concert 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 approach the 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 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, "the 4th tenor"; Arturo Sandoval, jazz/classical trumpet wizard; Sukay, "Music of the Andes"; Alex Klein, Chicago Symphony's principal oboist; BNFL Brass Band; Jerald 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; 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 and Chorus rehearsals, members devote thousands of volunteer hours at our charity bingos at the Band operated bingo hall, Bandwagon Hall, 6245 Lemay Ferry Road, 845-1877. The Band is also supported by the Regional Arts Commission, St. Louis Parks & Recreation Department, Southwest Bank, Whitaker Foundation, Clifford Willard Gaylord Foundation, Missouri Arts Council, Blue Bunny Ice Cream, Dierbergs, Catherine Manley Gaylord Foundation and The Commerce Bancshares Foundation.

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# The Compton Heights Concert Band **Memorial Day Concert**

Monday, May 29, 2000 -- 3:00 PM

#### Edward Dolbashian, Music Director & Conductor Lucy Schroeder, Announcer Robert Ellison, Baritone Soloist

#### Program

Chimes of Liberty

Edwin Franko Goldman

Light Calvary

Franz Von Suppe'

Eagle Squadron

Kenneth J. Alford

Over There

Arr. By M.L. Lake

Pledge of Allegiance

Merrill/Bullock

God Bless the USA

U.S. Field Artillery

Greenwood, Arr. By Holmes

Robert Ellison, Baritone

John Philip Sousa

#### Intermission

National Emblem

E.E. Bagley

March On March On America

Monico/Hoover

Armed Forces Salute

Arr. By Bob Lowden

The Ballad of the Green Berets America. The Beautiful

Barry Sadler and Robin Moore

Arr. By David T. Clydesdale

Robert Ellison, Baritone

American Patrol

F.W. Meacham

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John Philip Sousa

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# Backstage

Robert Ellison, bartione vocalist, has thrilled audiences worldwide. Retired from the USAF, he resides in O'Fallon, Illinois. In addition to many appearances with the Compton Heights Concert Band, Ellison has performed as a guest soloist with the St. Louis and Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestras and has sung in productions of "Showboat," "Two Gentleman of Verona," and "Godspell." Bob has been a perennial favorite of Compton Heights Concert Band audiences for many years. We are happy to have him perform with us again!



Robert Ellison, Baritone

### The Compton Heights Concert Band's Sunday Serenades & Musical Mondays

Sundays in Francis Park - 7:30 PM Mondays in Tower Grove Park - 7:30 PM

<u>Dates</u> :	Featured Guest Artist(s):
June 25/26	Butch Wax & The Hollywoods
	Pre-Concert Blue Bunny Ice Cream
July 2/3	Robert Ellison, Overture 1812 with Cannons
July 9/10	Jean Kittrell & The St. Louis Rivermen
July 16/17	William Warfield, Baritone
July 23/24	Tribute to Henry Shaw / Sousa Concert
	(Whitaker Foundation Concerts)
	Keith Brion, Sousa Portrayer & Conductor
	Hugh Smith, Tenor
July 30/31	Porgy & Bess Concert
	Beverly Stewart Anderson & Bob Ellison
August 6/7	Steve Seward, Tuba; Diane Schick, Piccolo

All concerts are Free!

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Today, more than ever, arts organizations need a group of ardent citizen supporters who offer financial, moral and volunteer assistance. For the Compton Heights Concert Band that group is called "The Bandwagon". The Bandwagon helps us provide the St. Louis metropolitan area with old-fashioned, John Philip Sousa style band concerts at our two free summer series, *Sunday Serenades* and *Musical Mondays*, which attract over 50,000 listeners each year. Presenting a first class production requires substantial government, corporate, and individual support. We need your support! Your \$50 or more tax deductible donation admits you as a member of the Bandwagon.

Thank you,

Harry F. Swanger, Executive Director

The Compton Heights Concert Band's 1999 Powell Symphony Hall Concert Recording Limited Edition! Featuring Hugh Smith, Tenor



The Compton Heights Concert Band, under the direction of Edward Dolbashian, presented its 1999 annual Holiday Pops concert at Powell Symphony Hall, December 23, 1999. This concert was spectacular and was recorded live!

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invites you to

# **Audition**

#### For the Band's Gala 2000 Season!

Openings exist in all sections, especially French Horn, Trumpet, and Trombone.

The Compton Heights Concert Band presents concerts vear-round. Members are expected to participate in at least 80% of these programs. In addition, members are expected to volunteer at the Band's charity bingo.

#### Old-fashioned concerts in the Sousa tradition! Join in the Music!

It's terrific to perform with outstanding world class soloists such as Arturo Sandoval, Hugh Smith, Robert Ellison, Beverly Stewart Anderson, Steve Seward, Red Lehr, and Jean Kittrell. Professional conducting, exciting concerts and a terrific social experience, too!

Talk to Jaci Lett (flute) or Edward Dolbashian (conductor) after the concert, or call (314) 776-2227.

#### Auditioning is easy!

- 10 minutes
- one prepared piece
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#### The Compton Heights Concert Band

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#### Edward Dolbashian, Music Director & Conductor

Edward Dolbashian was appointed Music Director & Conductor of the Compton Heights Concert Band in September 1998. He is also Music Director of the Missouri University Philharmonic in Columbia. Missouri, a post he has held since 1984, and Music Director of the Alton Symphony Orchestra, in Alton, Illinois, to which he was appointed in 1993. 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 the prestigious 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. Most recently he appeared as guest conductor of the "1998 International Festival of Music Orchestra" in Belem, Brazil, and as quest conductor of the Londrina Symphony in Londrina, Brazil,