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The Compton Heights Concert Band

Edward Dolbashian, Music Director/Conductor Harry F. Swanger, President/Executive Director

Presents its

27th Annual Memorial Day Concert

Tower Grove Park Monday, May 30, 2005 3:00 PM

with Robert Ellison, Baritone Soloist



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The Compton Heights Concert Band

- 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 and First Missouri Arts Council tour Hermann, MO
- 1998 First Powell Symphony Hall Concert
- 2000 "Sunrise Serenades" TV Show Aired for 18 months on Saturdays, KMOV, Channel 4, CBS
- 2001 Band celebrates its 25th Anniversary!
- * 2004 Band celebrates 25th Anniversary of summer concert 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 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. The Band performs at annual holiday concerts and metro area events such as the Old Courthouse. Featured artists include: Hugh Smith, tenor; Peter Nero, piano; Arturo Sandoval, jazz/classical trumpet wizard; Sukay, "Music of the Andes"; Alex Klein, Chicago Symphony's principal oboist; James Christensen, former Music Director, Walt Disney World; BNFL Brass Band; Butchwax & The Hollywoods with Johnnie Johnson and Billy Peek; Jerry Robinson & Sax-O-Peel, The Lennon Brothers; the late William Warfield, Baritone; Debbye Turner, marimba; Ricardo Morales, Metropolitan Opera principal clarinet; Myron Floren, accordion; Keith Brion, Sousa portrayer; The Legend Singers; and our own vocal duo of Robert Ellison and Beverly Stewart-Anderson. The Band also tours in Missouri under the auspices of the State Missouri Arts Council.

Edward Dolbashian, Music Director & Conductor, is the orchestra and opera conductor at the University of Missouri, Columbia, the Clayton Symphony, and the Alton Symphony Orchestra, Alton, III. Appointed conductor of the Compton Heights Concert Band in September, 1998, he is also a professional oboe and English Horn player. The announcer is Lucy Schroeder, wife of band vice-president and tubist Jon Schroeder, who is an original member of the Compton Heights Band!

In addition to weekly Band rehearsals, members devote thousands of volunteer hours at its charity bingos at Bandwagon Hall, 6245 Lemay Ferry Road. The Band is also financially supported by Catherine Manley Gaylord Foundation, Clifford Willard Gaylord Foundation, Missouri Arts Council, The Regional Arts Commission, Foot and Ankle Associates, Southwest Bank, St. Louis Philanthropic Organization, IcelandAir, the St. Louis Parks & Recreation Department, and Bandwagon Members. To make a tax-deductible donation mail to Compton Heights Band, 2335 So. Grand, St Louis, Mo. 63104 or call (314) 776-2227. Web: www.chband.org

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Robert Ellison, Baritone



Robert Ellison is the Compton Heights Concert Band's favorite Baritone vocalist! Bob has thrilled audiences worldwide! There is always great demand for his return to our stage.

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 Symphony and Pittsburgh Symphony and has sung in productions of "Showboat," "Two Gentleman of Verona," and "Godspell."

He performed and recorded an in-concert version of "Porgy & Bess" at the Band's "Sunday Serenades" and "Musical Mondays" concert series in 2000. A grant from CALOP, University City, allowed the Band to record and present it on Cable TV and on the Band's own "Sunrise Serenades" TV Show, which aired Saturdays, 5:30 AM, KMOV-TV, Channel 4 for over a year. Bob is also featured in the Compton Heights Band's "A Star Studded Spectacular" CD. We are happy to have Bob return to the Band's stage!

Edward Dolbashian, Conductor

Edward Dolbashian has been Music Director of the Missouri University Philharmonic in Columbia, Missouri, since 1984; Music Director of the Alton Symphony Orchestra, in Alton, Illinois, since 1993; and the Compton Heights Concert Band since September 1998. He is also the conductor of the Clayton Symphony.

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



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CT. His conducting career began as director of the Holyoke Symphony Orchestra in Holyoke, MA. He studied conducting at the prestigious Pierre Monteaux School of Orchestra Conducting in Maine, under Charles Bruck; and at Yale University as student conducting assistant to Otto Werner-Mueller leading to 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. 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 debuted as oboe soloist in Town Hall, NY, NY, 1969.

The Compton Heights Concert Band 27th Annual Memorial Day Concert

Monday, May 30, 2005 Tower Grove Park

Robert Ellison, Baritone Soloist

Program

The Star Spangled Banner Arr. by John Philip Sousa

Washington Post March John Philip Sousa

The Good Old USA Arr. by James Christensen

Salute to Bob Hope Arr. by Warren Barker

On The Road Again Willie Nelson/Arr. Penticoff

Robert Ellison, Baritone

What A Wonderful World George David Weiss/Bob Thiele

Robert Ellison, Baritone

God Bless the USA Greenwood, Arr. By Holmes

Robert Ellison, Baritone

U.S. Field Artillery March John Philip Sousa

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Colonel Bogey March Kenneth J. Alford

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Sinatra In Concert Arr. by Jerry Nowak

Robert Ellison, Baritone

America, The Beautiful Arr. by David T. Clydesdale Robert Ellison, Baritone

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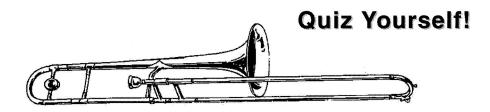
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The Compton Heights Concert Band -- America's Music... America's Band

The Compton Heights Concert Band Presents

Sunday Serenades and Musical Mondays

Week 1: Guest Artists: Butchwax & The Hollywoods with St. Louis' Favorite Guitarist, Billy Peek!

Sunday, June 26, 2005

7:30 PM 7:30 PM Francis Park

Monday, June 27, 2005

Tower Grove Park



Free Blue Bunny Ice Cream!



Week 2: Robert Ellison, Overture 1812, Cannons!

Sunday, July 3, 2005

7:30 PM

Francis Park

Monday, July 4, 2005

7:30 PM

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Week 3: Whistle A Happy Tune! David Morris, World Champion Whistler

Sunday, July 10, 2005

7:30 PM

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Monday, July 11, 2005

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Sunday, July 17, 2005

7:30 PM

Francis Park

Monday, July 18, 2005

7:30 PM

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Week 5: A Vocal Splash! Soprano And Tenor!

Sigrun Hjalmtysdottir,"Diddú", Soprano and Hugh Smith, Tenor!

Sunday, July 24, 2005

7:30 PM

Francis Park

Monday, July 25, 2005

Tower Grove Park

7:30 PM

Week 6: Fabulous Finale! Hugh Smith- The Fantastic Tenor!

Sunday, July 31, 2005

7:30 PM

Francis Park

Monday, August 1, 2005 7:30 PM

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