

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. 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, Sukay, Robert Ellison, Ricardo Morales, and Arturo Sandoval. The band has hosted and appeared at three national conventions of the Association of Concert Bands. 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. 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 Began. Greg is 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.

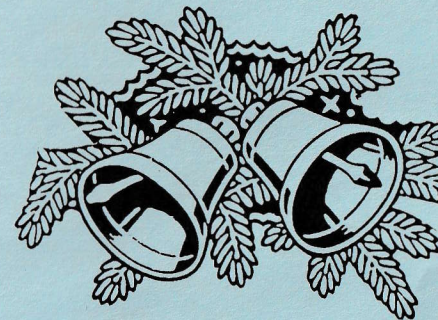
The band is funded by individual and corporate donations, fund-raisers including a weekly Friday night charity Bingo, *Bandwagon* memberships, the Missouri Arts Council, the Regional Arts Commission, the Arts & Education Council, the Clifford Willard Gaylord Foundation, Whitaker Foundation, Union Electric, Boatmen's Bank, Commerce Bank, Southwest Bank, 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 **COMPTON HEIGHTS CONCERT BAND**

Presents

"Victorian Christmas at The Old Courthouse"



*A mini-concert of
Holiday Season
Music
By the Compton
Heights Concert
Band
under the direction
of Gregory C. Fox*

Friday, November 24, 1995

Sponsored by:
Jefferson National Expansion Historical Association

Compton Heights Concert Band
"Victorian Christmas at the Old Courthouse"

Friday, November 24, 1995

12:00 PM

Dr. Gregory C. Fox, Conductor

12:00 PM	Welcome	Bill Henry, National Parks Service
	Presentation	Charles Dickens and his wife
12:30 PM	Holiday Music	Compton Heights Concert Band
1:15 PM	Intermission	
1:30 PM	Holiday Music	Compton Heights Concert Band
2:00 PM	Concert Ends	

Program

(Music for today's program will be selected from the following.)

A Christmas Festival	Leroy Anderson
Christmas Fugue	Robert Brown
Christmas Sing-along	arr. Ployhar
The Christmas Song	Mel Torme
A Family Christmas	James Swearingen
Garland Entree March	Karl L. King
Great Songs of Christmas	arr. Lowden
Jingle Bell Rock	arr. Vinson
March of the Mitten Men	John Philip Sousa
Rudolph's Christmas Concert	Johnny Marks
Santa Claus is Comin' To Town	Gillespie/Coots
Sleigh Ride	Leroy Anderson
White Christmas	Irving Berlin

Sponsored by: Jefferson National Expansion Historical Association

The Compton Heights Concert Band

Dr. Gregory C. Fox, Conductor

Presents

A HOLIDAY CONCERT

Sunday, December 17, 1995

2:00 PM

Florissant Civic Center Theatre

Tickets:

Adults \$8.50

Seniors and Students \$6.50

(All seats reserved)



Call 921-5678



Come and enjoy with your whole family holiday classics such as "Sleigh Ride", "White Christmas", "I'll Be Home For Christmas", "There's No Place Like Home For The Holidays", Alfred Reed's spectacular "Russian Christmas Music", the annual carol sing-along, and a surprise visit by that old guy from the north pole!

You won't want to miss the band's spectacular vocalists, **Robert Ellison, baritone** and **Mary Sinclair, soprano** in such pieces as "The Lord's Prayer" & "The Christmas Song".

*The Compton Heights
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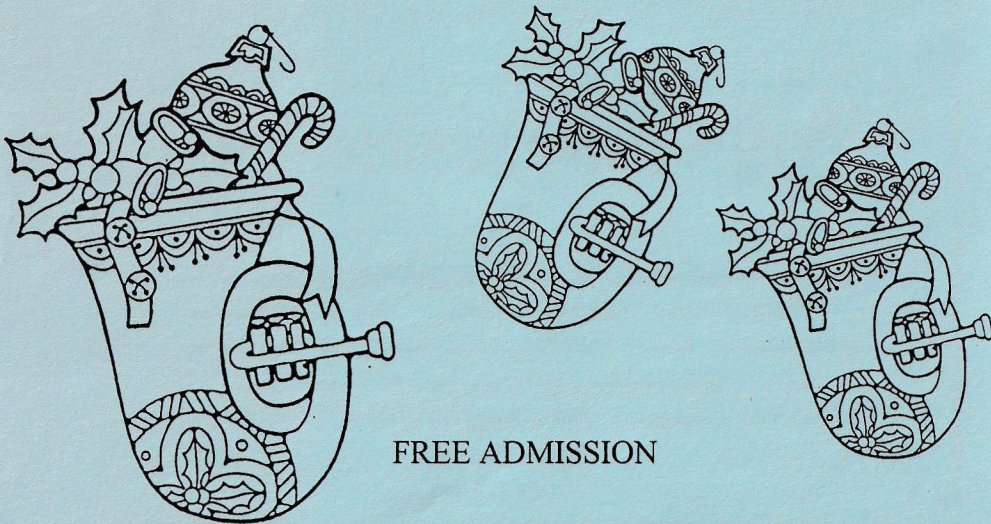
Presents

TubaChristmas

Saturday, December 9, 1995

1:00 PM

Saint Louis Galleria, Garden Court



FREE ADMISSION

Compton Heights Concert Band

AUDITIONS

Openings exist in *all* sections, especially Flutes! Trumpets! Trombones!
Baritones! Clarinets! Saxophones! and Percussion!

The Compton Heights Concert Band presents concerts year-round. Members are expected to participate in at least 80% of these programs.

**Concerts in the Sousa tradition!
Join In The Music!**

Repertoire Includes:

Poet and Peasant, Morning Noon & Night in Vienna, The Beautiful Galatea, Pique Dame, Light Cavalry, Overture 1812, Victory at Sea, In the Miller Mood, The Gathering of the Ranks at Hebron, Music of Leroy Anderson, Music of William Grant Still, John Philip Sousa, Broadway and Movie Medleys, opportunity to perform with internationally acclaimed guest artists such as Arturo Sandoval, Grammy award winning trumpet soloist, Dr. Debbye Turner, Miss America 1990, William Warfield, Die Deutschen Naturhornsolisten, Sukay, Music of the Andes, and many more!

For more information, come up to the bandstand and talk to the conductor, Greg Fox, after the concert or call the band office at 314-776-2227 (leave a message).

The Compton Heights Concert Band

In Conjunction With
ST. FRANCIS DESALES PARISH
Presents

A HOLIDAY CONCERT

Sunday, December 17, 1995
7:30 PM

St. Francis DeSales Parish

2653 Ohio Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63118
Ohio at Gravois

Tickets: \$5.00 General Admission
\$10.00 Reserved seating & reception

Call 771-3100



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-phiant,
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!