

## Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long

### HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

### 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,  
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!  
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### 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, 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!  
Good tidings we bring for you and your kin.  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year!

THANK YOU...and have a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!



**Compton Heights Concert Band**  
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## Jefferson National Expansion Historical Association Presents...

# The Compton Heights Concert Band

in

## *Victorian Christmas and St. Louis Holiday Traditions*



Friday, November 28, 1997  
12:00 Noon

Old Courthouse Rotunda

## The Compton Heights Concert Band

Whether its 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, Harry Swanger, who formed the band to provide music for Compton Heights neighborhood events. The band started in his livingroom with just a handful of musicians. Today, the band numbers over 50 volunteer, student and professional musicians who annually present about 30 concerts in St. Louis and outstate Missouri.

The band began an eight week summer concert series in 1980 in Tower Grove Park and added a sister series in Francis Park in 1986. These concerts, dubbed *Sunday Serenades and Musical Mondays*, attract 50,000 listeners annually. Under the auspices of the Missouri Arts Council Touring Program, the band has toured outstate Missouri and has been acclaimed by audiences in Hermann, Joplin, Farmington, St. Peters, Cape Girardeau, and Ste. Genevieve.

Featuring John Phillip Sousa-style programs, each concert includes outstanding soloists. Some of the nation's most talented musicians have appeared, including Arturo Sandoval, Sukay-music of the Andes, Ricardo Morales, Robert Ellison, William Warfield, Debbye Turner, Buckwheat Zydeco, the Nuclear Whales Saxophone Orchestra, The BNFL British Brass Band, Jan Gippo, Beverly Stewart Anderson, Gail Lennon & the Lennon Brothers, and tenor, Hugh Smith.

Gregory C. Fox was appointed Conductor in September 1992. He finds the audiences "the greatest" and the opportunity to conduct the band "unique". He holds a Doctor of Education in Music Education from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, studying conducting under the noted Harry Began. The announcer is Lucy Schroeder, wife of band vice-president and tubist Jon Schroeder. Lucy injects a lively sense of humor and energy into concerts and helps the audience gain a deeper appreciation of the music the band is presenting.

Volunteers in the band contribute over 20,000 hours annually to present the concerts to the public. In addition to weekly rehearsals and the busy concert schedule, many band members have devoted thousands of volunteer hours at our Friday and Saturday charity bingos at Bandwagon Hall, 6245 Lemay Ferry Road. The band is also supported by the Regional Arts Commission, St. Louis Parks & Recreation Department, Southwest Bank, Clifford Willard Gaylord Foundation, Whitaker Foundation, Missouri Arts Council, Arts & Education Council, Commerce Bank, and NationsBank. Individual contributions from "Bandwagon" members also help the band. To make a tax-deductible donation, send a check to Compton Heights Band, 2335 So. Grand, St Louis, Mo. 63104.

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### Program

Selections from the following:

Fanfare Prelude on Westminster Carol	James Curnow
Babes in Toyland	arr. Forsblad
English Carol Festival	arr. Christensen
Jesu Bambino	arr. Sayre
Sleigh Ride	Leroy Anderson
White Christmas	Irving Berlin
Christmas Sing-along	arr. Ployhar
Rockin Jingle Bells	
Fanfare Prelude on Joy to the World	James Curnow
Chanukah is Here	arr. Custer
Mister Santa	Pat Ballard
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!	arr. Edmondson
The Christmas Song	Mel Torme
Themes from The Nutcracker	arr. Johnson
It's Christmas!	arr. Barker
A Christmas Festival	Leroy Anderson
Santa Claus is Comin' to Town	arr. Coots

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