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The Compton Heights Concert Band of St. Louis
Dr. Gregory Fox, Conductor



1998 Summer Series

SUNDAY SERENADES each Sunday — June 28th through August 9th
Francis Park, Eichelberger & Donovan 7:30 PM

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All Concerts Are Free of Charge and Open to the Public

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, 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 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 annually tours in outstate Missouri and has been acclaimed by audiences in Hermann, Joplin, Farmington, St. Peters, Cape Girardeau, and Ste. Genevieve.

Featuring John Philip 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 Begian. 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 make our concerts possible. 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, 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, fill out and send the form within to Compton Heights Band, 2335 So. Grand, St Louis, Mo. 63104 or call 776-2227. E-mail: chband@stlouis.missouri.org

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Sunday, June 28, 1998 -- 7:30 PM -- Francis Park, St. Louis
Monday, June 29, 1998 -- 7:30 PM -- Tower Grove Park, St. Louis
Saturday, July 4, 1998 -- 7:00 PM -- Arena Park, Cape Girardeau

Dr. Gregory C. Fox, Conductor
Lucy Schroeder, Announcer
Robert Ellison, Baritone Soloist

Program

The Star Spangled Banner	arr. Ployhar
The Thunderer	John Philip Sousa
Light Cavalry Overture	Franz Von Suppe'
George M. Cohan Patriotic Fantasy	George M. Cohan
Mystery Movie/TV Theme Robert Ellison, Baritone	
Old Man River Robert Ellison, Baritone	arr. Kastens
American Civil War Fantasy	Jerry Bilik
Intermission	
Semper Fidelis March	John Philip Sousa
The Sound of Music	arr. R.R. Bennett
God Bless the U.S.A. Robert Ellison, Baritone	Lee Greenwood
America, The Beautiful Robert Ellison, Baritone	arr. David T. Clydesdale
Overture 1812	Peter I. Tchaikovsky
The Stars and Stripes Forever	John Philip Sousa

B a c k s t a g e B i o

Robert Ellison, bartione vocalist, has thrilled audiences worldwide. Recently 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." Mr. Ellison also performed with the Compton Heights Concert Band this summer on tour in Bonne Terre and Cape Girardeau, Missouri.



Robert Ellison, Baritone

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- June 28/29 **America, the Beautiful!** Robert Ellison, baritone, and Civil War Cannons salute July 4th.
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- July 4 July 4th Concert with Robert Ellison, Baritone Soloist
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- August 8 Jur de Fete Concert with Hugh Smith, Tenor Soloist
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