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July 1 & 2, 2007

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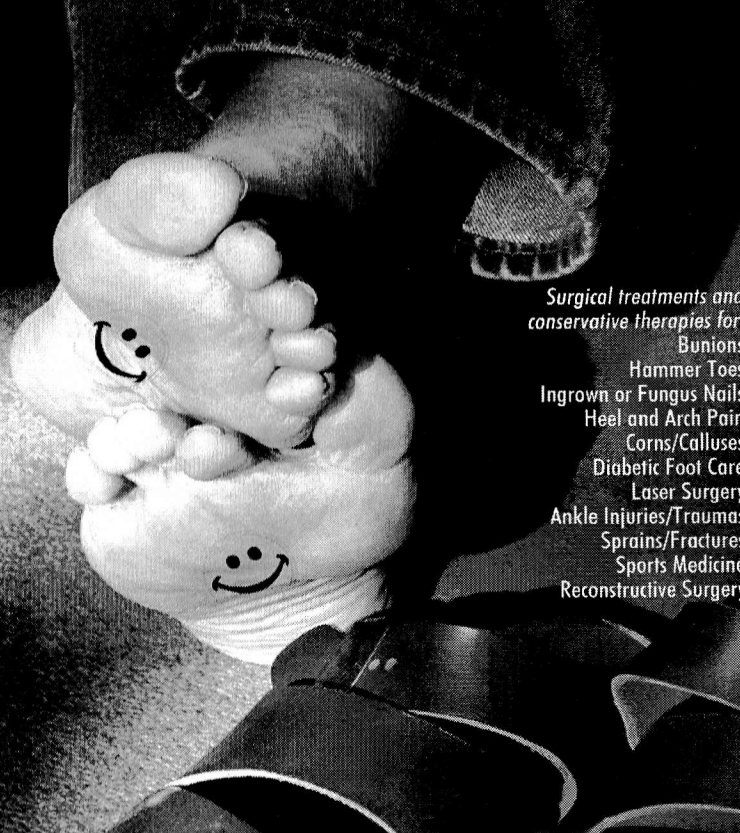
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Note from the President: This past summer the Compton Heights Concert Band, in addition to presenting Sunday Serenades and Musical Mondays concerts, was quite busy, to say the least! We had to vacate our old band office and rehearsal room, our home for over 20 years, and move both to our new home at 3120 Lafayette Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63104, the former Immaculate Conception/St. Henry Catholic Church and Rectory, just one block East of Compton and easily reachable by I-44 taking the Grand Blvd exit in either direction.

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Harry Swanger, President/Executive Director



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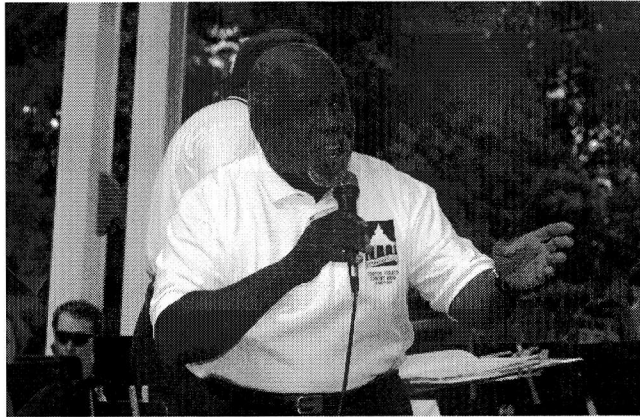
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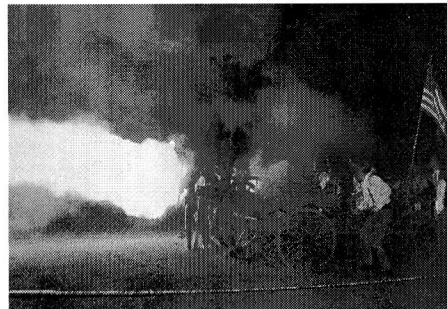


### Robert Ellison

is the Compton Heights Concert Band's favorite Baritone soloist. 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 Godspel.

He performed and recorded an in-concert version of Porgy & Bess at the Band's "Sunday Serenades" and "Musical Mondays" concert series in 2000. He sang with Beverly Stewart Anderson and the Legend Singers.

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 toured with the Band to Joplin, Missouri, under the auspices of the Missouri Arts Council Touring Program. Last summer, he sang with Nicole Cabell, the 2005 BBC Singer of the World. He has performed with Hugh Smith, tenor, on many occasions on this stage. Bob is also featured in the Compton Heights Band's "A Star Studded Spectacular" CD available at the promotional table. Bob Ellison has appeared with the Compton Heights Band for over 20 years.



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## The Compton Heights Concert Band

Sunday/Monday, July 1/2, 2007 - 7:30 PM  
 Robert Ellison, Baritone Soloist

### Program

The Liberty Bell	John Philip Sousa
Selections from 1776	Sherman Edwards / Erikson
Saints Hallelujah	Luther Anderson / Custer
Clarinet Candy	Leroy Anderson
The Typewriter Wm. Shane Williams	Leroy Anderson
What A Wonderful World On The Road Again Sweet Freedom Robert Ellison, Baritone	Thiele Weiss / Lowden Arr. By Penticoff Michael McDonald
Armed Forces Salute	Arr. by Bob Lowden
From Maine To Oregon March	John Philip Sousa

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Star Spangled Spectacular	George M. Cohan
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Independientia March	R.B. Hall
Overture "1812"	P. Tchaikowsky



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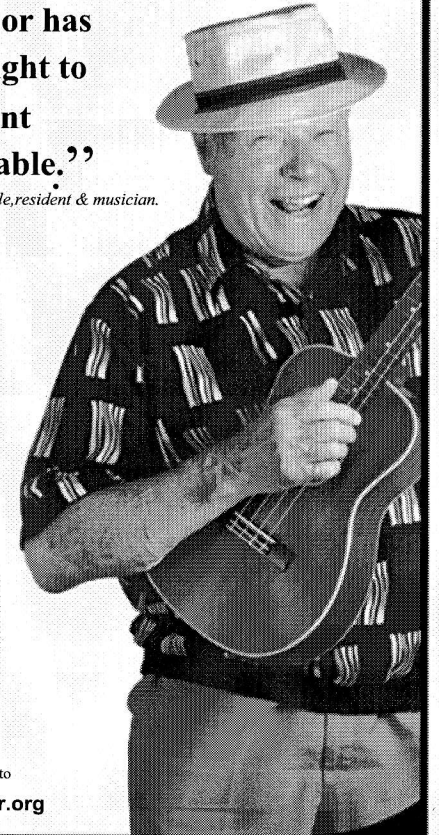
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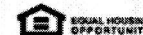


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**Edward Dolbashian** has been Music Director of the Missouri University Philharmonic in Columbia, Missouri, since 1984; Music Director of the Alton Symphony Orchestra, in Alton, Illinois, since 1993; and the Compton Heights Concert Band since September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

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## **The Compton Heights Concert Band**

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Paul Thomas

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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 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 and First Missouri Arts Council tour - Hermann
- 1998 First Powell Symphony Hall Concert and First "Hugh Smith Opera Tour" (Paris)
- 2000 "Sunrise Serenades" TV Show Aired for 18 months on Saturdays, KMOV, Ch 4, CBS
- \* 2004 Band celebrates 25th Anniversary of summer concert series!
- \* 2006 Band Celebrates 30th Anniversary! Band Moves to New Home!

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. 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 living room 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 summer series, Sunday Serenades in Francis Park and the tandem series Musical Mondays in Tower Grove Park. Last year marked the 9th Annual highly successful Compton Heights Band Holiday Pops at Powell Hall. Performances in the past have included headliners such as Peter Nero, piano; Doc Severinsen, trumpet; and the perennial summer and Powell Hall crowd favorite, Hugh Smith, tenor. Other featured artists include: BBC Cardiff 2005 Singer of the World, Nicole Cabell; Arturo Sandoval, jazz/classical trumpet wizard; Sigrun Hjalmtysdottir, "Diddú", Soprano, David Morris, International Whistling Champion, Buckwheat Zydeko, Sukay, "Music of the Andes"; Alex Klein, Oboe; James Christensen, Walt Disney World; BNFL Brass Band; Butch Wax & The Hollywoods with Billy Peek; the late Johnnie Johnson; Jerry Robinson & Sax-O-Peel, The Lennon Brothers; the late William Warfield, Baritone; Debbye Turner, marimba; Ricardo Morales, Metropolitan Opera principal clarinet; the late Myron Floren, accordion; Keith Brion, Sousa portrayer; The Legend Singers; Robert Ellison, baritone; and Beverly Stewart-Anderson, soprano.

**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. He was appointed conductor of the Compton Heights Concert Band in September, 1998. He is a professional oboist and an English Horn player, originally from New York. **Lucy Schroeder**, announcer, is the wife of band vice-president and tubist **Jon Schroeder**, an original member of the Compton Heights Band!

In addition to weekly Band rehearsals, members devote thousands of volunteer hours at bingo at Bandwagon Hall on Friday and Saturday nights throughout the year. **The Band is also financially supported by the Adam's Mark Hotel, Clifford Willard Gaylord Foundation, Foot and Ankle Associates, Missouri Arts Council, Regional Arts Commission, Southwest Bank, St. Louis Parks & Recreation Department, Tower Grove Manor, and Bandwagon Members.**

# The Compton Heights Concert Band's SousaMania 2007!

## Sunday Serenades & Musical Mondays

Sundays in Francis Park (Eichelberger & Donovan) 7:30 PM  
Mondays in Tower Grove Park (S. Grand & Magnolia) 7:30 PM

### Week #2

Sunday, July 8, 2007 - Francis Park

Monday, July 9, 2007 - Tower Grove Park

The Stoneback Sisters and Stoneback Brass, Trumpet Trio  
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### Week #3

Sunday, July 15, 2007

Monday, July 16, 2007

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### Week #4

Sunday, July 22, 2007

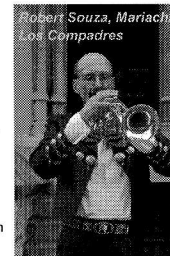
Monday, July 23, 2007

**Madeline Edwards, Soprano Soloist**

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**Madeline Edwards**



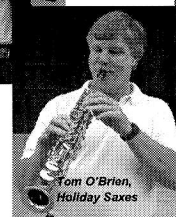
**Robert Souza, Mariachi Los Compadres**

### Week #5

Sunday, July 29, 2007

Monday, July 30, 2007

Artists of the Compton Heights Concert Band! **The Clarion Brass, The Holiday Saxes and Mariachi Los Compadres (Mary Weber, Tom O'Brien, Robert Souza, Leaders)**



**Tom O'Brien, Holiday Saxes**



**Mary Weber, The Clarion Brass**



### Week #6

Sunday, August 5, 2007

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**Hugh Smith, Tenor**

Winner of the Mario Lanza Competition, Metropolitan Opera National Auditions, Placido Domingo Fellowship Award, Sullivan Foundation Award, International Friedrich Schorr Competition, and the 1995 Luciano Pavarotti International Competition; numerous opera appearances all over the world.

**Hugh Smith**