

The Compton Heights Concert Band of St. Louis
Artistry of Hugh Smith

Recorded LIVE in Tower Grove Park, St. Louis, MO, August 4, 2008



A message from the President and Founder of the Compton Heights Concert Band, Harry Swanger, Regarding This Extraordinary Recording Recorded Live in Tower Grove Park on Monday, August 4, 2008.

The August St. Louis night was sizzling hot in Tower Grove Park! Hugh Smith, the amazing tenor, was sizzling hot, too! It was the hottest night of the summer (100 degrees!) and the Compton Heights Band with Hugh Smith as the guest artist were performing nonetheless. The finale concert of the Band's 29th summer concert season was an amazing endurance test for the Band and Hugh. Out of this incredible environment, video and audio recordings were still made as best they could be under some of the worst weather conditions imaginable. Somehow, both the Band and Hugh made it through the concert and a large audience stayed for every second for one of the world's greatest tenors, Hugh Smith!

Hugh never sounded better and we are proud to have preserved what was an exciting and stunning evening at Tower Grove Park. Sit back and enjoy this remarkable recording, The Artistry of Hugh Smith, a wide ranging collection of tenor favorites; just don't imagine yourself in Tower Grove Park in that Summer sweltering heat! Enjoy!

Harry F. Swanger, President



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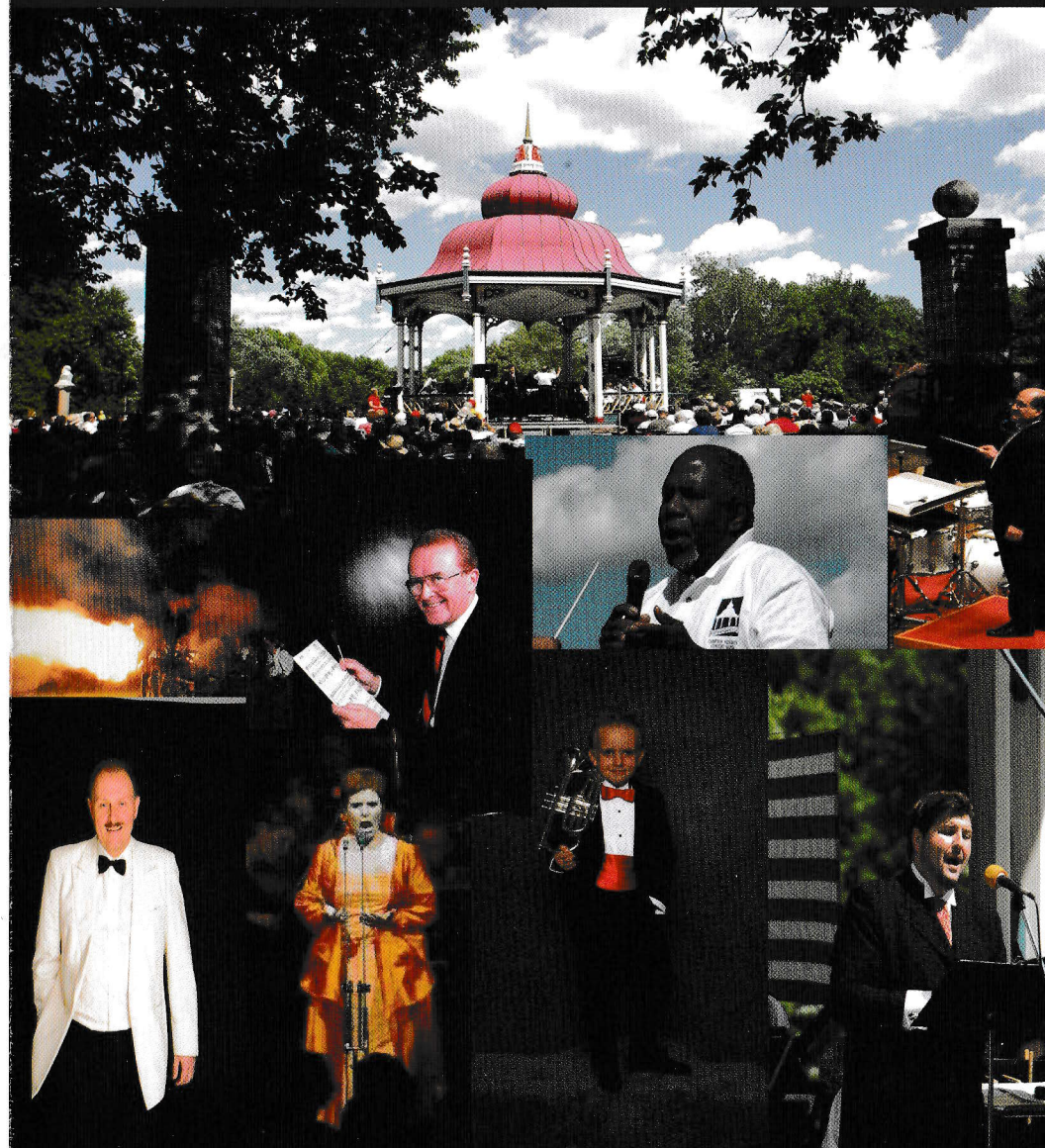
30th Anniversary!

The Compton Heights Concert Band
Harry F. Swanger, President
Edward Dolbashian, Music Director/Conductor
 Presents

Sunday Serenades & Musical Mondays

2009

Week #1 June 28/29, 2009



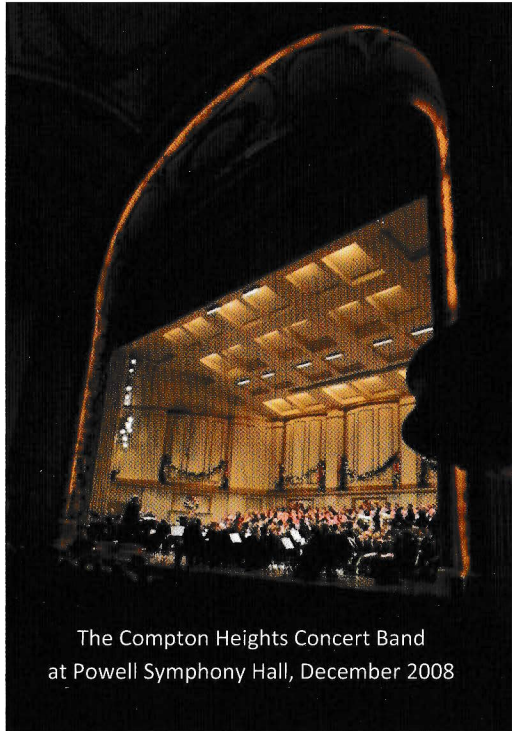
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The Compton Heights Concert Band

- 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
- 1984 Band charity bingo begins
- 1986 Sunday Serenades concert series in Francis Park begins
- 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
- 2006 Band Celebrates 30th Anniversary! Band Moves to New Home!
- 2007 Bandwagon Hall, the Band's new bingo facility at 2151 Lemay Ferry Road, 63125 opens!
- 2008 The Band acquires the former Immaculate Conception/St. Henry Catholic Church!
- 2008 Church & Rectory are designated as National Historic Landmarks!
- 2009 30th Anniversary of the Sunday Serenades & Musical Mondays Series!



The driving force behind the Compton Heights Concert Band



The Compton Heights Concert Band at Powell Symphony Hall, December 2008

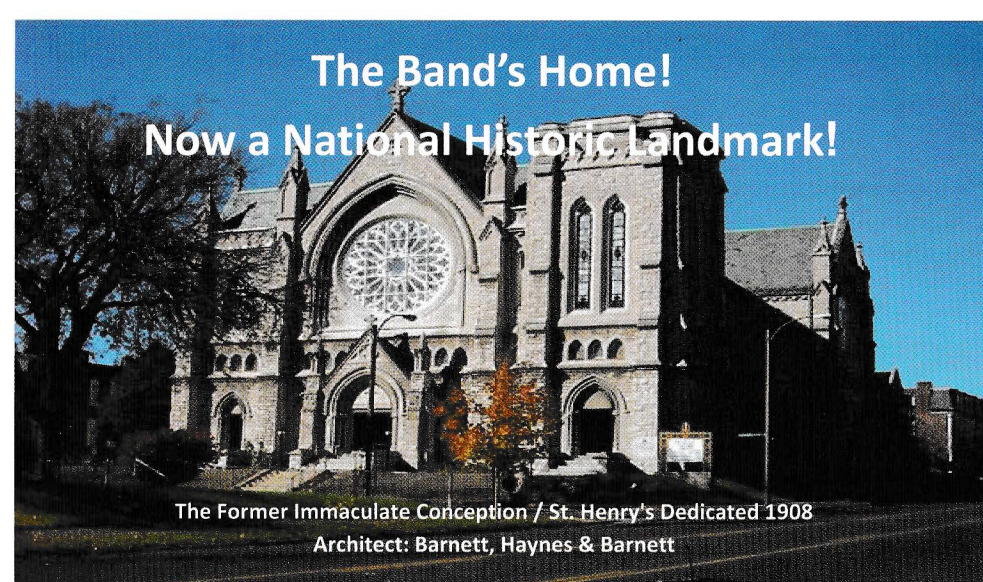
is a preservationist philosophy to promote the American Concert Band, the unique American art form created by Patrick Gilmore in the 1860's and perfected by John Philip Sousa at the turn of the last century, and to play the fine concert band literature of yesteryear. Sousa's concerts were dubbed "the 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 and President, **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 & Musical Mondays. Last year marked the 11th Annual highly successful Compton Heights Band Holiday Pops at Powell Hall.

Edward Dolbashian has been the Music Director & Conductor since 1998. See bio. **Lucy Schroeder**, announcer, is the wife of band vice-president and tubist **Jon Schroeder**, an original member of the 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 supported by the Clifford Willard Gaylord Foundation, Foot and Ankle Associates, Missouri Arts Council, Regional Arts Commission, Southwest Bank, St. Louis Parks & Recreation Department, Tower Grove Park, and the Bandwagon Citizen Support Group. **Compton Heights Band, Inc. 3120 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, MO 63104 (314) 776-2227 (314) 772-9797 FAX chband@sbcglobal.net www.chband.org**



The Band's offices are located at 3120 Lafayette Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63104, the former rectory of Immaculate Conception/St. Henry's, just one block east of Compton, Grand Blvd Exit. The church is attached to the rectory at Longfellow & Lafayette. The Band rehearses in the church and plans to convert it to a concert facility! A capital campaign will be announced soon!

The Compton Heights Concert Band

<u>Music Director/Conductor</u>	Catherine Determan	<u>Trumpet</u>	Ed Redmond
Edward Dolbashian	Thomas Frisch	Lisa Blackmore	Amy Wolff
	John Kennedy	Mark Blackmore	
<u>Announcer</u>	Bryan Kirchoff	George Ervin	<u>Bass Trombone</u>
Lucy Schroeder	Magnus Olofsson	Bryan Foote	Lindsay Barth
	Michael Reynolds	Thomas Goggin	Michael Pohlman
<u>Flute</u>	Vicky ER Schorr	David Heim	<u>Euphonium</u>
Nicholas Baker	Ruth Schuck	William B. Hershey III	Jacob Bubb
Trina Dickmann	Robert Shiflet	Erin Howard	Alison Geniec
Debbie Larson	Kevin Stockman	Robert Lee	Larry Hutchins
Carol Marsh		Jacqueline Redmond	Elliott Naes
Kristen Marsh	<u>E♭ Clarinet</u>	Jed Robinson	
Maggie McCallie	Vicky ER Schorr	Steve Robinson	<u>Tuba</u>
Andrew Robson	<u>Bass Clarinet</u>	Robert Souza	Brogan Drissell
Lisa Tipton	Kristen Cacace	Mary Weber	Jeff Hoard
Elizabeth Watt		Nicole Wood	Jon Schroeder
<u>Piccolo & Keyboards</u>	<u>Alto Saxophone</u>		
Carol Marsh	Andrea Henze	<u>French Horn</u>	<u>Percussion</u>
	Tom O'Brien	Bryan Dillon	Thomas Bubb
<u>Oboe</u>	Ryan Sheehan	Cheryl Hoard	Jeremy Clark
Diane Lieser	Devin Klein	Jim Olfky	Mark Fox
		Paul Thomas	Adam Kopff
<u>Bassoon</u>	<u>Tenor Saxophone</u>	Abby Wood	
Harry Swanger	Carl Lang		
<u>Clarinet</u>	<u>Baritone Saxophone</u>	<u>Trombone</u>	<u>Electric Bass</u>
Steve Abraham	Eric Tobin	Robert Hockney	Paul Thomas
Ruth Bailey		Emily Muser	

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Edward Dolbashian, Music Director/Conductor
Harry F. Swanger, President
Lucy Schroeder, Announcer

Sunday Serenades & Musical Mondays #1

Sunday, June 28th & Monday, June 29th 2009 - Francis Park & Tower Grove Park

Robert Ellison, Baritone Soloist

Program

Star Spangled Banner	Arr. John Philip Sousa
Washington Post March	John Philip Sousa
South Pacific	Richard Rodgers
Sweet Freedom	Michael McDonald
I Believe I Can Fly	Robert Sylvester Kelly
Sinatra in Concert	Arr. Jerry Nowak
Robert Ellison, Baritone	

This Land Is Your Land	Woody Guthrie
Songs for America	Irving Berlin
Armed Forces Salute	Arr. By Bob Lowden
The Liberty Bell	John Philip Sousa

Intermission

U.S. Field Artillery	John Philip Sousa
Broadway Show-Stopppers Overture	Arr. Warren Barker
American Salute	Morton Gould
Ballad of the Green Berets	Barry Sadler & Robin Moore
God Bless the U.S.A.	Lee Greenwood
America, The Beautiful	Samuel Augustus Ward
Robert Ellison, Baritone	
Overture 1812	P. Tchaikowsky

Please feel free to mingle with the Reenactors & Cannoneers.

**Special Guests: The Authentic Cannoneers,
1st Missouri Light Artillery, U.S. Company M, Randy Baer**

NO SMOKING

Robert Ellison, Baritone

Robert Ellison is the Compton Heights Concert Band's Baritone soloist. Retired from the USAF, he resides in O'Fallon, Illinois. Bob has performed as a guest soloist with the St. Louis Symphony, Pittsburgh Symphony and in productions of Showboat, Two Gentleman of Verona, and Godspell.

He was featured in an in-concert version of Porgy & Bess at the Band's "Sunday Serenades" and "Musical Mondays" concert series in 2000 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 also toured with the Band to Joplin under the auspices of the Missouri Arts Council Touring Program. Two years ago, he sang with Nicole Cabell, the 2005 BBC Singer of the World. He has also sung with tenor, Hugh Smith on many occasions with the Band. Bob is featured in the Compton Heights Band's "America's Favorites" CD available at the promotional table. Bob has been an audience favorite for over 25 years!



Edward Dolbashian, Music Director/Conductor

Edward Dolbashian has been Music Director of the Missouri University Philharmonic in Columbia, Missouri, since 1984; the St. Louis Civic Orchestra; and the Compton Heights Concert Band since September 1998. 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 Bandwagon allows you to make Tax Deductible Donations to help us present these concerts each year! Our Band members donate over 15,000 volunteer hours each year rehearsing, performing, and working at our weekly charity bingo. Without this extraordinary Band member effort, plus an earned budget of over \$400,000, there would be no Sunday Serenades and Musical Mondays. As Lucy Schroeder, our announcer, once said, "These concerts may be free for you, but not for us (the Band)." It takes a village to make a Band and without grants,

sponsors, bingo and the Bandwagon there would have been no series, no concerts, long ago. Famed composer, arranger, and former Disney World Music Director, James Christensen, said about the Compton Heights Concert Band: "You have a musical jewel! Take good care of it!" Join the Bandwagon!

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* The New 2008 Artistry of Hugh Smith recording (See back panel)

* The New 2008 Hugh Smith & Friends (Gina Galati, Bob Ellison, The St. Louis Metro Singers)

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The Bandwagon

Bandwagon Year is June 1, 2009—May 31, 2010

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