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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

MUSICAL MONDAYS each Monday — June 29th through August 10th Tower Grove Park, Grand & Magnolia 7:30 PM

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

The Compton Heights Concert Band

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Flute/Piccolo Carol Marsh

<u>Bassoon</u> Harry Swanger

Clarinet Steve Abraham Cheri Brockelmeyer Bob Brasier Lowell Fellinger Amelia Huddleston Jameela Jones John Kennedy Bryan Kirchoff Katie O'Connor Doug Sharp Bob Shiflet

Bass Clarinet Cori Schellenbach <u>Alto Saxophone</u> Tyler Bohnet Dr. Edward Feutz Dave Rahija Dr. Stephanie Wehrman

Tenor Saxophone Kevin O'Connor Bill Weindell

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Trumpet Charles Duncan Lars Fox Jim Gunter Mark Hasenstab Shana McCoy Jason Nickell Anthony Pelsue Ken Tiefenbrunn

<u>French</u> <u>Horn</u> Jenny Elphingstone Jaci Hartenberger

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Baritone Emily Harpstreit Larry Hutchins

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We are excited to announce the new Carol Joy Brooks Memorial Band Shell

Special Thanks to Dr. Merton H. Brooks for his generous donation in Memory of Carol Joy Brooks

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The Compton Heights Concert Band

Sunday, July 5, 1998 -- 7:30 PM -- Francis Park, St. Louis Monday, July 6, 1998 -- 7:30 PM -- Tower Grove Park, St. Louis

> Dr. Gregory C. Fox, Conductor Lucy Schroeder, Announcer **Beverly Buck Brennan, Vocal Soloist**

> > **Gorgeous George!**

Program

Strike	Up	The	Band	
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The Symphonic Gershwin

Recorded by Sinatra Beverly Buck Brennan, vocalist

Gershwin!

The Purple Carnival March

Intermission

The Footlifter

Crazy For You Overture

Mystery Movie/TV Theme Beverly Buck Brennan, vocalist

Selections from Porgy and Bess

St. Louis Blues March

George Gershwin
Arr. Holcombe
Arr. Warren Barker
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Introducing! The Carol Joy Brooks Memorial Band Shell

The Compton Heights Concert Band received exciting news just a few weeks ago that a benefactor, Dr. Merton H. Brooks, was ready to make a major donation to the Compton Heights Concert Band. The gift was to be in honor of his late sister, Carol Joy Brooks, a long time Bandwagon member and fan of the Compton Heights Concert Band. The memorial chosen was a new mobile, performing stage for the Compton Heights Concert Band, to replace the old one, a 1960's version, manufactured by the Wenger Manufacturing Company, Owatonna, Minnesota. Without the previous stage the Sunday Serenades series in Francis Park would not have become a reality. Many of the band's local and outstate appearances would have been impossible. The setup of the old stage was labor intensive and very arduous. Pulling it safely on the highway was always a challenge for our volunteer driver, band Vicepresident and tuba player. Jon Schroeder. Therefore, the thought of a new, state-of-the-art Wenger "Encore" portable stage with an amazing remote controlled hydraulic "crab" style canopy and extended stage, platforms half the back breaking 180 lb weight of the old ones, built-in lighting, and much more, was breathtaking!

Enhancing the appearance are beautiful graphics consisting of the band logo designating the memorial and the band on all exterior sides and on the interior back wall. As a result of this generous donation of \$80,000 by Dr. Merton H. Brooks, the largest single donation in the 22 year history of the Compton Heights Concert Band, we have added a spectacular, much needed asset to the Band and for our audience! The new stage will be used at all our Sunday Serenades concerts in Francis Park starting with Sunday, July 5th and at other sites. The new stage will also be available for rental from the Compton Heights Concert Band.

We will formally dedicate this fantastic stage at a Sunday Serenades concert this summer with Dr. Merton H. Brooks in attendance.

The fulfillment of our dream with the Carol Joy Brooks Memorial **Band Shell** is just one of the many needed items on a wish list we have been accumulating for years. Now, we are asking you and people you know who may be able to help us meet the following partial list:

New Truck for pulling the stage	\$38,000		
Concession Van/Trailer	\$50,000		
Percussion Equipment	\$25,000		
Painting all band vehicles	\$ 8,000		
Mailing/address corrections	\$ 2,800		
Endowment			

Call or write to: **Compton Heights Band** 2335 So. Grand St. Louis, MO 63104 (314) 776-2227

Quiz Yourself

Did you play in instrument in High School or College? Wish you did again? Are you presently playing but want more of a challenge? Do you want to be part of the community? Does a son, daughter, or friend play an instrument? Need an outlet for playing and improving? Do you want to play but need an instrument? Are you new in town? Looking for social opportunities? Are you a professional looking to get away from it all?

Even if none of these situations fit, the Compton Heights Concert Band offers all adult and student musicians a tremendous opportunity to play a broad range of enjoyable music including originally scored Sousa marches, symphonic favorites, nostalgic classics, ethnic specialties, Broadway selections and much more! Plus a chance to meet and play with some of the finest musicians in the world such as Arturo Sandoval, the Grammy award winning trumpet virtuoso, Hugh Smith, the finest young tenor in the world, and outstanding national touring groups such as Sukay "Music of the Andes" the Nuclear Whales Saxophone Orchestra, the BNFL Band of England, and many more!!

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Call Harry Swanger, band President, at (314) 776-2227 (leave message) for more details and to followup on your interest.

Backstage Bio

Beverly Buck Brennan, vocalist, holds a BFA from Webster University and MAT from Webster. professor She is а of Speech/Theatre at Harris Stowe State College. Beverly has performed with The Muny, The Rep, Theatre Project Company and the Fox Theatre Orchestra. She is a resident of Compton Heights and is also Jack Buck's eldest daughter. We are pleased to have Beverly perform with us at Sunday Serenades and Musical Mondays during the 1998 concert season.



Beverly Buck Brennan

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Please take a moment now to send or call in your tax deductible donation. Your \$50 or more donation (seniors \$40) admits you as a member of our Bandwagon booster group. Although the concerts are free and accessible to all, presenting a first class production each year requires substantial government, corporate, and individual help in addition to the astonishing 20,000 volunteer hours expended by the band members in rehearsing, performing, and fund-raising! Join the Bandwagon today! Charge your membership by mailing the handy form below. We need you! Help the Band! Join the Bandwagon!

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June 28/29	America, the Beautiful! Robert Ellison, baritone, and Civil WarCannons salute July 4th.	
July 5/6	Gorgeous George! The 100th anniversary of George Gershwin's birthday celebrated in style.	
July 12/13	A Chorus Line! The Anheuser-Busch Chorus in moving sacred & secular favorites.	
July 19/20	Ride 'em Cowboy! Country and Western cassics, featuring Dewitt "Scotty" Scott, godfather of the steel guitar.	
July 26/27	Gippo & His Piccolo! Jan Gippo, St. Louis Symphony piccoloist, takes the piccolo to new heights!	
Aug. 2/3	"Bass" Hits and Homers! KC Symphony tuba powerhouse, Steve Seward, slugs "bass" hits & homers.	
Aug. 9/10	Broadway's "Golden Days"! Hugh Smith, the stunning "4th tenor", and the vivacious Windsor Theater Group recreate gems of Romberg, Herbert, Mario Lanza and others!	
Special Concerts	X.	
July 4	July 4th Concert with Robert Ellison, Baritone Soloist	

- 7:00 PM -- Arena Park, Cape Girardeau, Missouri August 8
 - Jur de Fete Concert with Hugh Smith, Tenor Soloist 6:00 PM -- Ste Genevieve, Missouri



All Concerts are FREE and open to the public. Please join us for this spectacular season of entertainment! Thank You for being such a terrific audience!

