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The
Compton Heights Concert
Band

Edward Dolbashian, Music Director & Conductor

Sunday Serenades
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Musical Mondays

2001 #2



Sunday Serenades

Sundays - June 24 through July 29
Francis Park, Eichelberger & Donovan, 7:30 PM

Musical Mondays

Mondays - June 25 through July 30
Tower Grove Park, Grand & Magnolia, 7:30 PM



COMPTON HEIGHTS
CONCERT BAND
OF SAINT LOUIS

The Compton Heights Concert Band

Highlights:

- 1976 Band Formed in living room in Compton Heights neighborhood
- 1977 First Concert in Tower Grove Park
- 1979 First Holiday Pops Concert
- 1980 *TuneFul 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
- 1992 First Missouri Arts Council tour - Hermann, MO
- 1998 First Powell Symphony Hall Concert
- 2000 "Sunrise Serenades" TV Show Begins -- Saturdays at 5:30 AM, KMOV, Channel 4, CBS
- 2001 The Compton Heights Band's 25th Anniversary!

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 as we embark on a new millennium. 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 livingroom 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 dual summer series, *Sunday Serenades* in Francis Park and *Musical Mondays* in Tower Grove Park. In addition, the Band performs at annual holiday concerts and metro area events such as the Old Courthouse. Featured artists include: Hugh Smith, tenor; Arturo Sandoval, jazz/classical trumpet wizard; Sukay, "Music of the Andes"; Alex Klein, Chicago Symphony's principal oboist; BNFL Brass Band; Jerry Robinson & Sax-O-Peel, The Lennon Brothers; William Warfield, Baritone; Debbye Turner, marimba; Ricardo Morales, Metropolitan Opera principal clarinet; Nuclear Whales Saxophone Orchestra; Myron Floren, accordion; Stephanie Williams; Jean Kittrell & The St. Louis Rivermen, Keith Brion, Sousa portrayer; The Legend Singers; The Spirit of St. Louis Barbershop Chorus, The St. Louis County Community Chorus, The St. Louis Hills Chorus; and our own vocal duo of Robert Ellison and Beverly Stewart-Anderson.

Edward Dolbashian, Music Director & Conductor, is the orchestra and opera conductor at the University of Missouri, Columbia, and conducts the Alton Symphony Orchestra, Alton, Ill. Appointed conductor of the Compton Heights Concert Band in September, 1998, he is also an accomplished oboe and English Horn player. The announcer is Lucy Schroeder, wife of band vice-president and tubist Jon Schroeder. Lucy injects a lively sense of humor and aids the audience appreciation of the music.

In addition to weekly Band rehearsals, members devote thousands of volunteer hours at its charity bingo at the Band operated bingo hall, Bandwagon Hall, 6245 Lemay Ferry Road, 845-1877. The Band is also supported by Catherine Manley Gaylord Foundation, Clifford Willard Gaylord Foundation, Commerce Bank, Missouri Arts Council, Regional Arts Commission, Southwest Bank, and the St. Louis Philanthropic Organization.

To make a tax-deductible donation mail to Compton Heights Band, 2335 So. Grand, St. Louis, Mo. 63104 or call (314) 776-2227. Web site: www.chband.org

Calling All Hugh Smith, Tenor Fans!

Join our fun group tour to Detroit, Toronto & Niagra Falls!

The Compton Heights Band is planning an *exciting* group tour to Detroit, Toronto & Niagra Falls for the opening night performance of Detroit Opera's production of *Carmen*, featuring Hugh Smith, tenor on Saturday, October 13, 2001. (Approximate travel dates October 12 through October 18, 2001.) Groups went to Paris, Amsterdam & Hamburg previously for Hugh Smith opening night performances! These fun-filled tours have delighted many tour goers each year! If you are interested in joining, call the Band office at (314) 776-2227 or contact us at the Band office, 2335 So. Grand, St. Louis, Missouri, 63104. Please let us know if you are interested! Ole!

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Edward Dolbashian, The Compton Heights Concert Band Music Director & Conductor.

Mr. Dolbashian has held the posts of 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 was just named conductor of the Kirkwood Symphony.

Mr. Dolbashian began his musical training as a student at New York's famed High School of the Performing Arts. Upon graduation, Mr. Dolbashian entered the Hartt College of Music, in Hartford Connecticut, where he earned his degrees in oboe performance. His conducting career began when he accepted the directorship of the Holyoke Symphony Orchestra in Holyoke, Massachusetts. His orchestral conducting studies took him to the prestigious Pierre Monteaux School of Orchestra Conducting in Maine, studying under Charles Bruck; and to Yale University, where he served as student conducting assistant to Otto Werner-Mueller en route to earning 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.

Before coming to Missouri, 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 made his solo oboe debut in Town Hall, NY, NY, 1969.

Watch Sunrise Serenades!

Channel 4 KMOV (CBS)

Saturdays 5:30AM

Tune in for the Compton Heights Concert Band's new, fun-filled half-hour television production, **Sunrise Serenades**, on Channel 4 KMOV (CBS) on **Saturday at 5:30 AM**. Yep, that's AM, as in early morning!

The host for the show is the Band's founder and Executive Director, Harry Swanger; occasional cameo appearances are made by the Band's Maestro, Edward Dolbashian, and special guests. In addition to the fine music from this Summer's concerts, **Sunrise Serenades** includes appearances by Moosic, the Band's mascot, and a short segment from "Kitty's Kitchen". Kitty Swanger features recipes from the Band's cookbook, "Cooking to Beat the Band" (available for purchase at our promotional products table).

If you're usually in bed at 5:30 AM, tape it and call us at 776-2227 to let us know what you thought of the show or call Channel 4 at 621-4444 and let them know just how much you enjoyed it!

The Compton Heights Concert Band
Sunday Serenades & Musical Mondays #2
July 1 & 2, 2001

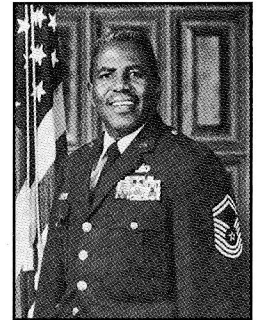
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Program

Washington Post	John Philip Sousa
Eternal Father Strong To Save	Claude T. Smith
God Bless America Robert Ellison, Baritone	Irving Berlin
March On, March On, America	Jean Monico
Hymn of the West George M. Cohan Patriotic Fantasy St. Louis Hills Chorus	John K. Paine George M. Cohan
El Capitan	John Philip Sousa
America, The Beautiful Robert Ellison, Baritone	Samuel Augustus Ward
Semper Fidelis	John Philip Sousa
Intermission	
National Emblem	E.E. Bagley
This Land Is Your Land	Woody Guthrie
Battle Hymn of the Republic Power of the Dream St. Louis Hills Chorus	Peter Wilhousky Baby Face, David Foster, and Linda Thompson
The Thunderer	John Philip Sousa
The Pledge of Allegiance Robert Ellison, Baritone	Arr. Jack Bullock
Overture "1812"	Peter I. Tschaikowsky

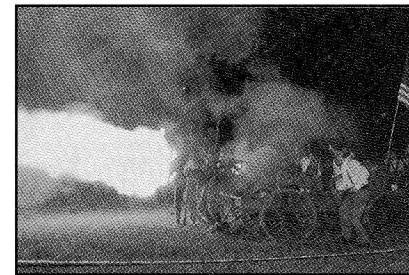
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Robert Ellison is the Compton Heights Concert Band's favorite Baritone vocalist! Bob has thrilled audiences worldwide! There is always great demand for his return to our stage.



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 "Godspell."

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**The Compton Heights Concert Band's
Sunday Serenades & Musical Mondays**

Sundays in Francis Park - 7:30 PM
Mondays in Tower Grove Park - 7:30 PM

Dates:
July 8/9
July 15/16

July 22/23
July 29/30

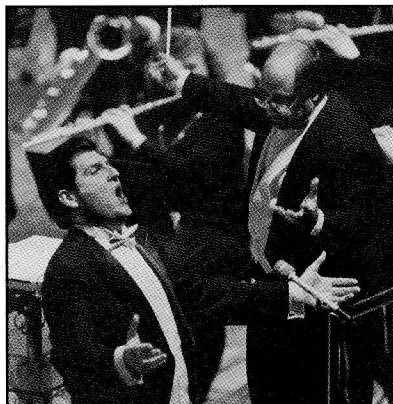
Featured Guest Artist(s):
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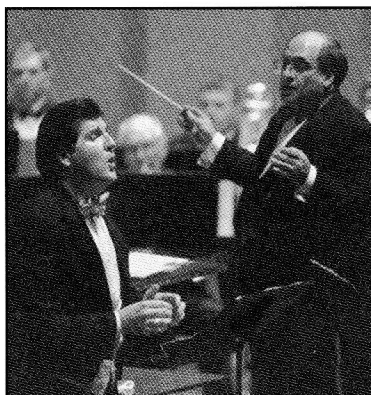


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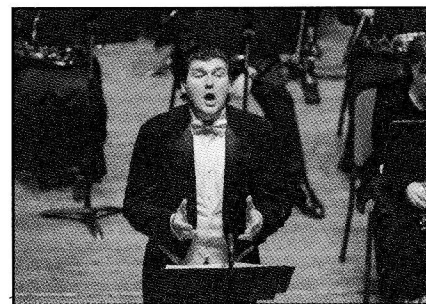
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Harry F. Swanger, Executive Director



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