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# **The Compton Heights Concert Band**

Edward Dolbashian, Music Director/Conductor Harry F. Swanger, President/Executive Director

Presents Sunday Serenades & Musical Mondays



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# **Sunday Serenades**

Sundays - June 26; July 3, 10, 17, 24 and July 31 Francis Park, Eichelberger & Donovan, 7:30 PM

# **Musical Mondays**

Mondays - June 27; July 4, 11, 18, 25 and August 1 Tower Grove Park, Grand & Magnolia, 7:30 PM

## 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 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 and First Missouri Arts Council tour Hermann, MO
- 1998 First Powell Symphony Hall Concert
- 2000 "Sunrise Serenades" TV Show Aired for 18 months on Saturdays, KMOV, Channel 4, CBS
- 2001 Band celebrates its 25th Anniversary!
- \* 2004 Band celebrates 25th Anniversary of summer concert series!

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 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. The Band performs at annual holiday concerts and metro area events such as the Old Courthouse. Featured artists include: Hugh Smith, tenor; Peter Nero, piano; Arturo Sandoval, jazz/classical trumpet wizard; Buckwheat Zydeko, Sukay, "Music of the Andes"; Alex Klein, Oboe; James Christensen, former Music Director, Walt Disney World; BNFL Brass Band; Butch Wax & The Hollywoods with Billy Peek and 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; Myron Floren, accordion; Keith Brion, Sousa portrayer; The Legend Singers; and our own vocal duo of Robert Ellison and Beverly Stewart-Anderson. The Band also tours in Missouri under the auspices of the State Missouri Arts Council.

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, Alton, III. Appointed conductor of the Compton Heights Concert Band in September, 1998, he is also a professional oboe and English Horn player. The announcer is Lucy Schroeder, wife of band vice-president and tubist Jon Schroeder, who is an original member of the Compton Heights Band!

In addition to weekly Band rehearsals, members devote thousands of volunteer hours at its charity bingos at Bandwagon Hall, 6245 Lemay Ferry Road on Friday and Saturday nights throughout the year. The Band is also financially supported by the Adam's Mark Hotel, Blue Bunny Ice Cream, Catherine Manley Gaylord Foundation, Clifford Willard Gaylord Foundation, Missouri Arts Council, Regional Arts Commission, Foot and Ankle Associates, Scarab, Inc., Southwest Bank, St. Louis Parks & Recreation Department, and Bandwagon Members. To make a tax-deductible donation mail to Compton Heights Band, 2335 So. Grand, St Louis, Mo. 63104 or call (314) 776-2227. Web: www.chband.org



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# Robert Ellison, Baritone

**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."



He performed and recorded an in-concert version of "Porgy & Bess" at the Band's "Sunday Serenades" and "Musical Mondays" concert series in 2000. 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 is also featured in the Compton Heights Band's "A Star Studded Spectacular" CD. We are happy to have Bob return to the Band's stage!



Join us at our 2 charity Bingos! Bingo is the main funding source we have to provide these Free old-fashioned, Sousa style band concerts. If you like to play B-I-N-G-O, and would like to support the Band, then please join us! We need your help!



## Friday nights at 6:45 PM & Saturday nights at 6:30 PM



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# The Compton Heights Concert Band

July 3 / 4, 2005 Edward Dolbashian, Music Director & Conductor Harry F. Swanger, President & Executive Director Lucy Schroeder, Announcer

#### **Robert Ellison, Baritone Soloist**

#### Program

The Star Spangled Banner

Semper Fidelis March

Themes Like Old Times III

Maple Leaf Rag

Independence Day Highlights

God Bless America Mr. Bojangles God Bless the USA Robert Ellison, Baritone

Theme from New York. New York

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Star Spangled Spectacular

Sabre & Spurs

Chimes of Liberty

On The Road Again

America, The Beautiful

Sweet Freedom

Overture "1812"

Davia

Irving Berlin / Arr. Roy Ringwald Jerry Jeff Walker / Arr. by Penticoff Lee Greenwood, Arr. By Holmes

John Philip Sousa

Intermission

Edwin Franko Goldman

Ebb/Kander / Arr. by Frank Cofield

George M. Cohan / Arr. J. Cacavas

Willie Nelson/Arr. Penticoff

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<u>Tuba</u> Jeff Hoard Jon Schroeder Curtis Schroyer

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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,



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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.



Did you play an 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?

If you are a musician and "yes" is the answer to any of these questions, **The Compton Heights Concert Band** offers a great outlet for you! Players of all ages from high school through senior citizens practice weekly playing a broad range of enjoyable music including originally scored Sousa marches, symphonic favorites, nostalgic classics, ethnic specialties, Broadway selections and much more! In addition, as a Band member you'll rub shoulders with some of the finest musicians in the world and outstanding national touring groups. This year marks our 26th Anniversary Summer Concert Season. Be a part of the action by joining **The Compton Heights Concert Band** now! **Openings exist in all sections!** 

## Contact us today! Join The Band!

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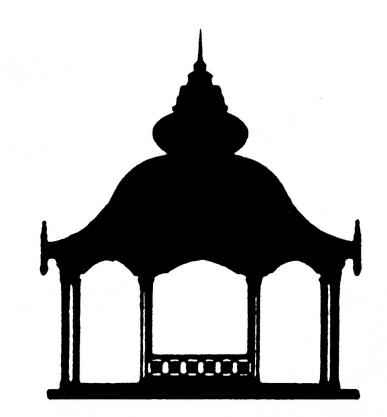
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# **Sunday Serenades** and **Musical Mondays**

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Sunday, June 26, 2005 Monday, June 27, 2005

Francis Park 7:30 PM 7:30 PM **Tower Grove Park** 



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Week 2: Robert Ellison, Overture 1812, Cannons!

Sunday, July 3, 2005 Monday, July 4, 2005 7:30 PM Francis Park **Tower Grove Park** 7:30 PM







## Week 3: Whistle A Happy Tune! **David Morris, World Champion Whistler**

Sunday, July 10, 2005 Francis Park	7:30 PM
Monday, July 11, 2005 Tower Grove Park	7:30 PM

Week 4: **Disney and Much More!** James Christensen, Guest Conductor

Sunday, July 17, 2005 Francis Park	7:30 PM
Monday, July 18, 2005 Tower Grove Park	7:30 PM





Week 5: A Vocal Splash! **Soprano And Tenor!** 

Sigrun Hjalmtysdottir,"Diddú", Soprano and Hugh Smith, Tenor!

Sunday, July 24, 2005 Francis Park	7:30 PM
Monday, July 25, 2005 Tower Grove Park	7:30 PM

Week 6: Fabulous Finale! **Hugh Smith- The Fantastic Tenor!** 

7:30 PM Sunday, July 31, 2005 Francis Park

7:30 PM Monday, August 1, 2005 **Tower Grove Park** 

