

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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Harry F. Swanger, President

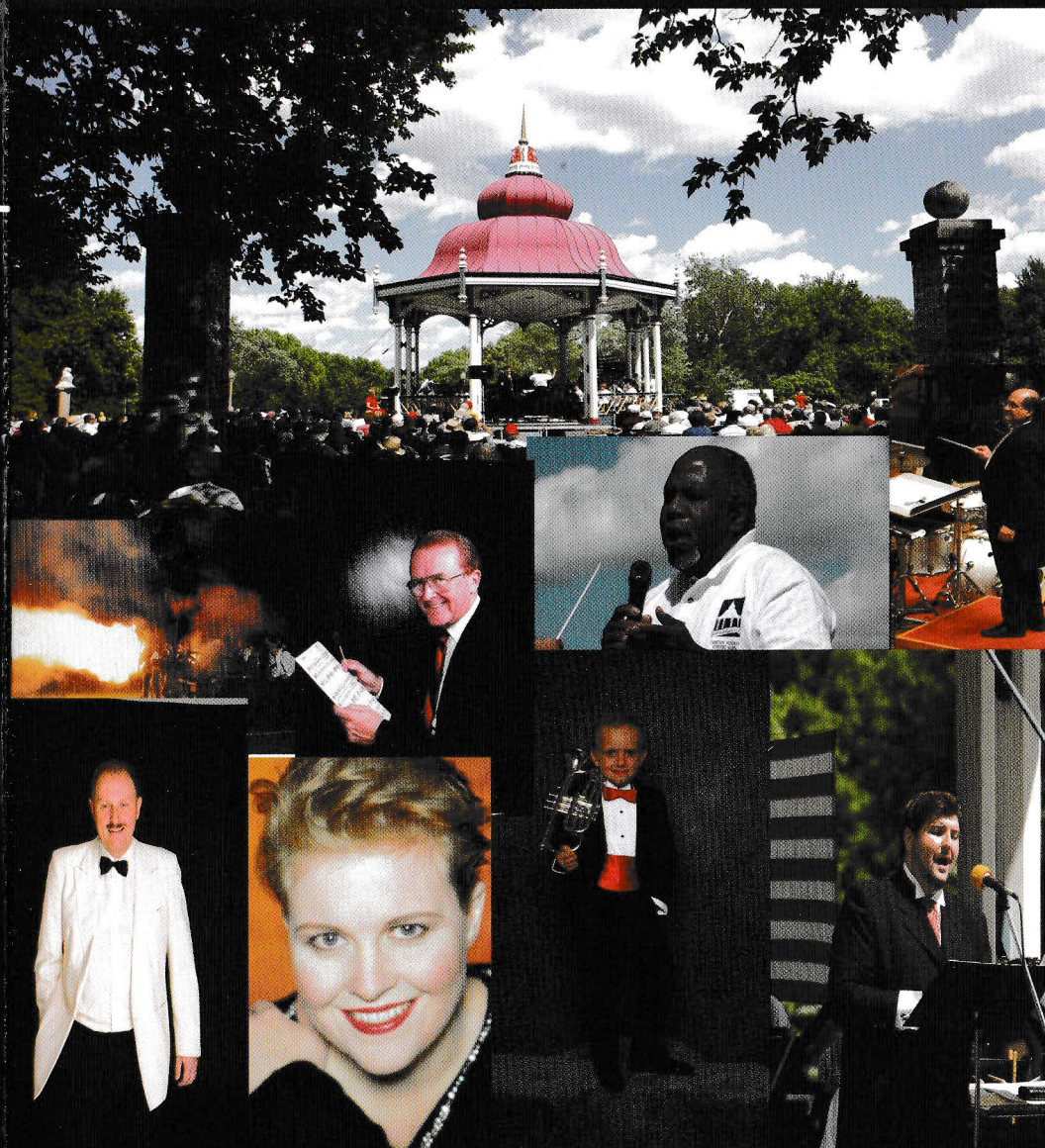
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Presents

Sunday Serenades & Musical Mondays

2009

Week #4 July 19/20, 2009



Sponsors: The Clifford Willard Gaylord Foundation; Foot and Ankle Associates (Dr. Lindsay Barth); Missouri Arts Council, a state agency; The Regional Arts Commission; Southwest Bank; The St. Louis Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department; Bandwagon Members; and generous facility support from Tower Grove Park.

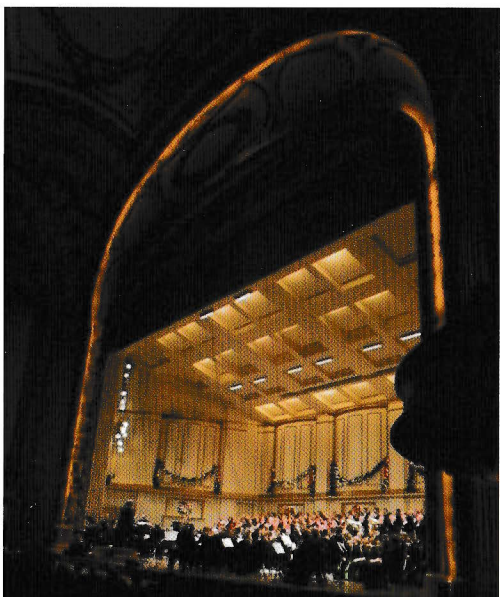
The Compton Heights Concert Band

- 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 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

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".



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

This year The Band's Holiday Concerts at Powell Hall are set for Wednesday, December 23, 2009

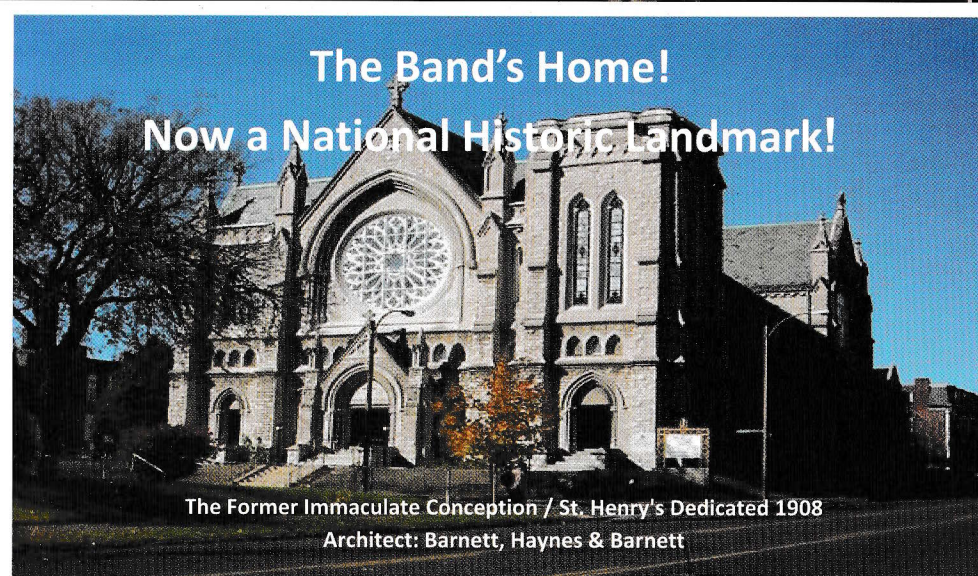
Bandwagon Hall on Friday and Saturday nights throughout the year. The Band is also supported by the Clifford Willard Gaylord Foundation, Foot and Ankle Associates, Missouri Arts Council, Regional Arts Commission, Southwest Bank, St. Louis Parks & Recreation Department, Tower Grove Park, and the Bandwagon 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**

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



The Band's Home!
Now a National Historic Landmark!

The Former Immaculate Conception / St. Henry's Dedicated 1908
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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 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!

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

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Harry F. Swanger, President
Lucy Schroeder, Announcer

Sunday Serenades & Musical Mondays #4

Sunday, July 19th & Monday, July 20th 2009 - Francis Park & Tower Grove Park

James Christensen, Guest Conductor

Program

The Star Spangled Banner	Arr. John Clayton, Jr.
Featuring the Compton Heights Band Herald Trumpets!	
Show Time	James Christensen
The Sound of Music	Rodgers & Hammerstein/Arr. Jim Christensen
Under the Anheuser Bush	H. Von Tilzer
Disney Movie Magic	Arr. James Christensen
Yakety Sax	James Rich/Arr. Jerry Robinson
Carl Lang, Tom O'Brien, Andrea Henze, Eric Tobin, saxophone quartet	
On the Mall	Edwin Franko Goldman
Bugler's Holiday	Leroy Anderson
Lisa Blackmore, Mark Blackmore, Robert Souza	
It's a Small World	Sherman & Sherman/Arr. James Christensen
Highlights from "Camelot"	Alan Jay Lerner/Frederick Loewe

Intermission

Barnum and Bailey's Favorite	Karl L. King
Broadway Journey	Arr. James Christensen
Georgia On My Mind	Hoagy Carmichael/Arr. James Christensen
Featuring the Clarinet & Rhythm Sections!	
The Good Ol' West	Arr. James Christensen
Disney Razzamatazz	Arr. James Christensen
The Homefront: Musical Memories from WWII	Arr. James Christensen

James Christensen

The music of Jim Christensen is heard throughout the world through recordings, radio, TV specials, documentary films, special events and over 450 published band, orchestra, and vocal arrangements.

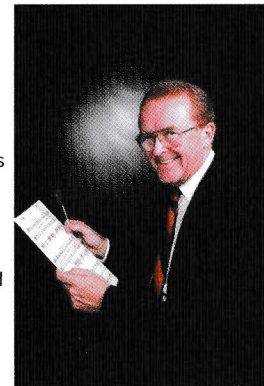
Jim has been associated with the Walt Disney Company for over 40 years. He served as music director for Disneyland and Walt Disney World for twelve years and was music director on the soundtracks for *The Original Main Street Electrical Parade*, *Fantasy in the Sky* and many other Disney productions. He was conductor of the All-American College Orchestra at Walt Disney World's EPCOT Center and worked with artists such as Donny Osmond, The Captain and Tennille, Susan Anton, Steve Allen, Marvin Hamlisch and Rosemary Clooney. In addition, Jim conducted the All-American Marching Band at the grand opening of Disneyland Paris.

Jim has been guest conductor for numerous orchestras and bands throughout the United States and Canada, including the **Houston Symphony**, the **New Orleans Pops**, the **Honolulu Symphony**, the **San Diego Symphony**, the **Winnipeg Symphony**, the **Radio City Music Hall Orchestra**, and the **Hollywood Bowl Orchestra**. The "Christensen Sound" has been featured in arrangements and orchestrations performed by the **Boston Pops** and **London Philharmonic** Orchestras, as well as the **Academy Awards Show**, several **Super Bowls** and on **National Public Radio** broadcasts.

Jim served as director of the University of Wisconsin Marching Band from 1961-1968 and performed at the 1963 Rose Bowl game. He has conducted the New York All-State Band as well as Band Days at the University of Southern California, Arizona State University, the University of Arizona, the University of Idaho and Indiana University. He also serves as an adjudicator at music festivals throughout the country.

Since 1994, Jim has been conducting the community band project, "Band At Sea". He is also a trombone clinician with **CONN** and remains active as a freelance composer, arranger and conductor.

Jim has guest conducted the Compton Heights Band many times. His fun-filled programs are one of the most requested by audience and the band! We are thrilled that he is appearing with us again! Enjoy this magical night!



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.



The Bandwagon June 1, 2009—May 31, 2010

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