

The Compton Heights Concert Band

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

Presents

Sunday Serenades & Musical Mondays



Photo by Mary Butkus

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; Sigrun Hjalmtysdottir, "Diddú", Soprano, David Morris, International Whistling Champion, 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; Robert Ellison, baritone; and Beverly Stewart-Anderson, soprano. 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. www.chband.org



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Featuring:

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And The St. Louis Metro Singers!



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Hugh Smith, Tenor

Hugh Smith made his professional debut in *Madama Butterfly* at the Teatro San Carlo, Naples, and has since appeared in leading tenor roles throughout the world including at Opera de Paris, l'Opera National de Paris, Berlin Deutsche Oper, Concertgebouw, Hamburgische Staatsoper, Lithuanian Opera, Netherlands Opera, New National Theatre, Tokyo, Opera North, Opera de Puerto Rico, and the Edinburgh Festival.

In the United States, he appeared at the Lyric Opera of Chicago, Metropolitan Opera in the Parks, Richard Tucker Gala, Baltimore Opera, Cincinnati Opera, Dayton Opera, Houston Grand Opera, Michigan Opera Theatre, Opera Company of Philadelphia, Opera Pacific, San Diego Opera, San Francisco Opera, Spoleto Festival, Toledo Opera, and at the Kennedy Center Awards in honor of Luciano Pavarotti.



In 2004, Hugh performed *Messa Da Requiem* by Giuseppe Verdi at the Deutsche Oper Berlin. He also appeared as Gustaf III., König von Schweden in *Un Ballo in Maschera* by Giuseppe Verdi at the Deutsche Oper Berlin. He soloed in Mahler's Symphony No. 8 "Symphony of a Thousand" at the Alfredo Kraus Auditorium, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. He returned to the Canary Islands for Dvorák's *Stabat Mater* with the Orquesta Filarmónica de G. Canaria. Last summer, Hugh debuted at the National New Theater, Tokyo, Japan, as Don José in *Carmen*. In the Fall, he appeared twice at the Concertgebouw, under Maestro Edo de Waart to rave reviews. And, he toured with Opera North in their production of *Manon Lescaut*. A group of 17 people from St. Louis traveled to England to see Hugh in *Manon Lescaut*. The group tours are organized by Band President & Executive Director Harry Swanger, and his wife, Kitty.

In December, Hugh appeared with famed trumpeter, Doc Severinsen in Pops at Powell with the Compton Heights Concert Band.

January 2005, Hugh sang Mahler's Symphony No. 8 with the Rotterdams Philharmonisch Orkest under Maestro Valery Gergiev. In March, he was at the Netherlands Opera in *Norma*. In April, he performed a recital at Bowling Green State University and sang with the Madison Symphony in Mahler's Symphony No. 8. Hugh just completed a performance of *Madame Butterfly* at Tokyo's New National Theatre.

Upcoming 2005 engagements include the Lyric Opera of Chicago for A Midsummer's Marriage.

Smith holds a Masters in Music from Bowling Green State University, Ohio and continued his studies at the Academy of Vocal Arts, Philadelphia.

Opera Performances:

Alfredo, La Traviata (Lyric Opera of Chicago, Opera de Puerto Rico, and Theatre Sao Carlos in Lisbon) Cavaradossi. Tosca (Netherlands Opera)

Des Grieux, Manon Lescaut (Opera Pacific, Opera North, and Bayerische Staatsoper)

Don Carlo, Don Carlo (Opera National de Paris and Lithuanian Opera)

Don Jose, Carmen (National New Theater, Tokyo; Opera Company of Philadelphia, Michigan Opera Theatre, and Toledo Opera)

Enee, Les Troyens (Chatelet Theatre Musical De Paris)

Faust, Faust (Dayton)

Forresto, Attila (Lyric Opera of Chicago and Bologna)

Gustaf III., König von Schweden in Un Ballo in Maschera (Berlin Deutsche Oper)

Laca, Jenufa (Lyric Opera of Chicago, Charleston and Spoleto USA)

Lenski, Eugene Onegin (Opera Pacific and Academy of Vocal Arts)

Manrico, II Trovatore (Opera Pacific and Academy of Vocal Arts)

Matteo, Arabella (Chatelet Theatre de Musicale de Paris)

Pollione, Norma (Opera Geneve, Berlin Staatsoper, San Diego Opera, Netherlands Opera)

Pinkerton, Madama Butterfly (Tokyo; Houston; San Francisco; and Napoli - Teatro San Carlo)

Riccardo, Un Ballo in Maschera (Academy of Vocal Arts)

Rodolfo, La Boheme (Cincinnati, Toledo, Dayton, Hamburgische Staatsoper and Baltimore Opera)

World Premier:

An American Requiem by Richard Danielpour, November 14/15, 2001.

In-Concert:

Beethoven's Ninth (Puerto Rico Symphony)

Die Liebe der Danae (Avery Fisher Hall, NY)

Giovanna d'Arco (Carnegie Hall)

Le roi Arthus (King Arthur) (Avery Fisher Hall)

Lelio ou Le Retour a la vie (Orchestre Revolutionnaire et Romantique)

Les Troyens (Edinburgh Festival)

Manon Lescaut (Concertgebouw-Radio Filharmonisch Orkest Holland)

Nabucco (Carnegie Hall)

Te Deum op. 22 by Berlioz (Concertgebouw-Radio Filharmonisch Orkest Holland)

Tosca (Met in the Parks, NY)

Messa Da Requiem by Giuseppe Verdi (Deutsche Oper Berlin, BBC Philharmonic; Bologna, teatro comunale)

Symphony No. 8 by Mahler (Rotterdams Philharmonisch Orkest, Orquesta Sinfonica de Galicia,

Orquesta Sinfonica de Tenerife, Madison Symphony)

Soloist:

American Symphony Orchestra & Concert Chorale of New York

BBC Philharmonic

Bochum Philharmonic

Bowling Green University Orchestra

Collegiate Chorale at Carnegie Hall

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Madison Symphony

Orquesta Sinfonica de Galicia, Orquesta Sinfonica de Tenerife

Pacific Symphony

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Puerto Rico Symphony

Radio Filharmonisch Orkest Holland

Rotterdams Philharmonisch Orkest

St. Louis Symphony Orchestra

Teatro Comunale di Bologna

Toledo Symphony

Tucker Gala, NY

Recordings: An American Requiem by Richard Danielpour.

King Midas in Die Liebe der Danae by R. Strauss (Avery Fisher Hall, NY).

Compton Heights Concert Band Holiday Pops Concerts, 1998-2003, Powell Symphony Hall. Seven releases are available at the Band's promotional table tonight! Pick up the NEW 2-Disc DVD in Surround Sound from the 2003 Powell Hall concert! It includes the International Whistling Champion, David Morris, as well as Hugh Smith! Sacred and Secular discs for year-round listening! Hugh has donated his services for these recordings for the benefit of the Compton Heights Band.



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July 31, 2005 and August 1, 2005

Hugh Smith, Tenor

Program

From Maine to Oregon March

John Philip Sousa

Colas Bruegnon

Dimitri Kabalevsky

Granada M'appari from Martha Be My Love

Agustin Lara Friedrich Flotow

Hugh Smith, Tenor

Nicholas Brodszky/Arr, Havnes/ Trans. by Jerry Robinson

Coronation Scene from Boris Godunov

Modest Moussorasky

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Haydn Wood/Arr. Tom Clark

Danny Boy from Irish Tune from County Derry

Percy Aldridge Grainger/Arr. H.R. Kent

Hugh Smith, Tenor

Jean Sibelius

Finlandia El Capitan

John Philip Sousa

Intermission

Light Cavalry Overture

Franz von Suppe

La Danza (Tarantella Napoletana) And This Is My Beloved from Kismet Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life from Naughty Marietta Victor Herbert/Arr. William Teague Hugh Smith, Tenor

Gioacchino Rossini / Arr. Philip Lang Robert Wright & George Forrest

Bugler's Holiday

Lerov Anderson Mary Weber, Robert Souza, Lisa Blackmore

They Didn't Believe Me When You Say You Love Me

Hugh Smith

Trans. by Jerry Robinson Mark Hammond/Robin Scoffield Trans. by Jerry Robinson

You Raise Me Up

Hugh Smith, Tenor / Mary Weber, Trumpet

Rolf Lovland/Brendan Graham Trans. by Jerry Robinson

Introduction to Third Act from Lohengrin

R. Wagner / E. Fall

Golden Davs from The Student Prince Serenade from The Student Prince Hugh Smith, Tenor

Sigmund Romberg Sigmund Romberg/Arr. David Bennett

John Philip Sousa

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Concert October 8th! Carnivale d'Art

The St. Louis Mid-Sized Arts Cooperative will present Carnivale d'Art on Saturday, October 8, 2005 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center, on the campus of the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The 12-hour extravaganza will showcase 17 local arts organizations through theater, music and dance performances, art exhibits and hands-on interactive demonstrations and workshops.

The Compton Heights Concert Band, a member of the Cooperative, will perform a rousing program of Sousa marches, Broadway show tunes, symphonic transcriptions, and novelty tunes for the whole family starting at 11:00 AM in the A-B Theatre. Tickets prices which include admission to all of the events, are \$11 for adults, \$7 for students and seniors, and \$5 for children 10 and under. Groups receive a \$2 discount per ticket on purchases of 20 or more tickets.

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Announcer Lucy Schroeder

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, under Charles Bruck; and at Yale University as



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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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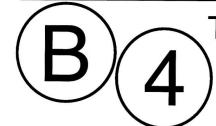
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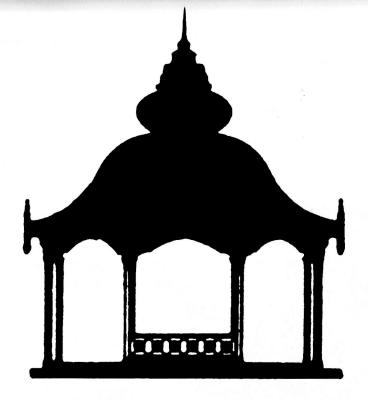
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