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## The Compton Heights Concert Band

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# Salute to New Orleans for



**Saturday, October 8, 2005**

**11:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

The Anheuser-Busch Performance Hall at the  
Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center



Robert Ellison, Baritone Soloist

## 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 Hjalmtyssdottir, "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, Ill. 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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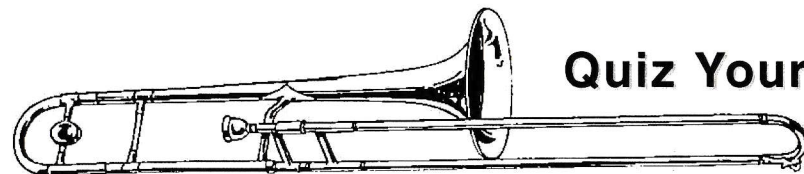
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Lucy Schroeder

**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 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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## Quiz Yourself!

**Did you play an instrument in High School or College?**  
**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?**  
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**Looking for social opportunities?**  
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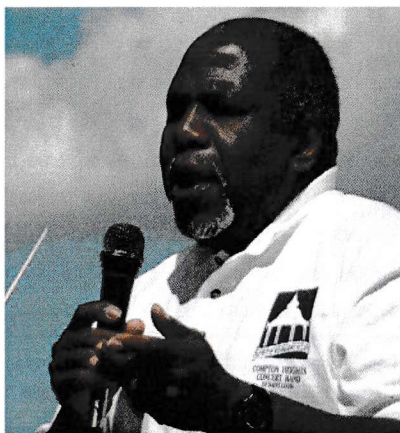


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## Robert Ellison, Baritone

**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!



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### Robert Ellison, Baritone Soloist

#### Program

Washington Post March	John Philip Sousa
Light Cavalry	Franz von Suppe'
Serenata	Leroy Anderson
What A Wonderful World	Arr. by Bob Lowden
Mr. Bojangles	Jerry Jeff Walker / Arr. by Penticoff
On The Road Again	Willie Nelson/Arr. Penticoff
St. Louis Blues March	W.C. Handy
National Emblem	E.E. Bagley
Intermission	
El Capitan	John Philip Sousa
Sound of Music	Richard Rodgers
Bugler's Holiday	Leroy Anderson
Mary Weber, Lisa Blackmore, Robert Souza	
God Bless the USA	Lee Greenwood, Arr. By Holmes
America, The Beautiful	S. Ward / C. Dragon
Robert Ellison, Baritone	
Tannhauser March	R. Wagner
The Saints' Hallelujah	Arr. Luther Henderson



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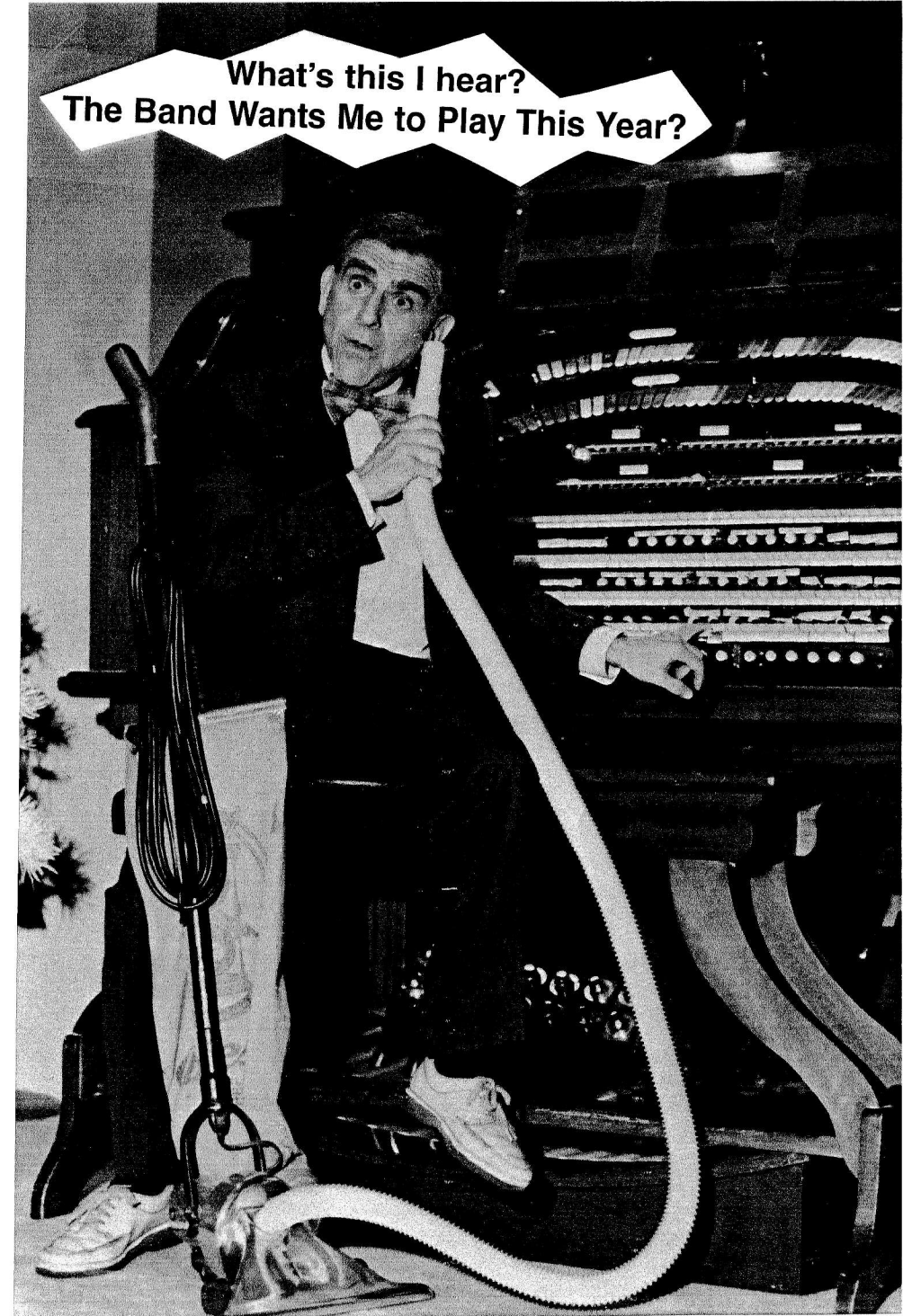
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