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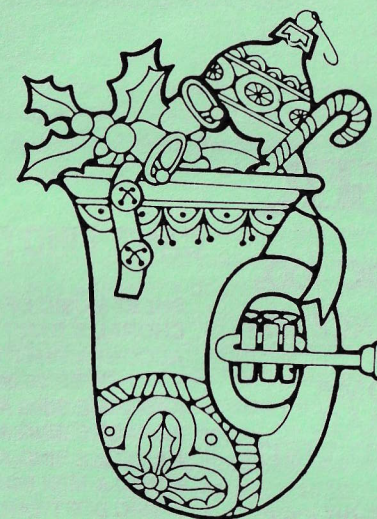


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COMPTON HEIGHTS CONCERT BAND HISTORY

Whether it's an antique clock or a stately old house, perhaps you have felt the sense of satisfaction that comes from restoring and breathing life into some relic of a bygone day. That same preservationist philosophy is the driving force behind the Compton Heights Concert Band of St. Louis and our efforts to promote and perform the fine concert band literature of yesteryear.

The band was organized in 1976 by Band President Harry Swanger, and numbered only 18 members at its first performance. Today the band has grown to include some 70 volunteer, student, and professional musicians from the metropolitan St. Louis area.

Musical Mondays, the band's eight-week summer series of old-fashioned band concerts, held annually since 1980, is held in the Henry Shaw Memorial Bandstand in Tower Grove Park, recently designated a national historic landmark. The band's other popular series, *Sunday Serenades*, held at Francis Park in south St. Louis, began in 1986. They are now two of the city's favorite musical traditions, attracting over 50,000 listeners annually.

In keeping with the Sousa-style program, each concert features a different soloist. Over the years the band has had the honor of performing with such well-known greats as William Warfield, James Christensen (director of music at Disney World in Florida), Dr. Leonard Smith, Debbye Turner (Miss America 1990), and Arturo Sandoval. In 1988 the band hosted the national convention of the Association of Concert Bands, an occasion marked by Missouri Senate and House Resolutions. Most recently the band has been acclaimed by audiences throughout the State of Missouri under the Missouri Arts Council Touring Program and other sponsors.

Dr. Gregory C. Fox was appointed Conductor of the band in September 1992. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from the State University of New York at Fredonia, and a Master's degree and Doctorate in Music Education from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. He has been involved with bands ever since his elementary school days in Jamestown, NY. Dr. Fox has studied conducting with such notables as Harry Begian and Carl Topilow. He is also an accomplished tubist, having performed with bands and orchestras in New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Missouri. Dr. Fox is a founding member of the Arch Brass, and has organized and conducted the annual Merry Tuba Christmas concert at the St. Louis Galleria since 1989.

To help finance its many expenses, the Compton Heights Concert Band depends upon individual and corporate donations, concert sponsors' fees, a weekly Bingo, sales of souvenirs, and Bandwagon memberships. Support also comes from the Missouri Arts Council, The Regional Arts Commission, The Arts and Education Council, The Monsanto Fund, and the Clifford Willard Gaylord Foundation.

For more information please call the Band office at 776-2227, or write to the Compton Heights Band of St. Louis at 2335 S. Grand, St. Louis, MO 63104.

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TubaChristmas

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Lucy Schroeder, Announcer
James Christensen, Guest Conductor

Today's Program

Selections from the following:

Adeste Fidelis
Angels We Have Heard On High
Away In The Manger
Carol of the Bells
Chanukah Song
Christmas Carol Medley
The Christmas Song
Come, Sweet Death
Coventry Carol
Deck The Halls
Go Tell It On The Mountain
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentleman
Good Christian Men, Rejoice
Good King Wenceslas
Greensleeves
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas
Here He Comes?
I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas
Jingle Bells
Joy To The World
Let It Snow
Lo, How A Rose 'Ere Blooming
O Holy Night
O Little Town Of Bethlehem
Parade of the Wooden Soldiers
Pat-a-Pan
Rodent Tune
Rudloff
Silent Night
Sugar Plum
Tuba Time

What is TubaChristmas?

Harvey Phillips is the moving force behind TubaChristmas. It began when Phillips assembled tuba players to play carols to honor his teacher, the world famous tuba player, William Bell, who was born on Christmas Day. His efforts were so successful that he formed The Harvey Phillips Foundation to license TubaChristmas nationally, including the December 11, 1993, St. Louis Galleria performance. The driving force behind the St. Louis TubaChristmas event is Dr. Gregory C. Fox. He has organized and conducted the annual TubaChristmas concert at the St. Louis Galleria since 1989.

TubaChristmas is again being presented by the Compton Heights Concert Band at the St. Louis Galleria. Several hundred tuba, baritone and euphonium players converge at The Galleria's Garden Court, harmoniously playing Christmas carols under the masterful direction of Dr. Gregory C. Fox, conductor of the Compton Heights Concert Band and guest conductor, James Christensen, from Walt Disney Productions.

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The Compton Heights Concert Band, under the direction of Dr. Gregory C. Fox, consists of 70 musicians from the Metro St. Louis area, who practice and present concerts year-round. Highlighting the year are two eight-week summer outdoor concert series: Musical Monday, held in Tower Grove Park, and Sunday Serenades, held in Francis Park. The band also plays other concerts and community events, and tours regionally and in outstate Missouri.



The Compton Heights Concert Band is supported by grants from the Arts & Education Council, Missouri Arts Council, Regional Arts Commission, Monsanto Fund, Clifford Willard Gaylord Foundation, and sponsors such as Commerce Bank, Southwest Bank, St. Louis Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Dept., Boatmen's Bank-South Region, Tower Grove Manor, Bethesda Eye Institute, Bandwagon memberships, and a weekly Bingo at Glaziers Hall.

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