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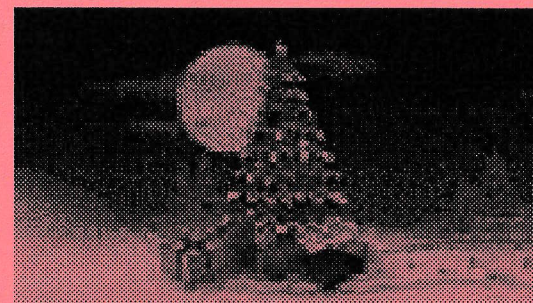
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Jefferson National Expansion  
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# The Compton Heights Concert Band in *Victorian Christmas*



Compton Heights Concert Band  
Friday, November 28, 2003

Old Courthouse Rotunda

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## 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
- 1992 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!
- 2002 First *Sousa Saturdays* series in Laumeier Sculpture Park

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 as we embark on a new millennium. 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. In addition, last summer the Band presented *Sousa Saturdays*, a three part series, in Laumeier Sculpture Park. The Band performs at annual holiday concerts and metro area events such as the Old Courthouse. Featured artists include: Hugh Smith, tenor; Arturo Sandoval, jazz/classical trumpet wizard; Sukay, "Music of the Andes"; Alex Klein, Chicago Symphony's principal oboist; James Christensen, former Music Director, Walt Disney World; BNFL Brass Band; Jerry Robinson & Sax-O-Peel, The Lennon Brothers; the late William Warfield, Baritone; Debbye Turner, marimba; Ricardo Morales, Metropolitan Opera principal clarinet; Nuclear Whales Saxophone Orchestra; Myron Floren, accordion; Jean Kittrell & The St. Louis Rivermen, Keith Brion, Sousa portrayer; The Legend Singers; The St. Louis Hills Chorus; 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. A tour to Joplin in June 2003 marks the 3<sup>rd</sup> appearance of the Compton Heights Band in the Joplin Pops series.

**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! Lucy injects a lively sense of humor and aids the audience appreciation of the music.

In addition to weekly Band rehearsals, members devote thousands of volunteer hours at its charity bingos at Bandwagon Hall, 6245 Lemay Ferry Road. The Band is also financially supported by Catherine Manley Gaylord Foundation, Clifford Willard Gaylord Foundation, Foot and Ankle Associates, Hoffmeister Mortuaries, Missouri Arts Council, Regional Arts Commission, Southwest Bank, St. Louis Philanthropic Organization, the St. Louis Parks & Recreation Department. To make a tax-deductible donation mail to Compton Heights Band, 2335 So. Grand, St Louis, Mo. 63104 or call (314) 776-2227. Web site: [www.chband.org](http://www.chband.org)

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# The Compton Heights Concert Band

## Victorian Christmas Concert

Friday, November 28, 2003  
Old Courthouse, 12:00 Noon

### Program

O Faithful Pine (O Tannenbaum)	Folk Song
Sleigh Ride	Leroy Anderson
Holiday Favorites	arr. Paul Lavender
A Charlie Brown Christmas	Arr. Bob Lowden
Deck the Halls	Chip Davis
The Wonderful World of Christmas	Arr. James Christensen
Christmas Shopping	Arr. James Christensen
Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow	Styne/Edmondson
Feliz Navidad	Jose Feliciano
Fanfare Prelude on Joy To the World	James Curnow
Intermission	
Jingle Bell Rock	Beal/Boothe
Toyland	Victor Herbert
March of the Toys	Victor Herbert
Themes from Nutcracker Suite	P. I. Tchaikowsky
Clarinet Choir: We Wish You A Merry Christmas There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays	
Chanukah is Here	arr. Custer
Santa Claus is Coming To Town	arr. Coots
A Christmas Festival	Leroy Anderson
Christmas Sing-Along (words printed in program)	arr. James Ployhar

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Edward Dolbashian

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Dawn Wetzel

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Laura Pritchard

Alto Saxophone  
Bruce Devens  
Nancee Glaser  
Bryan Johnson

Trumpet  
Jacqueline Fanning  
Atena Kasprzak  
Meagan Klein  
George Stroud  
Stephen Tatro  
Ken Tiefenbrunn  
Mary Weber  
April Zink

French Horn  
Liz Dehnke  
Joy Ridge  
Paul Thomas

Euphonium  
Ryan Ross

Trombone  
Ed Redmond  
Dan Redmond  
Ken Tate

Bass Trombone  
Lindsay Barth

Percussion  
Adam Kopff  
Terry Schott

Tuba  
Jeff Hoard

**Christmas Sing-A-Long**  
arranged by James D. Ployhar  
With Audience Participation!

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Hark, the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him,  
Born the King of Angels:  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

**Deck The Halls**

Deck the Halls with boughs of holly,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la  
'Tis the season to be jolly,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la  
Don we now our gay apparel,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la  
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la

**Silent Night**

Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon virgin Mother and Child!  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace!  
Sleep in heavenly peace!

**The First Noel**

The first Noel the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.

**Joy to the World**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

**We Wish You A Merry Christmas**

We wish you a Merry Christmas,  
We wish you a Merry Christmas,  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year!  
Good tidings we bring for you and your kin.  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year!