

# **Holiday Concert**

December 1, 2023 7:00 pm Cutting Hall Performing Arts Center Dr. Frederick Lowe, conductor

# **PROGRAM**

Fantare on "Adeste Fidelis"Jim Colonna
Fantasia on a 13th Century CarolJames L. Hosay
The Eighth CandleSteve Reisteter
The Sussex Mummers' Christmas Carol Percy Grainger/Stotter
How The Grinch Stole ChristmasAlbert Hague, arr. Larry Clark
Greensleeves VariantsRobert E. Foster
Christmas "Pop" Sing-A-Longarr.James D. Ployhar
A Christmas FestivalLeroy Anderson

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# CONDUCTOR



Dr. Frederick Lowe became the twelfth conductor of the Palatine Concert Band in 2013. He is a Senior Lecturer at Loyola University Chicago where he serves as Director of the Music Program. In addition, he conducts the Wind Ensemble and the Commencement Wind Ensemble, prepares the pit orchestra for the spring musical, coordinates the athletic bands, and teaches courses in the art of music listening, introductory conducting, and applied conducting.

Dr. Lowe earned his Bachelor of Music degree at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, studying clarinet with Deborah Chodacki, and serving as a graduate assistant with the Michigan Marching Band. He then became assistant band director at Lake Zurich (IL) High School, where he directed the concert, symphonic and marching bands and taught music theory and electronic music composition. Upon leaving Lake Zurich, he earned his Doctor and Master of Music degrees in conducting at Northwestern University, studying with primary teacher Dr. Mallory Thompson. While at Northwestern, Dr. Lowe guest-conducted the Contemporary Music Ensemble, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Symphonic Wind Ensemble. He also assisted with the "Wildcat" Marching Band and the men's basketball pep band. Dr. Lowe has participated in conducting symposia with conductors including H. Robert Reynolds, Jerry Junkin, Larry Rachleff, Craig Kirchhoff, Rodney Winther, John Whitwell, and Allan McMurray.

Dr. Lowe has traveled to Singapore, where he spent three weeks working as a music clinician in five public schools and appeared as a guest conductor with the Singapore Festival Winds. He served as a guest conductor with the McHenry County (IL) Youth Orchestras, and has judged several music festivals in the Chicago area. His music analyses have been published in the GIA Publications series *Teaching Music Through Performance in Band*, in Volume VI, the revision of Volume I, the volume highlighting solos with wind ensemble accompaniment, and the first volume of music for middle school band.

Dr. Lowe holds memberships in the College Music Society, the College Band Directors National Association, the National Association for Music Education, Kappa Kappa Psi, and Tau Beta Sigma.

### BAND MEMBERS

#### Flute/Piccolo

Amv Burke **B** Joan Entwhistle lennifer Green Diane Hansen Grace Horner Alysse Hunter Alice Merrill **B** Scott Morlock

Jill Polites \* Carin Zachar B

#### Oboe/English Horn

\* Danielle Anderson Terri Cardella Debra Loftus

#### B-flat Clarinet

Crystal Bertolami Lisa Bordelon Larry Brown Madison Guthrie Mike Kahles Suzanne Labowicz Nancy Mueller Jim Norris Carol Pinson Shannon Radlev B Jan Romanowski Susan Shearin B

\* Micheala Tuminello B Euphonium

#### Bass Clarinet

Jim Pinson Jan Van Cleave

#### **Eb Contrabass Clarinet**

Dan Sorce

#### Bassoon

Rachel Schoeneman \* Jay Virchow

#### Saxophone

Victor Amaro Bonnie Briggs Joe DiCiaula Judvann Reis Andrew Wagner

#### Trumpet

Sam Agnello Michele Cornelius Carol Dickenson Sean Grinsell Ernest "Chip" Gross Rick LoPresto B \* Stan Louiseau Ralph Nicksarlian Steve Pattengale Ryan Stites B

Tvler Guthrie \* Alex Rivera

#### French Horn

\* John Baumgart B David Fterno Johanna Johnson Stuart McCrorie Aliza Reitsma Christine Schyvinck Kris Tsau

#### Trombone

Steve Amblad Jason Girard Kristen Hahn Jennie Hecht Jim Meek Dan Rogers Joe Shearin

#### Tuba

\* Mark Boekenhauer Brian Smith

#### Percussion

Felix Desposorio Holly Greb Zuwa laiehon Ava Jennings Elise Matusek Jessica Stanbery-McGinnis \* Dan Sorce Steven Zachar

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# Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town

You better watch out, you better not cry, Better not pout, I'm telling you why: Santa Claus is comin' to town.

He's making a list and checking it twice, Gonna find out who's naughty and nice, Santa Claus is comin' to town.

He sees you when you're sleepin'. He knows when you're awake. He knows if you've been bad or good, So be good for goodness sake!

Oh! You better watch out, you better not cry, Better not pout, I'm telling you why: Santa Claus is comin' to town.



## Silver Bells

City sidewalks, busy sidewalks, dressed in holiday style. In the air there's a feeling of Christmas.

Children laughing, people passing, meeting smile after smile, And on ev'ry street corner you hear:

Silver bells, silver bells, It's Christmas time in the city. Ring-a-ling, hear them ring, Soon it will be Christmas day.

# Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, had a very shiny nose. And if you ever saw him, you would even say it glows.

A SHAPE

All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names, They never let poor Rudolph join in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas Eve, Santa came to say: "Rudolph, with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then all the reindeer loved him
As they shouted out with glee:

"Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer;
you'll go down in history!"

# Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Have yourself a merry little Christmas, Let your heart be light, From now on, our troubles will be out of sight.

Have yourself a merry little Christmas, Make the Yuletide gay, From now on, our troubles will be miles away.

Here we are as in olden days, Happy golden days of yore. Faithful friends who are dear to us Gather near to us once more.

Through the years we all will be together, If the Fates allow, Hang a shining star upon the highest bough. And have yourself a merry little Christmas now.

# PROGRAM NOTES

Fanfare on "Adeste Fideles" The bright main theme (O Come, All Ye Faithful) sounds mainly in the brass sections. The fugue structure allows the main theme to be highlighted by different instruments with slight rhythmic and harmonic changes each time.

**Jim Colonna** (b. 1970) is an American composer, educator, and trumpet player. He has written many pieces for concert bands. He currently is the Director of Bands at Messiah College in Pennsylvania.

Fantasia on a 13th Century Carol (March of the Three Kings) is a familiar melody taken through many variations and styles. It begins with a marcato section which soon turns smooth, warm and expressive. Percussion leads the band into the concluding grand symphonic march.

Arranger **James L. Hosay** (b. 1959), now retired, graduated from the U.S. Armed Forces School of Music and became an arranger for the U.S. Army Band in Washington.

**The Eighth Candle** celebrates Hanukkah. It begins with an extended hymn-like section which is followed by an exciting dance of celebration. The feast commemorates the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrian-Greek tyrant Antiochus over 2,180 years ago. Legend has it that after the battles were won there was only enough oil for the ceremonial lights to last for one day, yet by some miracle the oil lasted for eight days. In modern family celebrations, candles are lit, one for each day of the holiday, prayers are recited, then the feast and merrymaking begin.

Steve Reisteter (b. 1957) is a contemporary American musician and composer. He retired in 2017 as an elementary school vocal and instrumental music teacher in the Whitehall-Coplay (Pennsylvania) school district. He is principal clarinetist with the Allentown (PA) Band and the Allentown Symphony.

**The Sussex Mummers' Christmas Carol** This tune from 1880 came from the singing of Christmas Mummers during their play of Saint George, the Turk and the Seven Champions of Christendom. A mummer is one who goes merrymaking in disguise during festivals.

**Percy Grainger** (1882 – 1961) was an Australian-born composer, arranger and pianist. He is known for unconventional and original music that departs from standard conventions of tone and meter.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas began in 1957 as an illustrated children's book by Theodor "Dr. Seuss" Geisel. This medley includes "Welcome Christmas" and "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch."

Arranger Larry Clark (b. 1963) has taught middle school through university level bands and has composed over 400 pieces for concert bands and string orchestras. He is the founder and president of Excelsior Music Publishing.

**Greensleeves Variants** takes the popular English folksong and transforms it as it moves around the ensemble. It features unusual instrument combinations, a variety of tempos, and unexpected harmonic shifts with the traditional melody present throughout all variations.

**Robert E. Foster** (b. 1939) is an American composer, educator, and trumpet player. He served as the Director of Bands at the University of Kansas. He has written numerous textbooks and articles for music education journals, in addition to composing/arranging over 100 pieces.

# Christmas "Pop" Sing-A-Long Sing loud, have fun! (Lyrics on prior pages.)

A Christmas Festival is a medley of eight traditional carols written for the Boston Pops, including "Joy to the World," "Deck the Halls," "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen," "Good King Wenceslaus," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "Silent Night," "Jingle Bells," and "Adeste Fidelis."

**Leroy Anderson** (1908-1975) was a preeminent composer of light concert music. He was born in Cambridge, MA to first-generation Swedish immigrants. Originally a trombonist, he was director of the Harvard Band. He served as an Army captain in intelligence during WW II. A versatile linguist, he wrote a book on Icelandic grammar. He achieved fame as arranger for the Boston Pops Orchestra, and for his conducting.

# ABOUT PALATINE CONCERT BAND

The band's first organizational forebear, known as the Palatine Military Band, gathered with 15 members in 1875. After a period of dormancy in the early 20th century, local musicians relaunched the group as the Palatine Village Band in the 1955 centennial parade, and the band has enjoyed continuous community support ever since.

The band rehearses every Tuesday in the Palatine Community Center and performs eight concerts annually. Membership is open to adult musicians, subject to audition and vacancy. Check out the band on Facebook, Instagram and palatine concertband.org.

### FRIENDS OF THE BAND

Palatine Concert Band is organized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization. Band members are unpaid volunteers who pay dues. The band incurs expenses for professional conducting, music library, large instrument repair, guest artists, etc. Contributions are gratefully accepted online at the band's website <u>palatineconcertband.org</u>, or by mail, and are acknowledged with a tax receipt. We appreciate the support of these benefactors:

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