

The Palmyra-Eagle Community Band Presents:

A Night of Christmas Cheer



**Palmyra United Methodist Church, Palmyra, Wisconsin
Sunday, December 4, 2011, 7pm**

Please join us for cookies and other holiday refreshments after the concert!

Palmyra-Eagle Community Band Players

FLUTE

Faustina Jones
Caitlin Gamble
Deb Gilbert
Kelley Haddon
Erika White
Melody Brady

CLARINET

Faye Brugge
Bonnie Kegler
Warren Metzger
Connie Sukowski
Jamie Watkins
Candy White

BASS CLARINET

Gina Neist
Kathy Sudbrink

SAXOPHONE

Kristine Dexheimer
Kim Griffin
Ellie Hawes
Kelly Isaacsen
Yvonne Marie
Paul Brady

TRUMPET

Jeff Hawes
Jim Neist
Barb Sekula
Jeff Teuteberg

FRENCH HORN

Pattie Jaeger
Wendy Lucht
Gwenn Zerull
Jody Garber

BARITONE

Valerie Cole
Dusty Dusterhoef
Bob Miller

TROMBONE

Lisa Amacher
Chelsea Kienitz
Todd Kienitz
Sonja Pluess
Tom Stanley

TUBA

Jim Nelson
Wayne Craig
Mike Rubingh

PERCUSSION

Bernie Gilbert
Elaine Ledrowski
Margo Kurth
Mickey Nelson
Melodie Haddon

DIRECTOR

Mr. Ed Pierce

December 4 Holiday Concert Program

The Gloucestershire Wassail.....Arr. Robert Longfield

The word Wassail refers to several related traditions; first and foremost wassailing is an ancient southern English tradition that is performed with the intention of ensuring a good crop of cider apples for the next year's harvest. It also refers to both the salute 'Waes Hail', the term itself is a contraction of the Middle English phrase wæs hæil, meaning literally 'good health' or 'be you healthy' and to the drink of wassail which is a hot mulled cider traditionally drunk as an integral part of the wassail ceremony.

Cantique De Noel.....Arr. Robert W. Smith

"O Holy Night" ("Cantique de Noël") is a well-known Christmas carol composed by Adolphe Adam in 1847. Three different country music artists have charted on the Billboard Hot Country Songs charts with renderings of "O Holy Night:" Martina McBride, John Berry and Josh Gracin. McBride's rendering charted on five separate occasions. David Foster arranged and produced the song successfully for several different artists including Michael Crawford, Celine Dion, Josh Groban, Andrea Bocelli.

Christmas Concerto.....Arr. Robert W. Smith

Soloists

Joy To the World.....Jim Neist, Trumpet

Silent Night.....Deb Gilbert, Flute

Deck the Halls.....Ellie Hawes, Sax

A Jazzy Christmas.....Johnny Vinneson

We Wish You a Merry Christmas,

The Holly & The Ivy

Good King Wenceslas

P.E. BANDS GOT CLASS: LOTS OF LOW BRASS

Jingle Bells

I'm Gettin' Nuttin' for Christmas

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Star of Bethlehem.....John Williams

Composer John Williams (of Star Wars and many other well-known compositions) composed this popular song for the movie Home Alone 2. The song begins quietly: "Star of Bethlehem shining bright, bathing the world in heav'nly light, Let the glow of your distant glory, fill us with hope this Christmas night...".

Christmas on Broadway.....John Higgins

It's Beginning to look a lot like Christmas,

Pine Cones and Holly Berries,

Toyland,

March of the Toys,

My Favorite Things,

We Need a Little Christmas,

God Bless Us Everyone!

MORE LOW BRASS WITH CLASS

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Auld Lang Syne

In Thy Dark Streets Shineth: A Story Of Christmas 70 years ago by David McCullough

Guest Narrator: Dr. Dennis Rohrs

Historian David McCullough has written numerous books including the Pulitzer Prize winning biographies Truman and John Adams. McCullough hosted the TV show "The American Experience" for 12 years. His book *In the Dark Streets Shineth: A 1941 Christmas Eve Story* published by Shadow Mountain in 2010, also includes a DVD recording of McCullough's presentation of this story at the Mormon Tabernacle Choir's 2009 Christmas concert

O Little Town of Bethlehem & I'll Be Home for Christmas

An American Christmas.....Traditional

A little rock, a little jazz, and a touch of Sousa!

An American Christmas was commissioned by and dedicated to the Slinger High School Band of Slinger, Wisconsin under the direction of Dave Hanke and Steve Zenz. It premiered at the Hollywood (CA) Christmas parade and festivities (Belwin).

Acknowledgements

The Palmyra-Eagle Community Band, Inc. is a 501(c)3 tax exempt, non-profit organization. It is the generous financial support provided to us by individuals, organizations, and businesses which makes it possible for us to perform concerts for the community. We wish to acknowledge and thank the following people and groups who donated to our band in 2011:

Band Members themselves who donate weekly

Lenten Service Attendees at the Palmyra Methodist Church

Attendees at our summer park concerts, who certainly 'filled the jar' for Mr. Phil de Jaar!

Our "Fans"

**Betty Betenz
Helena Hagenmeyer
John and Patricia Heiden
Teresa Jones
Zechariah Jones
Karen and Peter Klatt
Marvin and Kathleen Manke
Judith Moldenhaur
Marilyn Stover
Robert and Gwenn Zerull**

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Town of Palmyra

Contact Treasurer Barb Sekula, 262-495-4406, bsekula@centurytel.net,
if you are interested in making a (tax-deductible) contribution to the band

About the Band

The Palmyra Eagle Community Band, was formed in 1993 through the efforts of Band Manager, Alice Ventura. There were 4 musicians present at the first rehearsal. The first concert was presented on June 14th, Flag Day, in the village park. Membership has since grown to about 30 members.

The members are of all ages from retirees (some of whom had not played their instruments since their school days) to college and high school students. They come from various communities in the area and as far away as Madison. Under the direction of “Mr. Ed” Pierce of Fort Atkinson, the music ranges from marches to show tunes, popular melodies, to classical.

We encourage anyone interested in dusting off the old horn to join us. Rehearsal is Monday evening, 7:00 pm, at the high school band room. Our concert schedule includes venues such as parks, retirement homes, churches, etc. throughout the spring and summer. Usually, we have a break after the last park concert in August until after Labor Day. Then we begin to prepare for an October visit to Fairhaven and our two Holiday Concerts held in early December after which we break again for the holidays.

The band is all volunteer and supported by contributions from local businesses, civic groups, private donations and the band members themselves. We are an incorporated 501(c)3 non-profit, tax exempt organization. Donations can be mailed to: Palmyra-Eagle Community Band, Inc., P.O. Box 215, Palmyra, WI 53156-0215

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