

Fridays in the **V** *alley* 

**Presents
Above Average
Tuba Quartet**



Friday, December 8, 2023 | 7:00 pm

**Valley Community
Presbyterian Church**

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Chamber Music Series**

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Dedicated to Fridays in the Valley co-founder **Vicki Wheeler** who inspired the quartet musicians to perform in December 2013, less than a year after the concert series was established in 2012.

- Personent Hodie*.....arr. Jay Krush
- Away in a Manger*.....arr. Jay Krush
- I Saw Three Ships*.....arr. Jay Krush
- Good King Wenceslas*.....arr. Eric Anderson
- Twelve Days of Christmas*.....arr. Adrian Wagner
- Concerto Grosso No. 8*.....Archangelo Corelli
- March of the Toys*.....Victor Herbert arr. Vaughn

—Intermission—

- Noel Nouvelet*.....arr. Jay Krush
- It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*.....arr. Stan Bann
- The Hawthorn Tree*.....Gustav Holst arr. W Adams
- Dance of the Sugar Plum Tubas*.....Tchaikovsky
from *The Nutcracker* arr. Don Shirer
- Joy to the Angels*.....Trad. arr. Ben Miles
- Sleigh Ride*.....Leroy Anderson arr. Peter Rauch

Carols for Singing

- Hark the Herald Angels Sing*.....Mendelssohn
- Joy to the World*.....I. Watts
- We Wish You a Merry Christmas*... 16th Century English Trad.

Carols for Singing

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 the angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"*

*Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth Born to give them second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"*

Joy to the World!

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King!
Let every heart prepare Him room! And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing, and Heaven,
and Heaven, and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ!
While fields and floods, rocks,
hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy.
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders, of His love.*

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 to you and your kin,
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

Musician Biographies

Euphoniumist Ben Bussey

A musician and teaching artist based in Minneapolis, His creative projects include playing and writing for The Paper Clips trombone quartet, New Orleans brass band Brass & BodyWorks, and the Above Average Tuba Quartet.

He is also bass trombonist for the Encore Wind Ensemble, and appears regularly with The New Standards stage band, The Shabby Road Orchestra, and funk powerhouse Sumo 7. He is on the faculties of the University of Wisconsin River Falls, Concordia University, St Paul, and the MacPhail Center for Music as a low brass instructor, ensemble clinician, and arts administrator.



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Tubist Roger Gomoll

Career includes 23 years at Minnesota Public Radio and 8 years at Public Radio International. He and his flutist wife Elizabeth now own and run a business called OnAirFundraising, which serves public radio stations who want to make their pledge drives more successful. Roger is a founding member of the Above Average Tuba Quartet, and plays with the Lake Wobegon Brass Band, the Northern Symphony Orchestra, the Victory Park Brass Quintet, and in the Ameriikan Poijat Finnish Brass Septet.

Roger's BA in Music is from Concordia College Moorhead, and his Master of Music degree in Tuba Performance is at the University of Minnesota, where he studied with Steve Campbell and John Tranter. An avid private pilot, Roger has earned the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award from the FAA.

Tubist Gary Bird

A Professor Emeritus of Music at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he taught Tuba and Euphonium, Brass Ensemble, Introduction to Music and performed in the IUP HoodleBug Brass.

He received his Bachelor of Music Education Degree from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, a Master of Music in Tuba Performance from the University of North Texas and a Doctor of Music from Indiana University, Bloomington.

He studied with Professors Conrad DeJong, Charles Dalkert, Dr. David Kuehn, Harvey Phillips. He has been principal tubist of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, the North Texas State University Graduate Wind Ensemble, Indiana University (Bloomington) Festival Orchestra and was principal tubist of the Johnstown and Westmoreland Symphony Orchestras for 36 and 29 years respectively. He has also performed with Harvey Phillips in Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Gary is presently a member of the Sheldon Theater Brass Band, Metro Brass, Metro Brass Quintet, Lake Wobegon Brass Band, and the Above Average Tuba Quartet.



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Euphoniumist Lee Dummer

Started his musical career at the age of eight, performing with a local drum and bugle corps. After high school and graduation from Gustavus Adolphus College, he attended the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y, performing with the famous Eastman Wind Ensemble. Mr. Dummer was selected to be a member of the United States Army Band (Pershing's Own) of Washington, D.C., where he served as Euphoniumist and soloist for six years.

Mr. Dummer has appeared with the Minnesota Orchestra, the Prairie Home Companion radio program, various community bands, orchestras, brass ensembles. He currently plays with the Lake Wobegon Brass Band, and since 1983 has been a member and a frequent soloist with the Medalist Concert Band.

PRISM Holiday Toy Shoppe

PRISM is now collecting new, unwrapped toys and gifts to distribute to over 1,000 local children this holiday season. The PRISM Holiday Toy Shoppe helps local families maintain traditions by having parents shop for gifts for their children. All donations collected for tonight's concert will be used toward Items Most Needed at the Shoppe including blankets, Legos, teen gifts such as earbuds, headphones, gaming keyboards, and \$25 gift cards to Target, Amazon and Visa.



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UPCOMING CONCERT

Friday, January 12, 2024 | 7:00 pm
Seven Decades of Great American Songs

Susan Hellerud, piano
Joe Longo, clarinet
Momoko Tanno, soprano

These esteemed musicians combine their talents to share an evening of selections from the Great American Songbook sure to ring in the New Year with warmth, hope and inspiration!

A Benefit Concert For: Liberty Church Northside Healing Space

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