

Please join us for
The 7th Annual
TubaChristmas
in the Illinois Valley
Sunday, December 18, 2022 4:30pm
LaSalle-Peru High School
Matthiessen Auditorium

541 Chartres St, LaSalle IL 61301



Andy Rummel, conductor
Professor of Euphonium & Tuba, Illinois State University
Rex Benson, concertmaster
Director Emeritus, Mendota High School Band

**Tuba, sousaphone, baritone, and euphonium players
are all cordially invited for an afternoon of
caroling and seasonal festivities!**

For performers
12:30 p.m. - check-in/registration
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. rehearsal
4:30 p.m. – free, family-friendly concert

(Audience members are asked to bring a non-perishable food item or two for several local food pantries, as well as jingle bells to join in the fun!)

Hosted by North Central Illinois ARTworks
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What is TUBACHRISTMAS?

MERRY TUBACHRISTMAS originated in 1974 and is celebrating its forty-eighth anniversary this year. Created by renowned tubist Harvey Phillips of Indiana University, concerts this year will be presented in over 300 cities throughout the United States and in several foreign countries.

Performances feature Christmas carols especially arranged for tubas, sousaphone, baritones, and euphoniums. Participants of all ages are encouraged to wear festive attire and decorate their instruments in honor of the season and these noble instruments. The warm, rich, organ-like sound of the tuba-euphonium choir has won the ears and hearts of every audience, making TUBACHRISTMAS an established Christmas tradition in many cities throughout the world. While participants must provide music and pay a nominal fee to participate, all concerts are free to the public in celebration of the season.

Dr. Andy Rummel is Professor of Tuba and Euphonium at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois. A native of Delavan, Illinois, Andy received his Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music Performance degrees from Illinois State University in Normal and his Doctorate of Musical Arts degree from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. Andy is the principal tubist with the Heartland Festival Orchestra and has performed with the Peoria Symphony Orchestra, the Illinois Symphony and the Virginia Symphony. Prior to his arrival at Illinois State, Andy was the principal tubist with the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band and the Heritage Brass Quintet located at Langley AFB in Virginia. Andy has been a featured guest soloist with the Heartland Festival Orchestra, the Vermont Youth Philharmonia, the Prairie Wind Ensemble, the Rockford Wind Ensemble, the Brass Band of Central Illinois as well as with many high school bands and orchestras throughout the Midwest. He has been a featured recitalist at many international and regional tuba-euphonium conferences has served as an adjudicator for several international and regional tuba solo competitions. In addition to his performing credentials, Andy is also the musical director/conductor of the Illinois State University Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble. The ensemble was featured performers at the 2015 and 2013 Midwest Regional Tuba and Euphonium Conferences as well as the 2015 and 2013 International Conferences for the National Association for Professional Band Instrument Repair Technicians. The tuba-euph ensemble was the first ensemble of its kind to perform at the Illinois Music Educators All-State Music Conference in 2011 and was invited to perform again in 2016. This ensemble has recorded for Mark Custom Records and has been invited to perform at three International Tuba and Euphonium Conferences. For recordings and more information, please feel free to check out the studio YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/isutubaeuph

Mr. Rex Benson will serve as concertmaster and emcee for this year's TubaChristmas in the Illinois Valley. He received both his bachelor and master degrees in music education from Illinois State University, also serving as an undergraduate and graduate teaching assistant. He continued his education through course work at Aurora College and Vandercook School of Music. Mr. Benson retired after 25 years at Mendota High School. He has been an active member of the IHSA, IMEA, MENC, ASBDA, Phi Beta Mu, and IEA-NEA. His performance experience has included performing in the IVCC Wind Ensemble, Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra, Illinois Valley Brass Ensemble, Peoria Municipal Band, Prairie Wind Ensemble, King Bros. Circus Band and Mendota Brass Ensemble. He is an active adjudicator at all levels, festival conductor, and has given clinics at ISU and Illinois Wesleyan University. Currently, Mr. Benson helps supervise student teachers for ISU and works part-time for The Music Shoppe of Normal. In 2005, Rex was the recipient of the National Federation of State High School Associations Outstanding Music Educator Award for Section 4 representing Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin. In 1998 he was the recipient of the Phi Beta Mu-Illinois Outstanding Bandmaster Award and in 1993 and 2009, he was awarded the Excellence in Education Award in LaSalle County. Most recently he was awarded IMEA's Distinguished Service Award. He resides with his wife, Dr. Christine Benson, in Ottawa.

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Registration Instructions

Preregistration is not required; however, it is appreciated. Cost of participating in the event is as follows:

___ \$10 registration contribution. This includes the 2022 TUBACHRISTMAS commemorative button and is for participants who already own the music book: *Carols for a Merry TUBACHRISTMAS*. It may be paid in advance or paid at the door the day of the event. (If you participated at another 2021 TUBACHRISTMAS event, you may enter for free with your 2019 button.)

OR

___ \$25 preregistration discount. This includes registration, the 2022 TUBACHRISTMAS button, and *Carols for a Merry TUBACHRISTMAS*. It must be paid by November 30.

OR

___ \$35 registration/music. This includes registration, the 2022 TUBACHRISTMAS button, and *Carols for a Merry TUBACHRISTMAS*. It is the amount which must be paid after November 30 and at the door.

Please note: The purchase of the music, *Carols for a Merry TUBACHRISTMAS*, is a one-time expense which makes TUBACHRISTMAS events worldwide accessible for a lifetime! No photocopies are permitted. Also, concerts are free which means participants' families and friends attend at no additional cost.

\$2 transaction fee per participant for all electronic payments: Credit Card/Venmo/Paypal

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Additional information. Please like the 408 Fine Arts Factory Facebook page to receive additional information. Photos of the event will be posted there afterwards.

Attire. Please wear festive attire! Christmas accessories including ties, hats, and antlers are welcome (and optional!). **Face coverings needed when not playing.**

Decorate your instrument. There will be a contest for the best decorated instrument. Decorations will be judged during the rehearsal, so be prepared! (Please be certain decorations will not interfere with your ability to play!)

Music. Please label your music clearly with your name. There will be many identical copies of music in the room!

Please bring a music stand (with your name clearly marked on it)!

There won't be any available on site.

Instrument Cases. There will be space to store cases; however, gig bags are preferable!

Snacks. Holiday snacks will be available for all players between the rehearsal and concert.

Parking on the and in school lots on the north side and west side of school.

Repertoire. Please be prepared to play the following tunes from the *Carols for a Merry TUBACHRISTMAS* book:

No. 1 - Adeste Fideles

No. 3 - Deck the Halls

No. 4 - God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

No. 5 - The First Noel

No. 6 - Good King Wenceslas

No. 8 - The Holly and the Ivy

No. 10 - O Little Town of Bethlehem

No. 11 - Silent Night

No. 14 - Joy to the World

No. 20 - Komm, Süßer Tod

No. 23 - We Wish You a Merry Christmas

No. 26 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

No. 28 - Carol of the Bells

No. 33 - Jingle Bells

Additional music may be performed.

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