

Please join us for
The 6th Annual
TubaChristmas
in the Illinois Valley
Sunday, December 19, 2021 4:30pm

NEW VENUE for 2021!

The Auditorium Ballroom

109 Wright St La Salle, IL 61301



Dan Deitrich, conductor

Director Emeritus, Chillicothe High School

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! Bells will be supplied for the children in the audience.)

Hosted by North Central Illinois ARTworks

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For more information or to register, please contact

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What is TUBACHRISTMAS?

MERRY TUBACHRISTMAS originated in 1974 and is celebrating its forty-seventh 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.

This year's conductor will be **Dan Dietrich** who holds both Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Music Education from Illinois State University. Dan retired in 2010 after 33 years of teaching, 30 of which he spent as the Director of Bands at Illinois Valley Central High School of Chillicothe. The IVC Band is well known around the state of Illinois due to the quality of its well-rounded program and its numerous appearances at State and National Events. In 2003, he received the "Friend of Youth Award" from the Optimist Club. Mr. Dietrich is also an active performer. He has been the featured soloist with the Prairie Wind Ensemble and has performed with the Peoria Symphony Orchestra, Peoria Opera Orchestra, Peoria Municipal Band, Pontiac Municipal Band, Corn Stock Theater and Peoria Players Theater, Central Illinois Brass Band, Central Illinois Jazz Orchestra and River Valley Brass Ensemble. Since retiring, Dan has been active as low brass instructor for Streator, Normal West, Washington and Metamora High Schools where he has over 40 private students. He is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Experiences at Illinois State University where he observes and mentors Student Teachers for the Music Department's High School Association Music Committee and was given a Distinguished Service Award for his efforts in re-organizing the State's Music Contests. In 1999, School Band and Orchestra Magazine named Dietrich as one of its "50 Directors that Make a Difference".

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 currently serves on the IVSO board and 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 2021 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 2021 TUBACHRISTMAS button, and *Carols for a Merry TUBACHRISTMAS*. It must be paid by November 30.

OR

___ \$35 registration/music. This includes registration, the 2021 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.

*Transaction fee will apply to all credit card transactions.

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Registration Form

(Preregistration is not required; however, it is very much appreciated.)

Name: _____ Is this your first TUBACHRISTMAS? _____
Address: _____ If not, how many others have you attended? _____
City, State, Zip: _____ Instrument you will play: ___ baritone - treble clef
Email: _____ ___ baritone - bass clef
Phone (home): _____ ___ tuba
Phone (cell): _____ Is this your primary instrument? _____
If not, what is your primary instrument? _____

Are you representing a school either as a

___ teacher?

___ student?

Name of school: _____

Fee: ___ \$10 registration; or

___ \$25 preregistration discount (includes music) – before November 30; or

___ \$35 registration (includes music) – after November 30 and at the door

Please make checks payable to Music Suite 408. Forms should be mailed or delivered to:

Music Suite 408, 408 Fifth Street, Peru, IL 61354 (815) 223-4408

Music will then be available for pick up. (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.)

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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 street is limited but there are various public parking lots located nearby the Auditorium Ballroom on 2nd Street.

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, Süsster 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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