

ATTENTION: TUBA , SOUSAPHONE, EUPHONIUM, BARITONE players, young and old.

We are pleased to announce Southern Utah's first MERRY TUBACHRISTMAS. This is an event that showcases the beautiful sound of tubas, sousaphones, euphoniums and baritones.

The first TUBACHRISTMAS took place in 1974 in New York City's Rockefeller Plaza Ice Rink as a tribute to the late artist/teacher William J. Bell, born on Christmas Day, 1902. Traditional Christmas music performed at the first TUBACHRISTMAS was arranged by American composer Alec Wilder who ironically died on Christmas Eve, 1980. Through Alec Wilder we express our respect and gratitude to all composers who continue to embrace our instruments with their compositions and contribute to the ever growing solo and ensemble repertoire for tuba and euphonium. TUBACHRISTMASSES were held in over 200 cities in the United States in 2006. This year promises to be even bigger.

Southern Utah's first MERRY TUBACHRISTMAS will take place on December 1st here in Cedar City, from 10 am to 11am. Registration and warm up will take place at Southern Utah University's South Hall. Registration requires a tax-deductible contribution of \$5.00 (registration fee). Each registrant will receive a TUBACHRISTMAS 2007 Commemorative Button. Registration fees help cover increasing production, promotion, and administrative costs for TUBACHRISTMAS. CAROLS FOR A MERRY TUBACHRISTMAS is available at registration for \$12.00, (bass clef-C, four part score form) & (treble clef-Bb, two upper parts). *NEW* large version 8 1/2 x 11 bass or treble \$17.00. This music book is used year after year, so bring your old book if you've played previously. Music contains 33 selections, including numbers arranged by Norlan Bewley to enhance the original nineteen traditional Christmas carols arranged by Alec Wilder. If you need Treble clef tuba (British style) please order in advance from TUBACHRISTMAS on the internet.

From 11am to 1 pm we will practice together under the direction of Virginia Stitt, at South Hall.

From 2 pm to approximately 3 pm, there will be a Storybook Cavalcade parade down Main Street worth watching.

Fifteen minutes after the parade ends, we will play for the public in front of the Historic Rock Church, 75 University Blvd (Center St). The concert is free to all to come and listen.

The sponsors of this event are: Debbie Nollan (435) 559-9609 dlnollan@yahoo.com (beginning tuba player)
Mark Stickney (435) 865-8160 stickney@suu.edu (professional tuba player and conductor)

If you are interested in playing, please contact Debbie Nollan so she can get an accurate head count. Also, we will have the music books available for purchase so that practicing can be done in advance of December 1st.

On the day of the concert, bring a lyre or music stand. Plan on very brisk winter weather. Wear bright colored clothing, hats, scarves, and decorate your instrument if you desire. Remind any spectators that you bring to bring lots of warm clothing, the weather here can be very invigorating.

Parking for the Registration and Practice is at the corner of 200 South and Dewey (about 375 West). Parking for the Historic Rock Church is in the parking garage just North of the church which may be accessed from 100 East.

Come join us for the very first Utah TUBACHRISTMAS south of Provo.

Again, if you think you may be interested in joining us, please contact Debbie Nollan 559-9609 or dlnollan@yahoo.com as soon as possible so that adequate preparation may take place.