



Orchid City Brass Band
GARY GREEN | MUSICAL DIRECTOR



'Tis the Season

BRASS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

WITH GUEST ARTIST
DONNA SINGER | JAZZ VOCALIST

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 18, 2022 | 4 PM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | NORTH PALM BEACH

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Ticket sales cover less than half the cost of presenting an ORCHID CITY BRASS BAND concert. The OCBB relies on generous donations and gifts from patrons like you to continue our mission of uplifting, entertaining, and educating the diverse communities of the West Palm Beach area.

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Because of the support of several generous patrons, your gift will be matched up to \$2,000!

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What did you think of the performance this afternoon?

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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR



IT IS A PLEASURE to welcome you to our annual holiday concert! For centuries,

brass instruments have called upon to convey the spirit of festive occasions, especially *this* season. To that end, our musical director and conductor, Gary Green, has prepared a program of familiar – and not-so-familiar – seasonal music that is sure to elevate your holiday celebration. We are especially pleased to include acclaimed jazz vocalist **Donna Singer** on tonight's program.

In December 2012 a group of brass players organized South Florida's very first British-style brass band concert. Adopting the name ORCHID CITY BRASS BAND as a tribute to our home city, West Palm Beach, the group decided to continue exploring the extensive brass band literature and informing South Florida audiences about the rich history of the brass band tradition.

This concert officially celebrates our 10th full year as a member of the South Florida performing arts community! The Board of Directors is planning a grand celebration for our **2023-24 concert season** in recognition of this significant milestone. With that comes an

assessment of our organization to develop a pathway to scale the group to even greater heights of musical quality and performance and to make your experience even more enriching and enjoyable.

Beginning tonight we are surveying current and former audience members to assess our depth of support. We are also including input from band and board members. A group of outside consultants is compiling the results and using your feedback to recommend a plan going forward. Our objective is to uplift, entertain, and educate the diverse communities of the West Palm Beach area through unique and exceptional musical experiences.

A final word: Like everyone else, our operating costs have risen substantially over the last couple years. We have worked diligently to tightly manage expenses. Currently we are seeking to fulfill several generous matching grants. If the music we share tonight – and in all our concerts – is meaningful to you, please consider how you might support in matching these grants to ensure our continued musical growth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Estes".

Jim Estes

President & CEO

ORCHID CITY BRASS BAND

INTRODUCING OUR GUEST ARTIST



Donna Singer

JAZZ VOCALIST

POWERHOUSE PERFORMER

Donna Singer has wowed jazz lovers around the world through her live performances at festivals, concert halls and jazz clubs as well as her recordings. She is known for her unique jazz style that has a hint of gospel, and is praised for her interesting ornamentation, phrasing, and control. Critics say “her timing is clear and her pitch is focused.”

Born in the Bronx and raised in the Catskills of Upstate New York,

Ms. Singer and her twin sister, Dawn, were raised in a family of jazz enthusiasts. She grew up listening to jazz greats like Nancy Wilson, Billy Strayhorn, Duke Ellington, Sammy Davis Jr., and Count Basie.

Ms. Singer graduated from the New York Academy of Theatrical Arts, then studied formally at the Juilliard School. Her far-reaching career includes European concerts in Paris, Switzerland, Ireland, Italy, and Wales. She has performed at the Metropolitan Opera Guild Recital Hall in Lincoln Center, Central Park’s Naumburg Bandshell and The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach, the city in which she now resides.

No stranger to radio, Ms. Singer’s six recordings have reached the Top 50 on various national and international terrestrial radio stations and ranked highly on the CMJ jazz charts. She has enjoyed international airplay in North America, South America, Europe, Australia, and Africa.

From 1998-2004 Ms. Singer hosted the weekly gospel show, *Down by the River*, on WJFF 90.5 FM radio in Sullivan County, New York. She developed the “Jazz in our Schools” program to educate students about black history in the entertainment business. She is also a member of The National Guild of Piano Teachers: Teachers Division of American College of Musicians.

A popular guest soloist in the U.S. and abroad, Ms. Singer performs often with the 18-piece Harmony Jazz Orchestra, the 100-member Gold Coast Concert Band, and her own jazz quartet. She was lead vocalist in the Swing Shift Orchestra in the Catskills for 15 years. Tonight marks her debut performance with the ORCHID CITY BRASS BAND.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Tis the Season

Sunday, December 18, 2022 | 4:00 PM

Gary Green, CONDUCTOR

JOHN WASSON Festival Fanfare for Christmas
MICHAEL MACMULLEN, Organist

STEPHEN BULLA Rhapsody for Hanukkah
i. Y'Ladim Banerot
ii. Simu Shemen (Pouring Oil)
iii. Hanukkah Begins Tonight
iv. The Dreidel Song
v. Dorogoi Dlinnoy (The Long Road)

ERIC WHITACRE Lux Arumque
arr. Chris King

PAUL LOVATT-COOPER A Christmas Finale

INTERMISSION

ALFRED REED Russian Christmas Music
arr. Dave Leppla

**SAMMY CAHN &
JULE STYNE** Let It Snow
arr. Jack Stamp
DONNA SINGER, *Vocalist*

**JOAN JAVITS &
PHILIP SPRINGER** Santa Baby
arr. Jack Stamp
DONNA SINGER, *Vocalist*

LEROY ANDERSON Sleigh Ride

**RICHARD BERNHARD SMITH &
FELIX BERNARD** Winter Wonderland
arr. Jack Stamp
DONNA SINGER, *Vocalist*

SCOTTISH FOLK SONG Auld Lang Syne
arr. Rieks van der Velde

TONIGHT'S PLAYERS

MUSICAL DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR

Gary Green

MASTER OF CEREMONIES & ORGANIST

Michael MacMullen

SOPRANO CORNET

Randy Sonntag

SOLO CORNETS

Pamela Smittter

Principal

James Estes

Associate Principal

Nick Patsis

Trudy Cavallo

BARITONES

Michael O'Connor

Principal

Sarah Shearon-Smith

TROMBONES

Ben Kon

Principal

Patrick Hengstler

Sherwood Graham

REPIANO CORNET

William Castillo

BASS TROMBONE

Wesley Thompson

SECOND CORNETS

Tony Aversano

Dwight Banks

EUPHONIUMS

Alejandro Guardio, Jr.

Principal

Tyler Nunziato

THIRD CORNETS

Bryan Anderson

Larry Malin

Nate Fong

BASSES

Max McMillan

Principal

Ken Moorehead

Michael Cunion

Franklin Ticas Castellon

FLUGEL HORN

Frank Raimondi

PERCUSSION

Nikola Gjorcevski

Principal

Emily Moorehead

Steven Mailloux-Adler

TENOR HORNS

Jenn Girdlestone

Principal

Brandon Ehrlich

Buddy Robson

A VIEW FROM THE PODIUM



THE HOLIDAY SEASON is special for all of us. Memories from our past seem to live more vividly during this time: Children playing with

newly-acquired toys, the never-expiring dreams of snow on the ground – the laughter and smiles extending the promise that this is indeed the most wonderful time of the year while still echoing the importance of holidays past.

Along with these feelings of nostalgia we also have a sense of thanksgiving that we are able to share the promise of the season with our family and friends. Gratitude is the expression of deep appreciation for what we value most and what brings meaning to our lives. This feeling keeps us connected to ourselves and to others. To me, this sense of gratitude captures the true significance of the season.

The members of the ORCHID CITY BRASS BAND and I are privileged to share the nostalgia, the promise, and the gratitude of this season with you in this special holiday concert. We have practiced and prepared it with the hope that our performance this evening will kindle in you the same joy with

which we offer it. In addition to the traditional songs and carols of the season, we are especially pleased to share with you the gifted vocals of our guest artist, **Donna Singer**. I am certain you will find her artistry clear, entertaining, and – best of all – a true expression of joy!

I must also share with you my personal gratitude for composers and arrangers **David Leppla** and **Jack Stamp**. These men have generously offered our band – and our audience – their music as a gift to us and to you. You will find their names mentioned in this concert program and, as soon as you hear their work, you will appreciate why their wonderful offerings are so meaningful to us.

It is our desire that as you listen to the music this evening it will transport you back to the best memories of the past, propel your imagination forward to future holiday seasons to be enjoyed with those you love, and fill your hearts with gratitude even tonight that you are a part of this significant evening of music making. We extend to each of you our best wishes for a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.

Gary Green

Musical Director & Conductor
ORCHID CITY BRASS BAND

2022-23 Season



BIG SCREEN IN BRASS

Sunday | MAR 05 | 4PM
First Presbyterian Church
North Palm Beach

The music is often what truly brings our favorite movies to life. For some, movie music is what first sparked our love for classical music. Join us as we pay tribute to some of Hollywood's greatest soundtracks – from iconic films of the Golden Age to modern blockbusters!

FEEL THE SOUND

Sunday | APR 30 | 4PM
First Presbyterian Church
North Palm Beach

PICTURES IN BRASS

EXHIBITION

From Killarney to Kiev, join us on a *tour de force* of the most moving & monumental works for brass band. Few can match the brilliant color and sonic impact of Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* to display the virtuosity and artistry of the ORCHID CITY BRASS BAND.

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