



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Contact: Lori Yarborough, Webmaster
530-401-0646 or mountainmusician@yahoo.com

by Lori Yarborough

NEW CONDUCTOR LEADS AUBURN WINDS FEBRUARY 26 CONCERT OF INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC AT STATE THEATRE

Auburn, California – February 6, 2017 – Auburn Winds, Auburn’s official town band, presents a community band concert filled with songs of faith and inspiration on Sunday, February 26 with new conductor Brian O’Donnell. The concert is from 3-5 p.m. at the historic, Auburn State Theatre (Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center), located at 985 Lincoln Way in Auburn. Admission is free, with tax-deductible donations gratefully accepted.

This is the band’s first performance with O’Donnell, who is currently pursuing a Master of Music in orchestral conducting at California State University, Sacramento. As a conductor, O’Donnell has been working hard to help integrate arts into the greater Sacramento region’s community. His newest assignment as conductor of Auburn Winds, along with his other posts as assistant conductor of the Rancho Cordova Civic Light Orchestra, and graduate assistant conductor of the California State University, Sacramento’s Symphony Orchestra, help him to work toward this goal.

“Conducting Auburn Winds is my first opportunity to lead a community band,” said O’Donnell. “I am excited to work with this group of volunteer musicians to continue their mission of entertaining the residents of Auburn.”

“Our previous conductor, Tom Candlish, resigned for personal reasons at the end of December,” said Auburn Winds Board President Bill Borba. “Brian O’Donnell is an experienced conductor and French horn player, and we are happy to have him as our new conductor!”

The 40-member community concert band, along with Announcer Sarah McCormick, will play a variety of inspirational music such as Igor Stravinsky’s “Infernal Dance and Finale,” “Amazing Grace” by Frank Tichelli, “God Bless America” by Irving Berlin and John Philip Sousa’s “The Stars and Stripes Forever.” Twisted Licorice, a clarinet ensemble, will perform "On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss" by David Holsinger.

A community band has existed in Auburn for more than 150 years, and the members of Auburn Winds are proud to carry on that tradition. The band performs more than a dozen times a year, including four formal concerts at the State Theatre. The band also participates in many community events each year. Upcoming performances:

Formal Concert

- April 30 at 3:00 p.m. at the State Theatre.

Community Events

- Auburn Cruise Nite, May 12 at 6 p.m., Auburn Promenade, downtown Auburn.
- Mother’s Day Event, May 13 at 11 a.m. at Eisley Nursery.

For more information about Auburn Winds, and future concerts, visit www.auburnwinds.org. To schedule an interview with Conductor Brian O’Donnell, send an email to brianod91@gmail.com or call (858) 212-2394. Concert programs, promotional signs, banners and logo design provided by Advantage Marketing and Print.

###



Brian O'Donnell, Auburn Winds Conductor



Trumpet players from Auburn Winds at the Auburn State Theatre.



Flute players from Auburn Winds at the Auburn State Theatre.



Auburn Winds Brass Ensemble before Veterans' Day Parade, downtown Auburn.