

Auburn Winds

A COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

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AUBURN WINDS PRESENTS FIRST CONCERT, "A NEW BEGINNING" ON OCTOBER 9 FEATURING A MULTI-MEDIA PRESENTATION OF "THE GREAT LOCOMOTIVE CHASE"

Auburn, California – September 10, 2016 – Auburn Winds, formerly Auburn Concert Band, presents a concert with an "Americana" theme filled with selections by American composers on Sunday, October 9, 2016 at 3 p.m. at the Auburn State Theatre (Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center), located at 985 Lincoln Way in Auburn. Admission is free, with tax-deductible donations gratefully accepted.

Pieces from a variety of musical genres will be performed including "An American in Paris," "The Wizard of Oz" and "Amazing Grace."

Meadow Vista Boy Scout Troop 6 color guard will present the colors to begin the concert, and then the band will play "The Star Spangled Banner."

The concert highlight, "The Great Locomotive Chase," accompanies a full-screen video of Buster Keaton's 1926 silent comedy film, "The General."

"We are excited to give our audience a glimpse into the past of the silent movie era with this famous train chase, which is based on actual events from the American Civil War in 1862," said Auburn Winds Conductor Tom Candlish. "It is fun to see how the music complements the comedic action on the film in real time."

Vocalist Todd Peterson will be featured with the band singing two songs. "Letters from War" by Mark Schultz and Cindy Morgan tells an emotional story of a soldier's experience from his mother's point of view. Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A." offers a tribute to those who sacrifice in military service.

Additionally, Firefighter Buck Sims from the Auburn Fire Department will be featured as the fire alarm soloist in Harry J. Lincoln's "The Midnight Fire Alarm!"

A community band has existed in Auburn, in various forms, for 150 years, and the members of Auburn Winds are proud to carry on this tradition. The purpose of Auburn Winds, which is a non-profit organization, is to provide musical services to the public, promote music education and provide enjoyment to its participating musicians. The 40-member concert band performs more than a dozen times a year, including four formal concerts at the newly-renovated, historic State Theatre in Auburn. The band, and small ensembles made up of band members, participates in many community events each year such as Auburn's Fourth of July Celebration, Auburn Cruise Nite, Auburn Air Fair, Gold Country Fair, Auburn's Old Town Country Christmas, Newcastle Christmas, Veteran's Day, Carmichael Park Band Festival, and more. Auburn Winds also performs at local schools, museums and senior-living facilities.

Tom Candlish has led Auburn Winds as conductor since 2013 and as assistant conductor the previous eight years. Tom has led ensembles at all levels, from elementary school students to professional musicians. He is an accomplished flautist, military veteran, teacher, composer, arranger, adjudicator, clinician and private music instructor.

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