

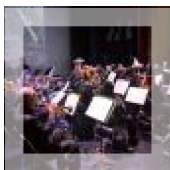
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Sounds of the season - Auburn Winds entertained hundreds at Halloween-themed concert

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To the delight of more than 300 area elementary school children, Auburn Winds, Auburn's community concert band, presented an interactive, Halloween-themed concert.

The morning field trip last Friday for children from Sierra Hills Elementary School in Meadow Vista, Pleasant Valley Elementary School in Penn Valley and Foresthill Divide School in Foresthill, filled the historic Auburn State Theatre to capacity and included spooky Halloween music, a costume parade and a guest appearance by the "phantom of the opera."

Advantage Marketing and Print, A-Town Bikes, Mickey's Boots and Encore Music sponsored the concert.

Announcer Sarah McCormick, dressed as a friendly witch, guided the children through

the interactive performance filled with many opportunities for audience participation, including snapping fingers to “The Addams Family” theme and marching and waving to the “Funeral March of a Marionette.” She advised the students to keep their eyes out for the “phantom” and to point at him when they spotted him throughout the theatre when the band played “The Phantom of the Opera.”

Firefighter Buck Sims, from the Auburn Fire Department, was featured as the fire siren soloist during “The Midnight Fire Alarm!” He gave an animated performance cranking a hand-held siren, while dressed in firefighter gear. One band member noted, “Buck resembles the phantom who was creeping around here earlier! I wonder if they are related.”

Before the band played the final piece, “The Great Locomotive Chase,” Conductor Tom Candlish asked, “Who likes trains?” Many of the children raised their hands and cheered. As the band played, a full-screen video of Buster Keaton’s 1926 silent comedy film, “The General” was displayed.

“This funny movie clip was the perfect way to end the concert,” said Candlish. “We plan to bring more multi-media presentations like this to future performances, including our upcoming Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 18th here at the State Theatre.” Auburn Wind’s annual Christmas Concert’s theme is “Music for a Festive Day,” and it will feature the One Voice Children’s Choir, a visit from Santa, and holiday favorites such as “Fanfare for a Festive Day,” “Winter Wonderland,” “The Christmas Song” and “Deck the Halls.”

For more information about Auburn Winds, and future concerts, visit AuburnWinds.org.

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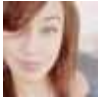
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