

Tubachristmas



TubaChristmas 2007, rink at [Rockefeller Center](#), New York City

TubaChristmas is a music concert held in cities worldwide that celebrates those who play, teach, and compose music for instruments in the tuba family, including the tuba, sousaphone, baritone, and euphonium, though some participants bring rarer members of the family such as the helicon, ophicleide, serpent and double bell euphonium.

The first TubaChristmas was organized by Harvey G. Phillips to honor his tuba teacher William Bell, who was born on Christmas Day 1902, and was held December 22, 1974, in the ice skating rink at New York City's Rockefeller Center; Paul Lavalley conducted.^[1] Over 300 musicians played that day, beginning a holiday tradition. The arrangements of the Christmas carols were written by Alec Wilder, who coincidentally died on Christmas Eve 1980.

It was not easy to convince Rockefeller Center to let hundreds of tubas play on the ice rink. Phillips had to provide the unlisted telephone numbers of some of his friends: Leopold Stokowski, Leonard Bernstein, Andre Kostelanetz, and Morton Gould. He was given free rein after his references were checked.^[2]

TubaChristmas concerts vary in size from a quartet (two euphoniums and two tubas), to several hundred at their largest events. Any musician can play in a TubaChristmas concert as long as he or she plays an instrument in the tuba family (conical bore). There is a nominal participant registration fee.

The TubaChristmas version of "Jingle Bells", arranged by Norlan Bewley, incorporates the trio section of the "National Emblem" march by Edwin Eugene Bagley before returning to the "Jingle Bells" melody.

TubaChristmas coordinators in New York City include Michael Salzman, one of Harvey Phillips' former students at Indiana University. Salzman is the tuba and euphonium professor at Hofstra University.



Marc Gerber on tuba

TUBA CHRISTMAS *Dec. 09, 2015*



Every year for the last 20 years, a unique performance of traditional Christmas carols has poured through the streets of downtown Naples in the low, brassy sounds of tubas, euphoniums and baritone horns.

Throngs of people plant their seats in front of the Sugden Community Theatre in the afternoon in anticipation of the evening concert. Fifth Avenue South twinkles with Christmas lights.

"It's a magical night," said Michael Boudreau, organizer of this year's TubaChristmas Naples concert, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary. "It's become a real tradition for a lot of people."

The concert will take place in front of the Sugden theater at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 17.

Naples resident Jim DeWitt, 88, introduced TubaChristmas to Naples in 1995. Before moving to Southwest Florida, DeWitt played the cornet in a concert band in Annapolis, Maryland, and the tuba in TubaChristmas events in Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

"There was very little activity during the holidays when we got here and I thought it would be a great place for TubaChristmas," DeWitt said.

The original TubaChristmas was started in 1974 by Harvey Phillips, a legendary tuba player who used to play in the New York City Opera and the New York City Ballet orchestras. Hundreds of U.S. and international cities hold their own TubaChristmases.

One of the interesting (and sometimes nerve-wracking) parts of TubaChristmas Naples is that organizers never know how many performers are going to show up. There is no audition process. Those who want to play their baritones, euphoniums or tubas simply show up the day of the concert to register and rehearse the songs.

"That makes me a little nervous," Boudreau, 73, said. "I have no idea how many people are going to be there. What if no one shows up? But really, people do show up and there's a lot of support. Anyone who wants to play can play."

Those who would like to play their baritones, euphoniums or tubas in the show can go to the band room at Gulfview Middle School, 255 Sixth Street South, at 4 p.m. the day of the concert. Rehearsals are from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. The concert is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in front of the Sugden theater at 701 Fifth Avenue South. For questions, email concert organizer Michael Boudreau at michaeltuba2@aol.com.

TUBA Christmas Concert on 5th

Dec 17, 2015 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Enjoy the Holiday sounds of euphoniums, Tubas and Baritones! TUBA Christmas is scheduled for 6:30 to 7:30pm in the Sugden Plaza. Join more than 50 musicians of all ages as they perform traditional holiday tunes and sing a long. Tuba Christmas will be celebrating its 20th year in Naples!

Also beginning at 6:30 p.m. will be live musical performances throughout the sidewalks of 5th Avenue South until 9:30pm. Take time for dinner, holiday shopping, dancing and fun on Fifth Avenue South.

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