

MUSIC ON THE HILL

It's no secret that Capitol Hill is a bit of an artists' lair. Among those creative types are several professional musicians, some of whom are involved with local productions during the holiday season. Here is a smattering of what our musically employed neighbors are doing.

Kevin and Emily Shumway with their three children have lived in their house on Girard Street for the last 13 years. Both are professional musicians. Emily and Kevin have often played summer chamber music concerts for the Intermezzo Chamber Music Series (intermezzoconcerts.org). They both have several music students and play for various musical events around the city from time to time.

This holiday season Emily is playing violin in Ballet West's Nutcracker, a holiday tradition for generations. The Nutcracker will run at the Capitol Theater December 2- 31.

Kevin is a cellist with the Utah Symphony and Utah Opera. He will be playing a holiday program with the Symphony on Dec. 5 at Thanksgiving Point and Dec. 9 at the Eccles Center in Park City. On Dec. 16 and 17, the Symphony will present "Holiday Celebration with Cirque De La Symphonie". We won't attempt to describe this unique and stunning event here. Check out their website at <http://www.cirquedelasyphonie.com/>.

On Dec. 12, many Utah Symphony musicians will be playing for patients at the Huntsman Cancer Institute. Performances like these happen quite regularly.

In addition, there are two family matinee performances on Saturday, Dec. 17 of "Here Comes Santa Claus". So Kevin's cello will be busy for the next few weeks. And that's not all. On Dec. 30 the Symphony will welcome back the touring "Video Games Live", in which the orchestra plays popular video game music synced with the game images on a big screen. It will likely sell out, as it did last time. The Utah Symphony/Utah Opera is one of the great professional arts organizations in the country, performing throughout the year. A quick visit to utah-symphony.org will provide details of these events.

Of rehearsals Kevin states, "Many performances of more popular music, such as holiday music, do not require the same amount of rehearsal as a full-scale classical music program. There are usually two rehearsals for a program such as this.

Big classical concerts and operas need between 4 and 6 rehearsals, some lasting over 3 hours. The orchestra also plays in schools around the state, reaching every school district within a three year period."

Moving now from the string section to the brass section we find another Capitol Hill musician. Louis Campbell is a professional trombonist, and a Japanese language interpreter. (What a combination!)

This December, Lou's main "gig" will be at Pioneer Theater playing in the musical "Annie". It also has become a traditional Christmas show. "Annie", winner of 7 Tony Awards, will be performed this year for the first time by the Pioneer Theater Company! The show will run from December 2 through December 23, 2011. Discount tickets for students (grades K-12) are available for half-price on Monday and Tuesday performances. Lou will also be performing with the Orchestra at Temple Square and Mormon Tabernacle Choir a few times in December and on Christmas day. Lou says, "I'm grateful for music and what it brings to others as well as to me. It's my passion and my drug."

Lou also has some comments about rehearsals for a major show. "Typically, we get the music between 2 and 4 weeks before the show. We must 'prep the book' so we can all come together and sound good. Some books are easier than others. "Annie" is on the easier end of the spectrum. However, I have many solos that tend to be challenging. Recently, I've done several EXTREMELY difficult shows such as "Mary Poppins," playing Bass Trombone/Tuba, "Lion King" - Bass Trombone/Tuba and "Wicked" - Tenor/Bass Trombone. I spent many hours prepping the tuba book for those shows since I'm a Tuba doubler (not my primary instrument)."

Louis also performed on Jenny Oaks new CD that just got nominated for a Grammy last week.

We have another neighbor who hopes to have a Grammy winning CD. Mike Paine, on Apricot, is a guitarist with the U of U Jazz Guitar Ensemble. He is currently finishing up his degree in Jazz Guitar Performance, after which he is headed to Nashville to record a CD of his own music, which he composes, plays and sings. That album will have 14 songs ready to pitch to radio stations and record labels. You can hear his music at <http://www.mikepainemusic.com>. He also tours with his own country band, which seems a genre or two removed from jazz, so he's a multi-talented musician.

Now for those who aspire to be performing musicians (if only in your dreams), you are all invited to attend the Capitol Hill Neighborhood Christmas Carol Sing Along at 5:00 in the afternoon on Christmas Eve. It only lasts 45 minutes and it's a great time to greet some of your neighbors in a casual and friendly atmosphere. It takes place in that rock church across the street from the west side of the Capitol Building. There's an announcement elsewhere in the bulletin. See you there!



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Thoughts from the Chair: December 2011

By Katherine Gardner

Do this year's decorations around the Capitol seem a little sparse? Is that one teensy tree it? The budget must be in worse shape than I thought.

Incidentally, I read where the pet owners of Logan, Utah face a \$50.00 fine if they fail to clean up their pet's waste. What is our Salt Lake fine? I so appreciate those people who bring their own baggies and place the waste in their own cans. I wish all the people who forget their baggies lived in Logan.

Another article I read claims Utah and West Virginia are tied for the least amount of liquor consumption; also, Utah consumes the least amount of beer. Who would have guessed?

I have seen that we now have more than thirty various signs on the road around our lovely City Creek Canyon. I personally consider that canyon a gem that is a part of our neighborhood and it needs to be protected and enjoyed. In answer to some of your questions, we share with the Avenues with questions and in my own council area, I do not have all the answers to incredible increase in signs, but I feel in my heart the mayor had nothing to do with the changes. It was never one of our council items either and needs to be further investigated.

In the mean time, the canyon is lovely in every season; look between the new signs and see the winter beauty, and meantime have a delightful Christmas, Hanukah, Boxing Day, Kwanzaa, and New Year. See you January 18, 2012.

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- Mobile Watch Report, Georg Stutzenberger
- Police Report, Detective Tony Brereton, SLPD
- Fireman's Report
- Elected Officials' Reports
- Mayor's Office Report, Joyce Valdez
- CHNC Business
- TBD
- Landlord/tenant questions follow-up
- Utah Senior Village, Richard Starley
- UDOT property report
- Public Forum
- Adjourn

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