

**SAN FRANCISCO LESBIAN/GAY
FREEDOM BAND PRESENTS**

EDDYS, CORN & MUSIC

**A CELEBRATION OF
THE HEARTLANDS**

Bradley Connlain, Guest Conductor



FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2009 · 8 PM

**Ebenezer Lutheran /Herchurch, 678 Portola Drive, SF
Reception hosted by A Woman's Eye Gallery**

BAND ROSTER

FLUTE

Taka Aoki
Eric Bernier
Paula Grace
Ruth Keys
Greg Potter
Robert Strouf
Julie Williamson

OBOE

Keith Sklower

CLARINET

Patty Cummings
Lee Francke
Kathy Hennig
Doug Litwin
Tom Sellars
Donella Olsen
Kevin Olson
Scott Shelp

ALTO CLARINET

Beth Brown

BASS CLARINET

Lisa Clayton

ALTO SAX

Kim Boyd
Michael Sicard

TENOR SAX

Blair Barrett

BARI SAX

Wes Asakawa

BASSOON

Barbara Jones

TRUMPET

Heidi Beeler
Greg Doolittle
Sue Leonardi
Ginnie Padgett
Adam Sharma
Brian Wickenheiser
Margalo Willard

FRENCH HORN

Kathleen Flanagan
Bruce Sinor
Mike Wong
Jonathan Young

EUPHONIUM

Dean Ocampo
Kevin Tam

TROMBONE

Billy Green
Aaron Hurst
Phil Oliver

TUBA

Mike Mehr
Nate Oyler

PERCUSSION

Sally Canjura
Richard Gibson
Mark Saccomano
Linda Werner
Neila Waters

PROGRAM

Overture on an Early American Folk Hymn

Claude T. Smith

When You Wish Upon a Star

music Leigh Harline, lyrics Ned Washington, arr. Sammy Nestico

Humoresque on Swanee by George Gershwin

John Philip Sousa, arr. Keith Brion

Autobiography

Robert Russell Bennet

ONE 1894: Cherry Street

TWO 1899: South Omaha

THREE 1900: Corn, Cows and Music

INTERMISSION

An Original Suite for Military Band

Gordon Jacob, ed. C.P. Heidenreich

Jazz Selections from *The Man With the Golden Arm*

Elmer Bernstein

Man of La Mancha

music Mitch Leigh, lyrics Joe Darion, arr. Frank Erickson

La Vie Belle

Wayne L. Love

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» **Ebenezer/herchurch** (www.herchurch.org)

» **A Woman's Eye Gallery** (www.awegallery.com)

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Bradley Connlain · Guest Conductor

As the artistic director and band leader of City Swing Big Band since 1996, Connlain is no stranger to the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band. A trumpet and flugelhorn player, he's been a longtime member of the Band, joining in 1982 and last playing with the group in 1997. Active in the Band's leadership, Connlain produced several of its concerts in the 1980s, including *Playing It Straight (For One Night Only)*. Connlain

served as guest conductor for the band in 2006 for the *Dance Along Nutcracker*. Connlain was the 2007-08 recipient of the Band's Jon Sims Award.

A founding member of City Swing, he served as that band's first manager for many years, famously hiring Gail Wilson for its first New Year's gig in 1985, after she debuted as a guest vocalist with City Swing that year at the very first Dance-Along Nutcracker at the Gift Center Pavilion. Connlain's conducting credits include serving as music director for more than 15 community and college musical theater productions and director of several church choirs, as well as a Sweet Adeline Chapter. His producing credits include the last *Men Behind Bars* production, several *Hard Candy* Christmas productions, and the 2006 Gail Wilson Farewell Concert. Connlain also performs as lead trumpet with the Contra Costa Jazz Band.

ABOUT THE BAND

The San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band marked its 30th anniversary in June 2008 and made history again when members marched with the Lesbian & Gay Band Association (LGBA) 2009 Inaugural Contingent as the first openly LGBT group to march in a Presidential Inaugural Parade. Named the “official band of San Francisco” in 2003, the Band is the world’s first openly gay music organization, inspiring the formation of lesbian and gay bands, choruses and performing troupes around the world. Founded in 1978 by Jon Sims at the height of Anita Bryant’s anti-gay crusade, the Band debuted marching behind Supervisor Harvey Milk’s convertible in the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade and has been making music to build understanding between gay and non-gay communities for more than 30 years.



Along with its Community Concert Series and award-winning parade performances, the Band regularly appears at community events such as the 30th anniversary Milk/Moscone Candlelight March, No on 8 protest marches and street demonstrations and the Hayward Gay Prom. The Band is proud to have recreated its debut in the 1978 Gay Freedom Day Parade for the Oscar-winning film “Milk.”

BOOK THE BAND

The Band performs at openings, fund-raisers and community events throughout the year. We often donate our time to non-profit organizations and accept small honoraria from other groups. To invite the Band to perform at your event, call or email us and we’ll let you know if we can help.

JOIN THE BAND

There’s no audition — call or email to find out the next rehearsal date for newcomers. The Band plays at a high school/college level, so basic skills are a prerequisite. You can also join as a volunteer (we need many to keep the Band running smoothly) or join our auxiliary corps as a flag carrier, twirler, or parade banner carrier. Interested? Contact us at info@sflgfb.org!

FIND OUT MORE AT www.sflgfb.org

The Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF + SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band present

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Friday, June 26, 2009 • 8 pm

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