

# San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band

The Freedom Band has been making music to build understanding between gay and non-gay communities for 37 years, and celebrates its 37th anniversary this season. Named the Official Band of San Francisco, the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band is the first openly gay music organization on earth, inspiring the formation of social activist 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 by marching behind Supervisor Harvey Milk's convertible in the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade. Each year, the 70-piece wind ensemble performs its Community Concert Series, an award-winning series featuring challenging wind ensemble music and culminating in the Band's wacky holiday production, the Dance-Along Nutcracker®. The Band also performs year round at parades, pep band events and civic events.

## Upcoming Events

### **The Panama-Pacific Centennial Concert** **Saturday, June 20, 2015, 8:00 pm**

Palace of Fine Arts Theatre, 3301 Lyon Street, San Francisco

The Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF under the direction of William Sauerland and the SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band under the direction of Pete Nowlen present The 37th Annual Pride Concert: The Official Musical Tribute Celebrating the Centennial of the Panama-Pacific International Exhibition. Guest performers include the Bay Area Rainbow Symphony, Camerata California, and Oakland East Bay Gay Men's Chorus.

**Information and tickets:** [www.annualprideconcert.org](http://www.annualprideconcert.org)

### **The Dance-Along Nutcracker Goes Over The Rainbow** **December 12 & 13**

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts in San Francisco, CA

## Mark Narins | Composer

Composer Mark Narins recently completed his first symphony. In June 2014 he conducted the world premiere of his dynamic tone poem *SACRED SPACE* for orchestra with viola obligato conducting the Kensington Symphony Orchestra. After first pursuing a career as a conductor, Mark Narins began composing in the 1990s. His early works were inspired by inscriptions found on tombstones in the Hebrew graveyard of Graz, Austria. *Selma Weiss-Dramatic Lament for Baritone* was the first composition from this source. This was followed soon afterwards by the full length opera *Theresa Kren* (2008-2012) about a mother's partially successful attempt to resurrect her daughter from the grave on the day of the daughter's tombstone unveiling.

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**PETE NOWLEN, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR** • suggested donation: \$10-\$20

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**COMMUNITY CONCERT**

# CONCERT PROGRAM

## The Golden Find – Drake at Pt. Reyes Mark Narins

*The Fogges*  
*Sailing into Pt. Reyes Harbor*  
*Repairs and Rejoicing*  
*The Miwoks*  
*Alarm*  
*Furious Dance for All*

## Fiesta del Pacifico Roger Nixon (1921-2009)

## San Francisco Suite \* Ferde Grofé (1892-1972)

(arr. Kevin Tam)

*The Gold Rush*  
*Bohemian Nights*  
*The “Mauve Decade”*  
*1906-1960 – “Like the Phoenix arising from the ashes – The rebirth of San Francisco”*

## Intermission

## Suite of Serenades\* Victor Herbert (1859-1924)

(arr. Kevin Tam)

*Spanish*  
*Chinese*  
*Cuban*  
*Oriental*

## Among My Souvenirs - Humoresque \*\* John Philip Sousa (1854-1932)

(arr. Kevin Tam)

## Pas Redouble Charles-Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

(trans. Frackenpohl)

\* World Premiere \*\* Modern Concert Premiere

## Pete Nowlen | Artistic Director



Pete Nowlen celebrates his 2nd season as Artistic Director of the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band during the Band's 2014-2015 season. Appointed Artistic Director of the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band in August, 2013, Pete Nowlen is one of Northern California's busiest musicians. On the faculty at both Sacramento State and UC Davis, where he is Director of Concert Bands, Pete currently holds Artistic Director posts with Camerata California Chamber Choir, the Rancho Cordova Civic Light Orchestra and is Artistic Advisor of Music in the Mountains in Nevada County, California. He is the founder and driving force behind Sacramento's VITA Academy, dedicated to revitalizing classical music through innovative community and audience engagement and school music programs.

## Band Roster

### Piccolo

Taka Aoki  
 Ruth Keys

### Flute

Taka Aoki  
 Eric Bernier  
 Ruth Keys  
 Patrice Mustaaftaa  
 Kim Snell  
 Julie Williamson

### Oboe

Keith Sklower  
 Stardust

### English Horn

Stardust

### E♭ Clarinet

Brian Lassiter

### B♭ Clarinet

Dave Becerra  
 Francisc Campoy  
 Lee Francke  
 Kathy Hennig  
 Brian Lassiter  
 Doug Litwin  
 Donella Olsen  
 Melissa Parham  
 Jerry Wright

### Alto Clarinet

Dave Becerra

### Bassoon

Barbara Jones

### Contra Bassoon

Mike Johnson

### Bass Clarinet

Katie Krolikowski  
 Danessa Miller  
 Moira Wilmes

### ContraBass Clarinet

Jeff Bowles

### Soprano Saxophone

Wes Kashiwagi  
 Scott Shelp  
 Dave Slattengren

### Alto Saxophone

Pedro Acevedo  
 Michael Kerner  
 Brandon Moss  
 Dave Slattengren  
 Scott Shelp

### Tenor Saxophone

Caity Coe  
 Wes Kashiwagi

### Baritone Saxophone

Lisa Clayton

### Horn

Fabian Alvarez  
 Nathan Coy  
 Kathleen Flanagan  
 Steven Keys  
 Bruce Sinor  
 Baz Wenger  
 Mike Wong  
 Jonathan Young

### Trumpet

Daniel Aguilera  
 Heidi Beeler  
 Bradley Connlain  
 Sue Leonardi  
 Erin Luther  
 Chris Ochoa  
 Ginnie Padgett  
 Alex Rios  
 Adam Sharma  
 Marek Szeszycki-Truesdell  
 Danny Weinstein

### Euphonium

Suz Houghton  
 David H. Smith  
 Kevin Tam

### Trombone

Mark Annis  
 Gary Barber  
 Billy Green  
 David Korn  
 David Malespin

### Tuba

John Franklin  
 Michael L. Mehr  
 Jeff Shintani

### Percussion

Sally Canjura-Clayton  
 Gary Cozzi  
 Derek Hassell  
 Linda Hitchcock  
 Cynthia Seagran  
 Gary Sponholtz  
 Katie Steele  
 Linda Werner

### Piano

Derek Hassell

CONCERT PRODUCER: Donella Olsen  
 COVER ART: Michael Kerner