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Bruce De Benedictis, Chair, Friends of OMB

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FRIENDS OF THE OAKLAND MUNICIPAL BAND
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present

Oakland Municipal Band

2024 Season

Kaitlin Bove, Music Director

Chris Vettel, Baritone

Sunday, July 14, 2024



Edoff Memorial Bandstand
Lakeside Park, Lake Merritt, Oakland

Main entrance at Grand Avenue and Bellevue, next to Fairyland.
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Join us again next Sunday, July 21, 2024!

OAKLAND MUNICIPAL BAND

Kaitlin Bove, Conductor

Showtime! The best of Broadway
Honoring the Memory of Ken Ross

CONCERT #2 July 14, 2024

Star-Spangled Banner Francis Scott Key

Arr. John Stafford Smith

Selections from the Music Man Meredith Wilson *arr. Lang*

Chris Vettel, baritone

An American in Paris George Gershwin *arr. Krance*

Consider Yourself Lionel Bart *arr. Warrington*

Chris Vettel, baritone

Summertime George Gershwin *arr. Lang*

West Side Story Selections Leonard Bernstein *arr. Duthoit*

The Impossible Dream. Mitch Leigh / Joe Darian *arr. Erickson*

Chris Vettel, baritone

INTERMISSION

Richard Rodgers in Concert Richard Rodgers *arr. Huff*

arr. Murtha

Chris Vettel, baritone

Mamma Mia! *arr. Brown*

Highlights from Jersey Boys *arr. Brown*

Sister Act Medley *arr. Peeters*

My Fair Lady Selections Frederick Loewe / Alan Jay Lerner

arr. Bennett

Chris Vettel, baritone

The Stars and Stripes Forever John Philip Sousa

Chris Vettel is a native New Yorker now living in Santa Clara. His credits include the 30th anniversary Broadway/National tour of Annie and the 2nd national tour of Sunset. His work in the Bay Area includes Pride & Prejudice at Theatreworks, Follies at SF Playhouse, Flight of the Lawnchair Man at Goodspeed Musicals and Jekyll & Hyde at Papermill Playhouse. Chris has appeared as a soloist with the Opera Co of Boston, with Brooklyn Academy of Music and with the Boston Symphony in Leonard Bernstein's final concert. For more info, please visit <http://www.chrisvettel.com> or Chris Vettel Actor-Singer on Facebook.

Ken Ross, a beloved theater teacher, director, and Woodminster Board member passed away on October 6, 2023.

Ken was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. Ken had a lifelong passion for the performing arts, starting with tap dance and piano lessons as a child. He graduated from Beaumont High School in St. Louis and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Elmhurst College. He then received a Master's of Divinity with an emphasis in theater from Union Seminary. He worked at several churches in Philadelphia, St. Louis, and San Carlos, California, where he specialized in forming theater groups.

After deciding to make a full-time commitment to theater and music, Ken earned an M.A. in Theater from San Francisco State University and an M.F.A. in Musical Theater from U.S. International University in San Diego (now Alliant University). His career in education included teaching theater and directing plays and musicals at several Bay Area community colleges, at the Athenian School in Danville, Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland, and eventually at Las Positas College in Livermore, California, where he led the theater program for 20 years. Upon retirement, he continued to teach and direct at Las Positas as a part-time professor emeritus.

The productions Ken directed at these schools were known for their quality, variety, and positive spirit. He also wrote music, book, and lyrics for several successfully produced musicals. His work as a professional actor included shows at Woodminster Summer Musicals in Oakland. His very favorite place was The Muni in St. Louis, a huge outdoor theater where he gained his love for musical theater and where he performed as a child and for one summer as an adult. Woodminster is incredibly grateful for all of Ken's involvement on and off the stage, and we share our deepest condolences with Ken's family, friends and students. (Biography courtesy of Woodminster Summer Musicals)

We are grateful that Ken remembered Oakland Municipal Band in his will, and we present this concert to honor his memory.

The Oakland Municipal Band is sponsored by the Music Performance Trust Fund and the Friends of the Oakland Municipal Band, which in turn is supported by people like you. Please visit the Friends of the Oakland Municipal Band table to see how you can help us present these concerts. We appreciate the assistance of the Musicians' Union Local 6 and the City of Oakland.