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WIND SYMPHONY

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1996 ◆ 2026

Under the Direction of JAMES P. SHEELEY, Jr.

Presents Our 2025

Holiday Concert Series



Friday, December 5, 2025 @ 7:30 pm	*Whitehouse United Methodist Church*
Sunday, December 7, 2025 @ 3:00 pm	*Flemington United Methodist Church*
Saturday, December 13, 2025 @ 3:00 pm	*Readington Reformed Church*

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About the Whitehouse Wind Symphony

The Whitehouse Wind Symphony was founded by conductor emeritus Casey Bork in 1996, and is now under the direction of James P. Sheeley, Jr. Since its founding, the Symphony has grown rapidly, attracting experienced musicians as regular members from all over New Jersey, as well as New York City and eastern Pennsylvania. The group is now comprised of approximately 50 amateur and professional musicians who perform together regularly to enthusiastic audiences throughout Central and Northern New Jersey. The group holds weekly rehearsals on Tuesday evenings in Friendship Hall at Whitehouse United Methodist Church.

The Symphony is dedicated to presenting the best in all varieties of wind band literature, especially pieces written or arranged for bands during the first half of the 20th century, widely recognized as the "Golden Era" of concert bands in America. The Symphony's repertoire also includes popular tunes, Broadway show scores, marches from around the world, and selections written for and exclusively performed by the ensemble. On many occasions, the Symphony has performed selections written expressly for the band by current band members.

Whitehouse Wind Symphony concerts are developed around a mix of themes that challenges the audience as well as the players. The annual children's concert and holiday concert series are two of the most highly anticipated events presented by the Symphony.

The Whitehouse Wind Symphony is a member of the Association of Concert Bands.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to enrich the community through music by providing high quality performances while fostering an enjoyable, challenging and educational musical experience for our members.

About the Conductor



James P. Sheeley, Jr. is the current Music Director of the Whitehouse Wind Symphony. Jim was named conductor in 2012. The 2025 - 2026 season will be his 14th year as conductor. Jim was born in Stroudsburg, PA and is a graduate of Stroudsburg High School. His parents were both musical. Jim's dad was a Drum Major for the Keystone Grenadier's Drum and Bugle Corp from the Stroudsburg American Legion Post. Jim graduated from Mansfield State College, PA with a BS in Music Education. He began his teaching career in Big Springs, Nebraska. Jim returned to Mansfield University as a Graduate Assistant in the Music Department and received a MM with an emphasis in instrumental conducting. Jim served as the High School Band Director at Delaware Valley Regional High School and Somerville High School. In 1999, the Somerville High School Marching Band won the USBands National Championship in Group 5A.

Jim served as the Director, Office of Visual and Performing Arts for the Newark Public Schools. He retired from public schools and worked as the Principal and CEO for several Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities. After 45 years working in education Jim retired from full time work.

In addition to his work with the Whitehouse Wind Symphony, he judges marching band, concert band, and jazz band festivals for USBands, Cavalcade of Bands, and the New York Field Band Conference. He is honored to have judged at AT&T stadium, TX, Giants and Metlife Stadium, NJ, The Link, PA and the Navy/Marine Corp Stadium, MD.

Jim performs as a trombonist with the Highland Swing Orchestra. Jim and his wife Alaine live in Branchburg with their five children, two dogs, and a bunny.

Music has afforded Jim many opportunities. His groups have performed at Disney World. He was honored to have a band perform for President Clinton and a jazz ensemble perform for Kareem Abdul Jabbar.

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Program

Fanfare and Hark! The Herald Angels Sing ..... Adapted by Robert Longfield

Still, Still, Still ..... Arranged by Lawrence Kursar

A Chanukah Celebration ..... Arranged by David Bobrowitz, Scored by Kenneth P. Soper

Conducted by Gary A. Myer

An American Christmas ..... Arranged by Robert W. Smith

Christmas Variants ..... Arranged by Elliot Del Borgo

Sleigh Ride ..... Leroy Anderson

INTERMISSION

Carol of the Bells ..... Arranged by Robert Longfield

In the Bleak Midwinter ..... Arranged by Robert W. Smith

Christmas from the '50s ..... Arranged by Douglas E. Wagner

A Fireside Christmas ..... Arranged by Sammy Nestico

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year ..... Eddie Pola and George Wyle; Arranged by John Moss

Conducted by Gary A. Myer

A Christmas Festival ..... Leroy Anderson

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Conductor
James P. Sheeley, Jr.

Assistant Conductor
Gary A. Myer

Founder & Conductor Emeritus
Casimir V. Bork+

Flute
Joseph DiCarlo
Carrie Jen Grant*+
Deborah Mitchell
Michele Fragner Young
Janet Ziegler

Clarinet
Michele Cosello
Pete Grice
Maria Komoroski
Edna Lalumia
Christopher Levins
Michelle Littwin
Gary A. Myer
Fred Rager
Alisa Ray
Sharon Ray
Jodi Weitz*

Bass Clarinet
Rosanne Schwab*
Matthew Weger

Oboe
Isabelle Lauducci*
Alisa Ray

Bassoon
Susan Sukovich*+
Margaret Truszkowski

Saxophone
Neal Azrolan*
Nora Boccuti
Jim Chiurazzi
Lawrence Major
Mark Klein
Mark Ringel

Trumpet
Warren Buckleitener
Bill Evans
Liz Gamboa
Jim Harris
Matt Krempasky
Samantha Lestrange
Robert Sukovich*+

Horn
Kelley Cowan
Louise Deis*
Nicole Ferguson
Jim Garbely
Barbara Russo

Trombone
William Brophy
Christopher W. Johnson*
Dave Rozzelle
Nathan L. Saltus
Margaret Smith
Joseph Tag

Euphonium
Debbie Anderson
Mark Osman*

Tuba
Jonathan Clymer*
Michael Giangreco
Thomas W. Keane
Jocelyn van den Akker

Percussion
Vince Anderson
Gary Fink
Stephen Horiuchi
Helene M. Kaplan*
David W. Reese

* principal
+ founding member

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LYRICS TO *A FIRESIDE CHRISTMAS*

Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer
had a very shiny nose,
And if you ever saw it, you would even say it glows.
All of the other reindeer
used to laugh and call him names.
They never let poor Rudolph
join in any reindeer games.
Then one foggy Christmas Eve Santa came to say,
"Rudolph with your nose so bright,
won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"
Then how the reindeer loved him
as they shouted out with glee,
"Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,
you'll go down in history!"

I'll Be Home For Christmas
I'll be home for Christmas.
You can count on me.
Please have snow and mistletoe
and presents on the tree.
Christmas Eve will find me
where the love light gleams.
I'll be home for Christmas if only in my dreams.

Frosty the Snowman
Frosty the snowman was a jolly happy soul
With a corncob pipe and a button nose
and two eyes made out of coal.

Frosty the snowman is a fairy tale they say.
He was made of snow, but the children know
how he came to life one day.

There must have been some magic
in that old silk hat they found
For when they placed it on his head
he began to dance around!

Frosty the snowman was alive as he could be
And the children say he could laugh and play
just the same as you and me!
And the children say he could laugh and play
just the same as you and me!

Winter Wonderland
Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?
In the lane, snow is glistening.
A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight
Walking in a winter wonderland.

Gone away is the bluebird,
Here to stay is the new bird.
He sings a love song as we go along
Walking in a winter wonderland.

In the meadow we can build a snowman
And pretend that he is Parson Brown.
He'll say are you married, we'll say no man,
But you can do the job when you're in town.

Later on we'll conspire
As we dream by the fire
To face unafraid the plans that we've made
Walking in a winter wonderland.

The Christmas Song
Chestnuts roasting on an open fire,
Jack Frost nipping at your nose,
Yuletide carols being sung by a choir,
And folks dressed up like Eskimos.

Everybody knows a turkey and some mistletoe
help to make the season bright.
Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow
will find it hard to sleep tonight.

They know that Santa's on his way.
He's loaded lots of toys and goodies on his sleigh
And every mother's child is gonna spy
to see if reindeer really know how to fly.

And so I'm offering this simple phrase
to kids from one to ninety-two,
Although it's been said many times, many ways,
Merry Christmas to you.

LYRICS TO *A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL*

Joy to the World
Joy to the world! the Lord is come.
Let earth receive her King!
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Deck the Halls
Deck the halls with boughs of holly,
Fa la la la la la la la la.
'Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la la la la la.
Don we now our gay apparel, Fa la la la la la la la la.
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, Fa la la la la la la la la.

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen
God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay.
Remember Christ, our Savior,
was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray.
Oh tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
Oh tidings of comfort and joy.

Good King Wenceslas
Good King Wenceslas look'd out
On the feast of Stephen,
When the snow laid round about,
Deep and crisp, and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night,
Though the frost was cruel.
When a poor man came in sight,
Gath'ring winter fuel.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Silent Night
Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild.
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Jingle Bells
Dashing through the snow in a one horse open sleigh,
O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way;
Bells on bobtail ring, making spirits bright;
What fun it is to ride and sing
this sleighing song tonight!

Jingle bells! Jingle bells! Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh!
Jingle bells! Jingle bells! Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh!

Jingle bells! Jingle bells! Jingle all the way!
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh!
Jingle bells! Jingle bells! Jingle all the way!
Oh what fun it is to ride *in a one horse…*

Oh Come, All Ye Faithful
Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
Oh come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels:
Oh come, let us adore Him,
Oh come, let us adore Him,
Oh come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

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