

## MONMOUTH PERFORMANCE BY WILLAMETTE VALLEY CONCERT BAND

The Willamette Valley Concert Band will perform a traditional band concert in the park for the Monmouth Fourth of July Celebration. The free concert will start at 6:30 in Monmouth Main Street Park's new amphitheater located on the NE corner of the park on Monday, July 3. The concert will include a wide variety of traditional music ranging from classic overtures to Dixieland, Broadway musicals, international marches and patriotic tunes.

Featured soloists include: trumpeter Steve Iverson playing *Trumpeter's Lullaby* Leroy Anderson and percussionist Dennis Bierman who will play *Concerto for Drum Set*. A Dixieland Combo will be featured in *Satchmo*, a medley of tunes made famous by Louis Armstrong including "The Saints Go Marching In." A clarinet quartet will play "Pie in the Face Polka" from the Mancini sound track for the movie *The Great Race*.

Opening the program will be the famous *Light Cavalry Overture* by Hungarian composer von Suppe.

Music from Broadway musicals will include selections from Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel* including "June is Busting Out All Over" and "You'll Never Walk Alone." Music from *George M.* includes "Give My Regards to Broadway", "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy" and "You're a Grand Old Flag" all written by George M. Cohan.

Several international marches will be played including *Montmartre March* by Haydn Wood, *Amparito Roca*, a Spanish paso doble and *Waltzing Matilda* from Australia. American marches include *Washington Post* by John Philip Sousa and the grand finale will be *Stars and Stripes Forever* by Sousa.

*God of Our Fathers*, regarded by some as the national hymn of America was arranged for band by Chief composer and arranger of the U.S. Marine band, Thomas Knox for the inauguration of President Ronald Reagan.

Other selections on the program include: *I've Made My Plans for the Summer* by John Philip Sousa, *Fantasy on American Sailing Songs* by Grundman and *Ashokan Farewell*, from the sound track for the Ken Burns TV series, *The Civil War*.

The band will perform in the beautiful Monmouth Main Street Amphitheater as a part of the Monmouth Fourth of July Celebration. Audience members should bring their own chairs, or blankets to sit on the ground.

The Willamette Valley Concert Band is a community band of adult musicians based in Albany which has been performing in the mid-Willamette Valley since 1970. The 50-member group includes musicians of many occupations from Benton, Linn, Marion and Polk Counties. The director since 1972 is Dr. Richard Sorenson, emeritus professor of music and director of bands at Western Oregon University. Assistant director is Christine Barreto, a retired music teacher from the Lebanon School District.

The city of Monmouth is sponsoring the concert. For further information, contact Sorenson at 503-838-3474, or go to the band website at [www.wvcband.org](http://www.wvcband.org).