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COLONIAL BAND TO PRESENT FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

LEOMINSTER - The sounds of the Christmas season will fill the air as the Leominster Colonial Band presents its 20th annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 13th at Leominster's City Hall Auditorium.

Now firmly established as a city holiday tradition, the band's program will feature the 30 piece group in a variety of holiday pieces, light classics, and popular music which will include Sibelius' "Finlandia," "The Entertainer," a musical salute to songwriting team Rodgers and Hart, the "Agnus Dei" from Faure's Requiem, as well as others. Seasonal music will include "The Most Wonderful Night of the Year," "Sleigh Ride," "Jingle Bell Rock," and a medley of Hanukkah songs arranged by jazz great Lennie Niehaus. Conductor Steven Piermarini will wield the baton for this free concert, which will also kick off the year-long celebration of the band's centennial. Santa Claus is expected to make an appearance at the event, and the grand finale will be a sing-along of popular holiday tunes led by vocalist Norma Marshall. The concert is being funded through the generosity of local donors and sponsors as well as a grant from the Leominster Cultural Commission.

Founded in 1910, the Leominster Colonial Band is a professional ensemble made up of musicians from throughout the Central Mass. area and presents a series of concerts each summer at the Bisceglia Bandstand in historic Carter Park. The Christmas Concert will begin at 2:00 P.M. and admission is free. Anyone wishing further information about the concert may call (978) 537-4780, or visit the Colonial Band's website at www.colonialband.org.

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