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Dr. Carl Christensen, Music Director and Conductor, Monterey County Pops Featuring a 38-piece orchestra New Year's Eve at First Night Monterey with a special thank you to the Old Monterey Foundation!

I was fortunate to be able to attend the concert at the New Year's Eve "First Night" celebration in Monterey.

The concert was absolutely beautiful & the performance music choices were wonderfully appropriate to the season.

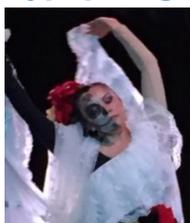
*I'm looking forward to attend future concerts. **Harry Pupet***

Enjoy the entire concert now on our website at

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Mr. Ron Breuch,
Guest Conductor



Pilar Mendoza
dances to La Llorona

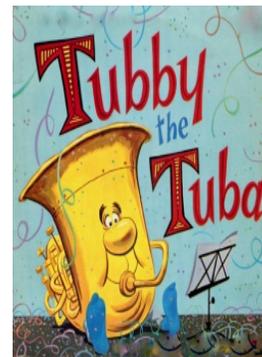
COMING SOON...

May 30 - FREE Memorial Day Concert will be held on the Monterey City Hall lawn on, from **2:00 to 3:30 p.m.** with music from **Hamilton and more!!!!**

May 12 - Greenfield High School. MCP! will hold afternoon workshops, rehearsals, and instrument clinics. **Then do a FREE Community Concert at 6:30 p.m.** with our MCP! professional musicians performing with the **Greenfield High School Mariachi, Band, and Chorus.**

Fourth of July is coming back to **Devendorf Park** in the City of **Carmel**- Bring your lawn chairs and join **MCP!** and enjoy a **FREE** traditional Independence Day Concert.

"Tubby the Tuba" is in production and will be available to all elementary school children in Monterey County. A great positive message in this enchanting musical tale. What a captivating and delightful treat for a whole new generation to enjoy the world's most famous tuba! *Tubby* will be presented new live ZOOM as a demonstration of the brass instruments, and percussion (trumpet, horn, trombone, tuba and percussion) combined with a performance of **"Tubby the Tuba"** with **Reg Huston as narrator.**



The tuba's name is Tubby and at first he doesn't like the way he sounds in the band because the other instruments make fun of his um-pahs. But with the help of some caring friends he learns to be proud of who he is. It teaches the lesson that no matter who we are, or how we are regarded by those around us, we are each unique and special with gifts and talents of our own. This **social and emotional learning** component is intended to reinforce K-6 standards.

CSUMB Service Learning - The Monterey County Pops! is pleased to be collaborating with CSUMB's students in their Service Learning Program to enhance some of our social media and in-house activities.

Looking for a few great volunteers

Would you like to support the Monterey County Pops! by volunteering in the following areas:

- Help on a Committee – Decorations, refreshments, secure or donate auction and raffle items, raffle ticket sales, hospitality.
- Host an Event – Sponsor an event in your home or business
- Professional Volunteer – Consult on marketing, development or finance projects.
- Help at one of MCP! FREE concerts.

Contact: Chuck Elliot at zchazz@yahoo.com

MEET THE MUSICIANS

Peter Lemberg and Deb Busch

Our oboist couple, Peter and Debbie, have played with the Pops! for over 15 years.

Hailing from Foster City, CA, **Peter** is a well-known bay area oboist and bona fide member of the "Freeway Philharmonic," having driven to play in most of the bay area orchestras from Mendocino to Fresno over the past 30 years.

He has been Principal Oboe with the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra for 15 years, the San Francisco Opera Center Orchestra for 26 years (including 7 opera tours to the East coast) and Ensemble Monterey Chamber Orchestra for 16 years. He has also served as Acting Principal Oboe for the Reno Philharmonic, substitute Principal for the San Francisco Opera's performances of *Rake's Progress*, *Madama Butterfly* and *Daughter of the Regiment*, and 3rd oboe for two full performances of Wagner's *Ring* cycle.



Locally, he often plays with the Monterey and Santa Cruz symphonies and the Carmel Bach Festival (on both Baroque and modern oboes and English horns). In addition, Peter has been a featured soloist with the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra, Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra and Ensemble Monterey as well as a guest artist with the Stanford University Woodwind Quintet and the Left Coast Chamber Ensemble. Peter has been recorded on the Centaur, Delos and Arsis labels and on San Francisco opera broadcasts. He received his Bachelor of Music degree in Performance from San Francisco State University. His teachers have included Mark Lifschy, John Mack and Ellie and Ray Duste.

Debbie moved from her hometown of Newtown Square, PA (outside of Philadelphia) to Chico, CA 24 years ago, eventually working at Stanford University, where she met Peter while playing in the Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra.

Debbie and Peter migrated to Monterey while she was working at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies managing a Persian-Farsi curriculum development project contracted by the Defense Language Institute (DLI). With advanced degrees in applied linguistics (M.A from UCLA, Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, an Certificate in Japanese from Cornell University), Debbie has taught at several universities including Cornell University, University of Pennsylvania, Villanova University, Chico and San Jose state universities, Czech Tech University in Prague and at a junior college in Kobe, Japan.

Musically, she taught oboe (and English) for two years in Japan, played principal in university orchestras and as principal oboe in Paradise and Chico Symphony (now North State Symphony). Currently,

Debbie plays oboe with Ensemble Monterey and several choral and chamber groups around the Monterey and San Francisco Bay area. She studied oboe with Louis Rosenblatt (former English horn in the Philadelphia Orchestra) and at Lawrence University Conservatory of Music in Appleton, Wisconsin, the town which coincidentally Peter's family is from.

Peter and Debbie live in East Garrison and both teach oboe to local students of all ages, up to age 85. During the pandemic shut down, Peter presented over 40 Zoom **Peter and the Wolf** presentations to public school students with the Monterey Bay Pops! wind quintet; he also created a one-hour video on oboe playing for Pops Pros Teach, which can be seen at (add website address). They both enjoy the camaraderie and greeting the public at the outdoor community concerts.

"I have been happily playing with Monterey County Pops! since the early 1990's and have enjoyed all the opportunities to play with Dr. Carl Christensen and all of my wonderful colleagues. I am especially grateful to Monterey County Pops! for the opportunity for recording and playing all of the Peter and the Wolf demos for the South County schools this past year, as well as grateful for the opportunity to record the Pops! Pros Teach Oboe demo for the website. Debbie and I really enjoy our time playing for this great group."



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