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What: **REINDEER & PLANES, CAMELS & TRAINS**  
Presented by: The Cape Cod Concert Band  
John P. Hagon, Music Director  
When: 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 15, 2018  
Where: Saint John Paul II Auditorium  
120 High School Road, Hyannis  
Admission: FREE! (Donations Welcome)  
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Looking for a lift? The Cape Cod Concert Band will pick you up—with *Reindeer & Planes, Camels & Trains*. This salute to holiday transport features the world premiere of *Whistle Stop Junction: A Medley of American Rail Songs* by Cape composer, Michael Donovan. The journey begins on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Saint John Paul II Auditorium in Hyannis.

“I’ve always loved trains and the train-inspired music of the American songbook,” says Yarmouth resident Michael Donovan. “*Whistle Stop Junction* is the culmination of two lifelong passions.” The piece includes plenty of rail-related favorites, including *Chattanooga Choo Choo*, *Night Train*, *I’ve Been Working on the Railroad* and *Take the A Train*. “There are train whistles, too,” adds Donovan with a grin.

Michael Donovan’s compositions include works for concert band, choral ensemble, and orchestra. A thirty-year veteran of the United States Air Force, Mr. Donovan was the Commander of the 567<sup>th</sup> Air Force Band from 1982 to 2002. He earned his B.A. in Music Education at Berklee College of Music, and holds a Masters in Music Theory and Composition from Boston Conservatory. Now retired from his position as the Director of Fine Arts for the Saugus Public Schools, Mr. Donovan divides his time between Cape Cod and Naples, Florida.

If *Whistle Stop Junction* takes care of the trains in the title, where are the reindeer, camels and planes? Sharing the program are *Of Camels and Kings*, *Highlights from Disney’s Planes*, *American Riversongs* and *The Black Horse Troop*. There’s some real-world travel too: one lucky audience member will receive two round trip tickets to Nantucket, donated by Cape Air. After the prize drawing, Leroy Anderson’s lively *Sleigh Ride* will deliver everyone home for the holidays.

The Cape Concert Band is an all-volunteer 40-piece wind and percussion ensemble, funded by audience donations and community support, including a grant from the Cape Cod Melody Tent. Visit [www.capecodconcertband.org](http://www.capecodconcertband.org) to learn more.