

# SAXTON'S CORNET BAND



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**Saxton's Cornet Band** recreates the sounds, appearance, and conduct of brass bands during the Victorian Era from the Civil War to the turn of the century. Their programs are full of energy and are very entertaining both musically and visually. The performance is a complete historically accurate concert experience from the mid-to-late nineteenth century, complete with dramatic readings and period humor in addition to the excellent music.

The modern day Saxton's Cornet Band is named for one of the most popular and long-lived ensembles that performed in Kentucky for over sixty years from before the Civil War period into the early twentieth century. The original band's founder was Henry Saxton of Lexington, Kentucky who organized the band and kept it performing in Lexington playing concerts, dances, parades and funerals.

Reorganized in 1989, the Saxton's Cornet Band of today strives to maintain the spirit and high standards set by the original ensemble. They have performed for the inauguration of President George W. Bush and for the National Park Service at sites around the country including Gettysburg National Military Park. They have performed in concert halls and at universities across America and have played alongside orchestras including the Lexington Philharmonic, the Fireside Symphony, and the Cleveland Pops. Saxton's performs regularly at the Great American Brass Band Festival in Danville, KY and is visiting artist at the Conner Prairie Museum and at the Ohio Historical Society. Saxton's has been featured on the silver screen as well, in the Turner films "Gettysburg" and "The Day Lincoln Was Shot." Saxton's Cornet Band has also toured internationally with concerts throughout Taiwan including a performance at The National Concert Hall in Taipei. Most recently, Saxton's Cornet Band was featured on American Public Media's hit radio show, "Performance Today" from a live concert held in Ramsey Hall on the campus of the University of Georgia.