

For Immediate Release... WHALE HOLIDAY MARCHING BAND

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Hear the Whale Holiday Marching Band LIVE:

December 24, 2025

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• **Christiana Mall**, Newark, Delaware

11:00 am - 12:30 pm, starting from the JCPenney entrance

This year's parody Medley:

"Abracadabra (Outta Gift Wrappa)" – Lady "FaLaLaLa" Gaga

"The Fall of Snowphelia" – Taylor Ski Lift

"Golden (rings)" – Kpop Demon Hunters

About the Whale Holiday Marching Band:

Once a year (like another fellow we know) a band of merry rock musicians (with wives, kids, grandparents, friends, high school and college "ringers") don horns, reeds, flutes, drums, and marching guitars to bombard their way through the Christiana Mall in Newark Delaware blasting out holiday carols. The **WHALE Holiday Marching Band** has been spreading cheer every year at the Christiana Mall since its inception. The members play traveling music, standard carols, drum cadences, and the special "parody tunes of the year" as they work their way down corridors, up escalators, through the food court and large department stores. This event is loud, fun, and free to the public, and is our "Thank You" to all our fans, mall employees and last-minute shoppers.

The horn section of a 1970's college 10-piece band called "Whale" decided to stroll through Concord mall one year, playing a few carols. Drums were added next year, marching tunes the next, cadences, another mall, parody songs, banners, audience singalong handouts etc., until the band achieved its present state of about 50 musicians, granddads pulling kids in wagons, Santa costumes, noisemakers, and crazy antics. This tradition has continued for over 50 years!

The event is free, and is **not** sponsored by the malls for charity or marketing, but as a reunion for the band members as well as great way to spread holiday cheer among the many storeowners and last-minute shoppers.

Composer and musician **Ken Rosenberg** writes a special holiday parody each year featuring the most popular songs and events of the year twisted into outrageous, original arrangements and lyrics.

Ken Rosenberg's parody tunes have been featured on Philadelphia, Baltimore and Delaware radio stations during the December holidays since 2001. The music is also played live by the Whale Holiday Marching band in Delaware's major malls every December 24th as a free gift to the public to spread holiday cheer.

About Ken Rosenberg:

Each year since 1980, Ken has written and conducted a special medley with the Whale Holiday Marching Band since the first parody of Devo's "Whip It (Santa)."

Samples of other tunes include:

"Hoof Beat It", by Michael Jackson

"Sled Hammer" by Peter Gabriel

"Smells like Christmas Spirit" by Nirvana

"I'm Dreaming of a White Bronco", by O.J. Simpson

"If you Wanna Beanie Baby" by the Sugar-and Spice Girls

"Who Let the Deer Out" by the Baha Ho Ho Ho Men

"I'm the Slim Santa" by Eminem

"Cranberries, Turkey, and Gravy Right Now" by Beyonce ("Beyon-sleigh")

"Fireplace" by Lady Fa La La La Gaga ("Poker Face")

"Rudolph Has It" by Adele Noel

"Shape of Yule" by Ed Sheran

"Marching Santa Style" by Psanta ("Gangnam Style")

"Sledding up that Hill" (Skate Bush)

"Hot To Go" (Chappell Roan)

Ken has composed music for television, radio, film, performance and for the 10-piece horn, funk and rock band "Whale" (which he helped launch in the 1970's), which morphed into the Whale Holiday Marching Band under Ken's leadership and musical direction. Ken currently is the drummer in an 18-piece big band.