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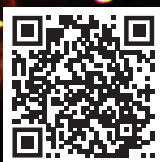
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The WSMA Middle Level State Honors Music Project

WSMA State Honors Music Project

Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) State Honors Project began in 1967 to provide musically accomplished youth the opportunity to rehearse and perform with the nation's finest conductors in a professional, highly disciplined setting. In 1995, WSMA sponsored the first-ever Middle Level State Honors Band. The Middle Level State Honors Choir was added in 1996 and the inaugural performance of the Middle Level State Honors Orchestra followed in 1997.

Students in grades 6-8 who attend a WSMA member school are eligible to audition for the Middle Level State Honors Music Project. Auditions include an individual performance and an ensemble class taught by the evaluator. This year over 1000 students applied to audition for the privilege of being one of the 312 students selected for

membership in the three prestigious Middle Level State Honors ensembles.

Music teachers, parents, administrators and WSMA staff contribute time, expertise and encouragement for every student involved in the Honors Project. Young musicians selected for these ensembles discover new levels of individual and group performance. Most importantly, the effort and dedication required of each Honors participant results in a lifelong memory of initiative, achievement and commitment to excellence as musicians and as our future leaders.

Saturday, October 28

Verona Area High School Performing Arts Center

2023 WSMA Middle Level State Honors Concerts

3:00 pm—Choir • 4:00 pm—Orchestra • 5:00 pm—Band

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WSMA Middle Level State Honors Music Staff

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And most importantly, **all parents and teachers** of these accomplished young people for the continuing efforts, encouragement and for taking great care to ensure these students are here with us.





2023 WSMA Middle Level State Honors

Conductors



Choir • Dr. Brett Robison

Dr. Brett Robison has conducted choirs and orchestras for the past 25 years. Recently, Robison served as the assistant professor of music and director of choirs at Viterbo University in La Crosse. Robison also served on the faculties of Waldorf University and Upper Iowa University. As a public-school music educator, he taught vocal and general music to grades K–12 in Iowa, Minnesota and Arizona. He continues to be in demand as a clinician and festival conductor throughout the country.

Robison founded the music nonprofit organization, Scottsdale Musical Arts and served as the artistic and executive director. He also directed the youth symphony and adult orchestra programs while also serving as the assistant director of the children's choirs and professional adult

choir, Scottsdale Choral Artists. As a church musician, Robison has served congregations throughout the Midwest and Southwest as choir director and music director. He is currently the choir director at Trinity Lutheran in Mission, KS.

Robison's education includes a bachelor of arts in music from Luther College, master of music in conducting from the University of New Mexico, master of business administration from Viterbo University, and a doctorate of musical arts in choral conducting from the University of Arizona. Robison is grateful for the opportunity to return to the great state of Wisconsin and to once again be inspired by the incredible students and teachers that make this music festival one of the best in the country.



Orchestra • Dr. Demondrae Thurman

Over the last 25 years, **Demondrae Thurman** has established a worldwide reputation through his varied experiences as a euphonium soloist, educator, chamber musician and conductor. He has given performances internationally.

Conducting has become an important aspect of Demondrae's career since making his debut in 1999. Since that time, he has appeared as a guest conductor with numerous wind bands, brass bands, and symphony orchestras. His symphony orchestra debut came in 2008 conducting the Huxford Symphony Orchestra of the University of Alabama where he also served as its conductor from 2011-2013. He is the former resident assistant conductor of the Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra (Alabama)

where he conducted children's concerts and Pops programs.

Currently, Demondrae is professor of music and chair of the brass department at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. He also serves on the faculty of Samford University and has given masterclasses and clinics at many of the world's leading colleges and universities for low brass.







2023 WSMA Middle Level State Honors

Conductors



Band • Dr. Richard Mark Heidel

Richard Mark Heidel is director of bands in the School of Music at The University of Iowa where he conducts the Iowa Symphony Band, teaches graduate courses in conducting and band literature, guides the graduate band conducting program, and oversees all aspects of the University of Iowa band program. Ensembles under Heidel’s direction have performed at national, regional, and state conferences. He has also led multiple concert tours to the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom as well as throughout the Midwest.

Prior to his appointment to the University of Iowa faculty in 2008, Heidel served as director of bands at UW-Eau Claire, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, and as a teaching assistant in the School of Music at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In addition to his university teaching experiences, Heidel was a high school band director in Texas for nine years.

Heidel was the recipient of the Outstanding Musician award at Texas Tech University in both 1985 and 1986, and in 1997, he received the A. A. Harding award at the University of Illinois for the “highest possible achievement, service, and devotion to the University Bands.” In 2002, Dr. Heidel was named to the “Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers,” and in 2003 and 2010 he received the Citation of Excellence from the Wisconsin Chapter of the National Band Association. In 2005, he was initiated into Sigma Alpha Iota as a National Arts Associate, and in 2008, he was elected to membership into the prestigious American Bandmasters Association. Dr. Heidel was honored with the Citation of Excellence by the National Band Association in 2016 and 2022.

Heidel has served as a guest conductor, adjudicator and clinician in more than 30 states, as well as internationally. In 2003, Heidel served as an adjudicator for the Limerick International Marching Band Competition and the 100th St. Patrick’s Day Festival in Dublin, Ireland. His summer teaching experiences include having served as a faculty member of the Shell Lake Arts Center, Texas Tech University Band and Orchestra Camp, Illinois Summer Youth Music Program, International Music Camp, and serving as director of the Iowa Summer Music Camps.



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2023 WSMA Middle Level State Honors

Choir

Saturday, October 28, 2023 • 3:00 pm
Verona Area High School Performing Arts Center
Dr. Brett Robison • Choir Conductor
Jessie Kolberg • Collaborative Pianist

Program

TāReKiṬa

Reena Esmail (b. 1983)

Reena Esmail is an Indian-American composer who has merged both Western Classical and Indian music traditions to create her unique voice. Esmail holds degrees in composition from Juilliard and Yale and is the artistic director of Shashtra, a non-profit organization that promotes cross-cultural collaborations between the music traditions of the West and India. TāReKiṬa incorporates both major and minor modes and is driven by ostinati, or repeated patterns. The text is comprised of syllables that imitate the sounds of Indian instruments.

Ich stand in dunklen Träumen

Clara Wieck Schumann / arr. by James McCollough

Clara Schumann was comparable to a modern-day rock star in the 19th C and remains one of the most important musical figures in the Romantic era of music history. Schumann had an impressive 61-year piano performance career and grew into a formidable composer. Unfortunately, she was no stranger to the pain of losing a loved one as her famous husband, Robert Schumann, died at the early age of 46 and her child, Emil, died at only sixteen months old. The poignantly sad text comes from Heinrich Heine, a 19th C poet, writer, and literary critic. This piece was originally composed in 1840 for solo voice and keyboard. James McCollough has edited and arranged Schumann's work for mixed choir and keyboard in the original key of E-flat major.

Wide Open Spaces

Sarah Quartel (b. 1982)

This piece was written for American Choral Directors Association's 2015 Middle School/Junior High School Boys Honor Choir by Canadian composer and music educator, Sarah Quartel. Inspired by the transformative power of choral music to build connections, Sarah Quartel has written a piece full of optimism and the joy of discovery-the discovery of the wide open spaces in our world and those inside of each person. She includes a playful scat section that adds child-like freedom and fun to the music. Life is an adventure and there is plenty of room to fill these spaces with the things that we love.

Hold Fast to Dreams

Susan LaBarr (b. 1981)

Langston Hughes (1902–1967) was an African American poet, novelist, columnist, essayist, playwright, and central figure in the Harlem Renaissance, a cultural and intellectual revival of African American literature, art, theater, politics, fashion, dance, and music in the 1920s. Langston Hughes was born in Joplin, Missouri and Springfield, Missouri composer, Susan LaBarr, has set one of his most famous poems, *Dreams*. Susan LaBarr is heavily influenced by composer Alice Parker and is the choral editor for Walton Music. LaBarr's *Hold Fast to Dreams*, is a wonderful musical setting of Hughes' call to not let our dreams die. LaBarr has set this encouraging text so that it starts in unison, develops into two parts, and then finally four-part harmony. She has the choir begin quietly and then increases volume and intensity as the choral texture expands.

Tyger

Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)

Elaine Hagenberg's compositions are performed worldwide and have become a staple at major choral festivals. She is published by Oxford University Press, G. Schirmer, Hinshaw Music, Beckenhurst, and now publishes independently through Elaine Hagenberg Music. Hagenberg has written a fresh, new musical setting of the famous William Blake (1757–1827) poem, *Tyger*. Blake's tiger represents the harsh realities of life, and the poem continues to question how there can be such vulnerability and beauty in our world that coexists with danger and fear. Hagenberg has masterfully set this poem with changing meters, keys and tempi to further intensify the image of a dangerous tiger and the anxiety behind William Blake's questions.

Hope Lingers One

Lissa Schneckenburger / arr. by Andrea Ramsey (b. 1977)

The choir's final piece leaves you with a message of hope and optimism. Originally performed by folk group, "Low Lily," this piece was written by Lissa Schneckenburger and then arranged for mixed chorus by composer and music educator Andrea Ramsey. Andrea Ramsey remains in great demand as a clinician, conductor and composer for festivals and choirs worldwide. The voices in *Hope Lingers On* are accompanied by shaker, drum and the singers' bodies. This emphatic text and music serve as a reminder that even in our darkest hour, hope lingers on. The conductor of this choir finds hope through these young people as they transition into strong, positive leaders in our schools, families and world.



2023 WSMA Middle Level State Honors Orchestra

Saturday, October 28, 2023 • 4:00 pm
Verona Area High School Performing Arts Center
Dr. Demondrae Thurman • Orchestra Conductor

Program

Montagues and Capulets

Prokofiev / arr. Isaac / Carl Fischer

The seventh of Prokofiev's nine ballets is his setting of Romeo and Juliet, which has become a treasured classic. Early traumas stalking the ballet could have derailed its ultimate popularity, not only in the dance format but in the three orchestral suites as well. "I was interested in a lyrical subject. Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet was suggested... In the spring of 1935, I worked out a scenario, consulting with the choreographer on questions of ballet technique. The music was written in the course of the summer, but the Bolshoi theatre declared it impossible to dance to and the contract was broken." Several versions were written and subsequently met with complaints; the ballet was too short, the dancers could not hear the soft music, and the rhythms were unpredictable. At that time, Prokofiev declared, "Take it or leave it... You want drums not music!" Persuaded then to sit on the stage and listen, Prokofiev did acknowledge that the soft parts were hard to hear, and he relented a bit. "Very well, I shall rewrite the music here and there and add something," he promised. By 1946, the music was rewritten, and the ballet performed with the Bolshoi on December 22, 1946, to great acclaim and considered "one of the finest productions ever presented at the Bolshoi."

Besides early complaints about the music, Prokofiev's first version of the story also came in for trouble because the composer toyed with the bard's plot and supplied a happy ending. "The reason for taking such barbarous liberty with Shakespeare's play was purely choreographic—live people can dance, but the dying can hardly be expected to dance in bed..." the composer explained. The ensuing uproar was furious, and ultimately Prokofiev rewrote the story to conform to the Shakespeare play.

What is interesting is the way that Prokofiev describes the circumstances, the characters and the emotions with his own musical style. In the Chicago Tribune in 1937, the composer explained "[My] Romeo and Juliet features a new melodic line, which would have immediate appeal yet sound like nothing written before." In his own way, Prokofiev succeeded in telling one of the greatest love stories of all time. And he succeeded in communicating the tragedy therein.

Program notes by Marianne Williams Tobias

Egyptian Legacy

Newbold / arr. Rydlund / FJH

A **Vast** and mighty empire for thousands of years, ancient Egyptian civilization has intrigued and fascinated the modern world with its art, culture and amazing architecture. The Great Sphinx, giant pyramids, and statues of pharaohs are among the many powerful images of Egypt. From King Tut to Cleopatra, ancient Egypt continues to influence modern society to this day.

Program notes by Soon Hee Newbold

Whispering Pines

Forbes / Carl Fischer

A number of years ago I visited White Pines State Park in Illinois and dutifully hiked into a dense pine-forest. On this breezy, cool day in mid-March, I stood in awe among the towering pines. I closed my eyes and listened to the cool winds rushing through pine branches hanging above me. Since that moment, I have wanted to write a piece depicting what I felt on that day. It is hard to describe in words the emotions I felt; it was a peculiar feeling of melancholy and loss. I also had a Native American tonality in my head, perhaps because of those aforementioned feelings. A Navajo tune popped into my head, "Now I Walk in Beauty" and I decided to incorporate that into the work. It was a pretty magical moment, and I longed to describe it musically. Whispering Pines was written on commission from Pam Jorgensen, a band director who was particularly interested in my creating a slower work for middle school band and orchestra. I grappled with the idea for some time and was concerned that I created a work that would be enjoyable to perform and exciting to listen to. What resulted is a work that I think kids can relate to and have fun with, while conductors may address intonation, tone quality, phrasing, and most importantly, musical patience. I think middle school students are deeper than many people give them credit for these days, and it is my hope that with a piece such as this, educators can begin to tap into, develop, and help students express their budding musical emotions.

Programs notes by Mike Forbes

Millennium

Meyer / Alf

Winner of the 1998 N.S.O.A. composition contest, this contemporary-sounding overture is extremely powerful and full of emotion from beginning to end. After a foreboding introduction, the heroic main theme is introduced by the brass section in unison, accompanied by the entire orchestra in a percussive, marcato style. A lyrical subordinate theme of extreme beauty follows, first stated by unison cellos, then picked up by the entire orchestra. The third and final section is a wild and energetic march, pitting brass against woodwinds and strings, leading into a final, majestic restatement of the main theme. Richard Meyer's colorful and imaginative scoring features every section of the symphony orchestra, resulting in a wonderfully mature-sounding, yet playable, "tour de force" for the student orchestra.

Program notes by the publisher



2023 WSMA Middle Level State Honors Band

Saturday, October 28, 2023 • 5:00 pm
Verona Area High School Performing Arts Center
Dr. Richard Mark Heidel • Band Conductor

Program

Into the Clouds!

Saucedo / Musicworks

One of my dreams has always been to be a pilot. As a pilot, you join the ranks of those less bound by conventional limits on time, distance and personal freedom. You take off to wide-open skies in any direction on the compass. But more than that, it's freedom as you've never known it, far from the commonplace. Finally, being a pilot symbolizes individualism and self-reliance. You are in control, and you make the choices. There's nothing like the experience of flight, except possibly the experience of music, and I hope the enthusiasm of both can be found in this piece.

Program notes by Richard Saucedo

In the Bleak Midwinter

Holst/arr. Giroux / Musica Propria

Christina Rossetti composed a poem "A Christmas Carol" which was published in January of 1872. It has been set to music several times by various composers. This particular arrangement is based on the Gustav Theodore Holst's hymn setting titled "Cranham," titled after Cranham, Gloucester, which was composed for the English Hymnal of 1906. Rossetti's lyrics envision the birth of Jesus in the middle of a cold winter, noting that only his mother worshiped him with a kiss.

Angels and Archangels, May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim, Thronged the air;
But only His Mother, In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved, With a kiss.

This arrangement was inspired by these lyrics, focusing on both the intimacy between a mother and child, and that love, though freely given, has the greatest worth.

Program notes by Julie Giroux

Earthdance

Sweeney / Musicworks

Earthdance celebrates the natural rhythms and energy of our beloved planet. From the routine of day following night and the progression of seasons to the ebb and flow of the tides and cycle of water and wind, our own rhythms of existence are deeply connected with the environment that surrounds and nurtures us. Powerful displays of force and destruction (earthquakes, volcanoes, storms) are balanced with fragile beauty and life-giving abundance. We fear our "mother earth" when she is violent and celebrate her when she is calm. The journey through life on this planet may not always be smooth, but the highs and lows of the experience provides the ultimate dance for us all.

Program notes by Michael Sweeney

Pentland Hills

Howe / Lucien Calliet

Major James H. Howe was born in County Durham, England. He started his study of the cornet and piano at the age of nine, eventually leading to a musical career that began as a bandsman in the Royal Scots Army Band. Songs in this piece include "Lass O' Gowrie," "John Anderson, My Jo," and "The Rowan Tree." *Pentland Hills* is among his most popular marches, which also include "Sterling Castle" and "Glasgow Fair", all published by Southern Music.

Program notes from Southern Music

Rocketship!

Day / BMI

Rocketship! is an energetic concert piece formed by two sections which express energy in different ways. The first is composed of short rhythmic patterns that start quietly before building to the end of each phrase. The second section introduces a marching snare drum solo accompanied by open fifths, known as power chords, in the winds. Brief motives accompany the sustained power chords, but quickly dissipate as a new motive begins. The different sections shrink as the composition develops until they are played one after the other at the very end.

Program notes by Cole Hairston





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WSMA State Honors Project Endowment Fund

Through the WSMA State Honors Project Endowment Fund, our goal is to ensure that all eligible students will have access and the opportunity to participate in this nationally acclaimed program for years to come.

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- Band**
- **The George Borich Middle Level State Honors Band Bb Clarinet Chair,** *given by Glenn Nielsen*
 - **The Connie Kramer Middle Level State Honors Band Principal Bassoon Chair,** *given in her memory by family, friends and students*
 - **The Neil F. Resheske Middle Level State Honors Band Trombone Chair,** *given in his memory by a former student, Michael George*
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- Choir**
- **The Carol Dahle Middle Level State Honors Choir Soprano Chair,** *given in her honor by family and friends*
 - **The Gregg and Trudy Butler Middle Level State Honors Choir Tenor Chair**
 - **The John Beutel Middle Level State Honors Choir Bass Chair**

- Orchestra**
- **The George Munagian Middle Level State Honors Orchestra Viola Chair,** *given in his memory by family and friends*

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Choir Members

Soprano

Lily Baetz
Madison West High School (Madison)

Aleah Bowman
Joseph A Craig High School (Janesville)

Stella Burt
Hudson High School (Hudson)

Gigi Christensen
Adams-Friendship High School (Adams)

Millie Ann Gonzalez-Rosado
Elk Mound High School (Elk Mound)

Adrienne Hogseth
Mount Horeb High School (Mount Horeb)

Reagan Janichek
Shattuck Middle School (Neenah)

Scarlett Jelinek
Cambridge High School (Cambridge)

Brooklynne Jenkinson
Cameron High School (Cameron)

Norah Jungels
Mount Horeb High School (Mount Horeb)

Tessa Knezic
Wausau West High School (Wausau)

Madelynn Lentz
Muskego High School (Muskego)

Allison Leonard
Mukwonago High School (Mukwonago)

Cecelia Lyons
Westby Area High School (Westby)

Joslyn Mahoney
River Valley High School (Spring Green)

Aamna Mateen
Brookfield Central High School (Brookfield)

Nora Mathias
John Muir Middle School (Wausau)

Leila Mayew
All Saints Catholic School (Kenosha)

Addison McCarthy
Hudson High School (Hudson)

Katie Moody
Westfield Area Middle School (Westfield)

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Hayward Middle School (Hayward)

Jordan Reynolds
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Middle School (Chetek)

Sydney Skuban
DeLong Middle School (Eau Claire)

Ella Stacey
Onalaska High School (Onalaska)

Stella Stanton
Hudson High School (Hudson)

Evelyn Wilkinson
Menomonie Middle School (Menomonie)

Aveya Ziegler
Mukwonago High School (Mukwonago)

Alto

Abigail Brenholt
Chequamegon High School (Park Falls)

Adrienne (Addi) Brennan
Brookfield Central High School (Brookfield)

Gwendolyn Bruce-DeMuri
Berlin High School (Berlin)

Yasmine Campos
Sparta High School (Sparta)

Karly Carrizalez
Darlington High School (Darlington)

Madison Danihel
Muskego High School (Muskego)

Jenna Dholung
Savanna Oaks Middle School (Fitchburg)

Matthew Elwood
Hudson Middle School (Hudson)

Makenzie Fischer
Prescott Middle School (Prescott)

Willow Franc
Cumberland High School (Cumberland)

Elle Garvey
John Long Middle School (Grafton)

Ava Hanson
Chequamegon Middle School (Glidden)

Hana Hirata
Hudson High School (Hudson)

Claire Hoier
Hudson High School (Hudson)

Alanna Hubbard
St. Croix Central High School (Hammond)

Neriyah King
Hudson Middle School (Hudson)

Uriah Kitchener
Butler Middle School (Waukesha)

Jaslyn Lauersdorf
Sheboygan Falls Middle School (Sheboygan Falls)

Harper Lawrence
Mukwonago High School (Mukwonago)

Babette Loesch
Sun Prairie East High School (Sun Prairie)

Tsion Madison
Onalaska High School (Onalaska)

Olivia Minton
Park View Middle School (Mukwonago)

Caroline (Carley) Pease
Wausau West High School (Wausau)

Dorian Roemer
Lake Geneva Middle School (Lake Geneva)

Sophia Smith
New Glarus Middle School (New Glarus)

Madelyn Szolwinski
Port Washington High School (Port Washington)

Brooklyn Williams
Reedsburg Area High School (Reedsburg)

Saige Wirtz
Pulaski Community High School (Pulaski)





2023 WSMA Middle Level State Honors Choir Members

Tenor

Griffin Beyer
Northland Pines High School (Eagle River)

Isaiah Black
River Falls High School (River Falls)

Xavier Busta
Onalaska High School (Onalaska)

Evan Casto
DeLong Middle School (Eau Claire)

Isaac DeGeest
Somerset High School (Somerset)

Ethan Devine
West De Pere Middle School (De Pere)

Dylan Gardner
New Glarus High School (New Glarus)

Trent Gretebeck
Westby Area High School (Westby)

Andrew Hill
Oregon High School (Oregon)

Finian Hoeper
New Glarus High School (New Glarus)

Evan Hunter
Siren Middle School (Siren)

Dylan Kane
River Valley Middle School (Spring Green)

Austin Knapp
Port Washington High School (Port Washington)

Caden Kozlik
Mukwonago High School (Mukwonago)

Jackson Kulinski
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Wisconsin Hills Middle School (Brookfield)

Conner McIlquham
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Middle School (Chetek)

Patrick Mitchell
Westfield Area High School (Westfield)

Kent Mullen
Madison West High School (Madison)

Carter Nadeau
Hudson High School (Hudson)

Tyler Price
Northland Pines Middle School (Eagle River)

Liam Rochford
Saint Croix Falls High School (Saint Croix Falls)

Mason Rygg
John Long Middle School (Grafton)

Ezra Seefeldt
Oconomowoc High School (Oconomowoc)

Leo Stamets
River Falls High School (River Falls)

William Wolfe
Platteville Middle School (Platteville)

Devin Xiong
Verona Area High School (Verona)

Bass

Benjamin Anason
Westfield Area High School (Westfield)

Zachary Bigler
Grafton High School (Grafton)

Wil Brossard
Joseph A Craig High School (Janesville)

Shaunak Chaudhuri
Grafton High School (Grafton)

Nathan Czarapata
Mukwonago High School (Mukwonago)

Maverick Drew
Prescott High School (Prescott)

Francesco Grasso
Grafton High School (Grafton)

Owen Hare
River Falls High School (River Falls)

Marshall Harris
Lancaster High School (Lancaster)

Porter Howard
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School (Chetek)

Patrick Larson
Sparta High School (Sparta)

Geoffrey Lawrence
Mount Horeb Middle School (Mount Horeb)

Marshall Meyer
Richland Center High School (Richland Center)

Jack Mitchell
Port Washington High School (Port Washington)

Henry Penn
Ellsworth High School (Ellsworth)

Lawton Pester
Neenah High School (Neenah)

Bumii Pullum
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Carlin Ramos
Mount Horeb High School (Mount Horeb)

Chase Rude
Eau Claire North High School (Eau Claire)

Braden Stahlbusch
Elk Mound High School (Elk Mound)

Preston Wilcox
Platteville Middle School (Platteville)





2023 WSMA Middle Level State Honors

Orchestra Members

Violin

Rowan Ashton

John Muir Middle School (Wausau)

Milo Burns

Oregon Middle School (Oregon)

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Shattuck Middle School (Neenah)

Viola

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Liam Vang
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String Bass

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Flute

Paige Duffrin
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Luke Jiang
Waunakee Community High School (Waunakee)

Ava Martin
Richland Center High School (Richland Center)

Naon Oh
Madison West High School (Madison)

Oboe

Henry Dennis
Mount Horeb High School (Mount Horeb)

Josie Dunn
Mineral Point High School (Mineral Point)

Clarinet

Alex Hurley
Appleton East High School (Appleton)

Noah Peleschak
Eau Claire North High School (Eau Claire)

Catherine Ricci
Edgewood High School (Madison)

Mateo Vazquez
Middleton High School (Middleton)

Rachel Waterfall
Richland Center High School (Richland Center)

Bassoon

Mary Brown
Tremper High School (Kenosha)

Colton Hendrickson
New Glarus High School (New Glarus)

Junie Kierce
Waunakee Community High School (Waunakee)

Anabelle Rook
Waukesha West High School (Waukesha)

Trumpet

Erica Bauman
Glenwood City High School (Glenwood City)

Bennett Hahn
Wisconsin Hills Middle School (Brookfield)

Jackson Machtemes
River Falls High School (River Falls)

Audrey VanBendegom
Middleton High School (Middleton)

Horn

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Pulaski Community High School (Pulaski)

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De Pere High School (De Pere)

Abe Koscinski
Kromrey Middle School (Middleton)

Preston Schefe
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Trombone

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Rice Lake High School (Rice Lake)

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Oregon High School (Oregon)

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Tuba

Joshua Susmilch
Tremper High School (Kenosha)

Percussion

Benjamin Augustine
Pulaski Community High School (Pulaski)

Jack Gilbert
Mukwonago High School (Mukwonago)

Carter Hankins
Oconomowoc High School (Oconomowoc)

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Flute

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Silver Lake Intermediate School (Oconomowoc)

Reese Burich
Pulaski Community High School (Pulaski)

Leah Divney
Patrick Marsh Middle School (Sun Prairie)

Gabriella Horan
Sun Prairie West High School (Sun Prairie)

Emerson Kreuziger
Oconomowoc High School (Oconomowoc)

Kilie Kruse
Tremper High School (Kenosha)

Lauren Nines
Kettle Moraine High School (Wales)

Emma Phillips
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Tava Smith
Rib Lake High School (Rib Lake)

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Odyssey-Magellan Charter School (Appleton)

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West Salem High School (West Salem)

Cora Wieneke
Middleton High School (Middleton)

Oboe

Brooklyn Baumgarten
Spencer Junior High School (Spencer)

Ava Flores
Sun Prairie East High School (Sun Prairie)

Bassoon

Jack O'Reilly
Catholic Memorial High School (Waukesha)

Caitlin O'Reilly
Catholic Memorial High School (Waukesha)

Henry Spencer
Eau Claire Memorial High School (Eau Claire)

Cassandra Tiry
Amery High School (Amery)

Clarinet

Braden Bartlett
Oregon High School (Oregon)

Madelyn Becker
Mount Horeb High School (Mount Horeb)

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Kromrey Middle School (Middleton)

Kayla Buttles
Lancaster Middle School (Lancaster)

Evan Corullo

Hurley High School (Hurley)

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Madison East High School (Madison)

Aaron Divney
Sun Prairie East High School (Sun Prairie)

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Oconomowoc High School (Oconomowoc)

Parker Hunn
Middleton High School (Middleton)

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Appleton East High School (Appleton)

Maren Kuhn
Kromrey Middle School (Middleton)

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Oregon High School (Oregon)

Madeline Makarewicz
Mukwonago High School (Mukwonago)

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Hudson High School (Hudson)

Marta Roelli
Darlington High School (Darlington)

Violet Small
Cumberland High School (Cumberland)

Hannah Stewart
Northstar Middle School (Eau Claire)

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Ainsley Voegelé
Oregon High School (Oregon)

Angie Xie
Onalaska High School (Onalaska)

Zoey Ziegler
Joseph A Craig High School (Janesville)

Bass Clarinet

Madelyn Becker
Mount Horeb High School (Mount Horeb)

Kenneth Bickett
Kromrey Middle School (Middleton)

Kayla Buttles
Lancaster Middle School (Lancaster)

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Kromrey Middle School (Middleton)

Alto Saxophone

Chloe Johanek
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Baritone Saxophone

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Trumpet

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Middleton High School (Middleton)
Braden Cronce
Watertown High School (Watertown)
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DC Everest Junior High School (Weston)
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Oconomowoc High School (Oconomowoc)
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Gibraltar Secondary School (Middle School) (Fish Creek)
Alexander Hahn
Brookfield Central High School (Brookfield)
Boden Isaacson
Patrick Marsh Middle School (Sun Prairie)
Anya Joyce
Denmark High School (Denmark)
Reagan Knolmayer
Fall Creek High School (Fall Creek)
Christopher Kopotic
Sun Prairie West High School (Sun Prairie)
Ashlyn LaBrie
Cameron High School (Cameron)
Rebecca Rash
East Troy Middle School (East Troy)
Sydney Stevens
Eau Claire North High School (Eau Claire)
Kohlton Vanderploeg
DC Everest Junior High School (Weston)

Horn

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Kewaskum High School (Kewaskum)
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Trombone

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Matthew Markham
East Troy High School (East Troy)
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Arrowhead Union High School (Hartland)
Lane Miller
Kickapoo Area High School (Viola)
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Euphonium

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Dylan Munster
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Tuba

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Percussion

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Elk Mound Middle School (Elk Mound)

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Pulaski Community Middle School (Pulaski)

Madelaine Trewin
Westfield Area High School (Westfield)

Perry Uhazie
Mukwonago High School (Mukwonago)

Lisa Utecht
Berlin Middle School (Berlin)

Lizbeth Vallejo
Bruce Guadalupe Community School (Milwaukee)

Flora van Wormer
Akira Toki Middle School (Madison)

Anne Vanderbloemen
Glacier Creek Middle School (Cross Plains)

Scott Vandermeuse
Verona Area High School (Verona)

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Webb Middle School (Reedsburg)

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West Salem Middle School (West Salem)

Jacy Walker
Meyer Middle School (River Falls)

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Aquinas High School (La Crosse)

Curtis Wetzel
East Troy Middle School (East Troy)

Cheryl White
Neenah High School (Neenah)

Victoria Wilda
Denmark High School (Denmark)

Lori Wildeman
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Alerdale Wimer
Mukwonago High School (Mukwonago)

Marissa Woletz
Siren Middle School (Siren)

Jennifer Yancey
Oregon High School (Oregon)

Rachel Zarzyski
Patrick Marsh Middle School (Sun Prairie)

Margaret Zeidel
Northstar Middle School (Eau Claire)

Michael Zens
Les Paul Middle School (Waukesha)

Honors Concert Recordings

A professionally produced recording will be made available to every 2023 WSMA Middle Level State Honors student. For more information or to order additional recordings, please visit the WSMA website at wsmamusic.org/concert-recordings.



2023 WSMA Middle Level State Honors

Staff

Honors Chairpersons

The following individuals have donated many years of extraordinary leadership and volunteer service to the WSMA State Honors Music Project as chairperson, as well as section coach and coordinator in previous years. The organizational skills, wisdom, musicianship and commitment are the reasons the WSMA State Honors Music Project continues to create life-long memories of accomplishment for thousands of talented students.

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* Denotes High School Honors
+ Denotes Middle Level Honors

Middle Level Honors Committee

- Laurie Fellenz**, WSMA Executive Director
- Erica Ruppert**, WSMA Program Director and Middle Level Honors Coordinator
- Alec Balge**, WSMA Program Manager and Middle Level Honors Manager
- Robert Ignaszak**, Retired, Nature Hill Intermediate School (Oconomowoc), Honors Chair
- Doug Arendt**, Grafton High School, Honors Chair-Elect
- Jesse Baumgart**, Abrams Elementary School, Choir Coordinator
- Griffin James**, Baraboo High School, Orchestra Coordinator
- Rebekah Nyenhuis**, Lincoln High School (Manitowoc), Band Coordinator

Choir Staff

- Jesse Baumgart**, Abrams Elementary School, Choir Coordinator***
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- Jennifer Schwingle**, Merton Intermediate School, Alto Coach***
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Orchestra Staff

- Kellen Dorner**, Mount Horeb Middle School, Woodwind Coach***
- Rebecca Eggerichs**, Riverside Middle School, Cello Coach
- Jeremiah Eis**, Saint Francis Xavier Middle School (Appleton), Brass Coach
- Alexis Ganos**, Wisconsin Hills Middle School (Brookfield), Viola Coach
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- Shana Rogney**, Waupaca Middle School, Percussion Coach***
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Band Staff

- Kaylynn Brown**, Rome Corners Intermediate School (Oregon), Trumpet Coach***
- Amy Doefer**, New Glarus Middle School, Saxophone Coach***
- Emily Erdman**, Edison Middle School (Janesville), Horn Coach
- Erin Gleason**, Prairie View Middle School (Sun Prairie), Flute Coach
- Anthony Kading**, GET High School (Galesville), Tuba Coach
- Matt Lamb**, Glenwood City High School, Trombone/Euphonium Coach***
- Rebekah Nyenhuis**, Lincoln High School (Manitowoc), Band Coordinator
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- Jeff Thielke**, Silverlake Intermediate School (Oconomowoc), Low Woodwind Coach
- Anne Vanderbloemen**, Glacier Creek Middle School (Cross Plains), Clarinet Coach

*** Denotes staff members completing a three-year term.



The WSMA Middle Level State Honors Music Project

2024 Middle Level State Honors Conductors

Choir: **Ashley Dame**
Orchestra: **Dr. Mark Laycock**
Band: **Alex Gonzalez**

Important Dates

2024 Wisconsin Middle Level State Honors Music Project

December 6, 2023

Online registration opens for 2024 WSMA
Middle Level State Honors Music Project.
Register online at wsmamusic.org.

February 2, 2024

Last day to apply for 2024 WSMA Middle Level State
Honors Music Project

April 5, 2024

Auditions in Kettle Moraine

April 6, 2024

Auditions in Appleton and Sun Prairie

April 12, 2024

Auditions in La Crosse and Wausau

April 13, 2024

Auditions in Eau Claire

May 28, 2024

Middle Level Honors results letters and invitations
mailed to students

July 29, 2024

Materials sent to members of the 2024 WSMA Middle
Level State Honors Band, Orchestra and Choir

October 23–26, 2024

Wisconsin State Music Conference and WSMA
State Honors Concerts

WSMA Facts and Statistics

Did you know during the 2022–2023 school year...

- Over 43,000 events participated in WSMA District Solo & Ensemble, State Solo & Ensemble and Concert Festivals in over 215 WSMA Music Festivals.
- Over 500 active and retired music teachers served WSMA Music Festival as adjudicators.
- Over 7,000 events qualified for and participated in ten WSMA State Solo & Ensemble Festivals held statewide.
- Over 1,250 student auditions were performed for the High School State Honors Music Project in its 55th year of existence. 429 students were selected for five ensembles with several students receiving tuition assistance from the Wisconsin Foundation for School Music to support their State Honors experience.
- Over 1,000 student auditions were performed for the Middle Level State Honors Music Project in its 27th year of existence. 313 students were selected for three ensembles with several students receiving tuition assistance from the Wisconsin Foundation for School Music to support their State Honors experience.
- Over 34 Wisconsin High School Marching Bands participated in the 37th Annual State Marching Band Championships at Perkins Stadium on the UW-Whitewater Campus.
- On the 2022–2023 WSMA Festival Music List there were more than 7,000 Solo & Ensemble and concert group titles offering a wide variety of performance options.

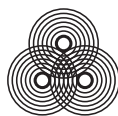
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