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# The WSMA High School State Honors Music Project

## WSMA State Honors Music Project

Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) State Honors Music Project began in 1967 to provide musically accomplished youth the opportunity to rehearse and perform with the nation's finest conductors in a professional and highly disciplined setting. This year, more than 1,250 student auditions were performed for the privilege of being one of the 429 students selected for membership in the five prestigious High School State Honors ensembles.

High School State Honors students attend an intensive four-day summer camp with the conductor of their ensemble. In addition, 33 of Wisconsin's finest music teachers volunteer time as section coaches, coordinators and administrators during the June summer camp and at these October concerts. Working together, they engaged in holistic lessons that incorporated several aspects of the programmed repertoire far beyond the musical such as history, theory, style, composition, text and culture. They connected with composers, worked with coaches and peers in daily sectionals that focused on technique and skill and rehearsed as a full ensemble in preparation for this concert.

Music teachers, parents, administrators and WSMA staff contribute time, talent and encouragement for every student involved in the State Honors Music 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.

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2023 WSMA High School State Honors  
Band and Orchestra

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# The WSMA High School State Honors

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## 2023 WSMA High School State Honors Conductors



### Band • Peter Haberman

**Peter Haberman** is a conductor and educator who serves as the director of bands and professor of music at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN where he is the conductor of The Concordia Band. He also leads the Symphonic Band, Echo Band, works with student conductors, teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in music education and coordinates the comprehensive band program. Prior to his appointment at Concordia, Haberman held similar positions as director of bands at UW-Eau Claire and Bucknell University.

As a conductor, Haberman works to share music that engages audiences and performers in deeply meaningful ways. In doing so, his career spans multiple continents, musical genres and work with educational, professional and community ensembles. Known for his collaborative approach to rehearsals and performances, he seeks many opportunities to perform with guest composers, musicians and artists. His ensembles have been selected to perform at many state,

national, international conferences and music festivals.

Haberman is a committed advocate for artful music education and continues to be a frequent guest conductor, clinician and presenter around the world. Prior to his college career, Haberman spent several years teaching at Mercer Island School District in Washington State and Maple Lake School District in Minnesota. He was honored to be the recipient of the Educator of the Year Award and Principal's Award for Outstanding Teaching at Mercer Island and Maple Lake Employee of the Year Award.

A native of Minnesota, he has earned degrees from Concordia College, University of Montana and University of Minnesota where he completed a doctorate of music arts in conducting with Craig Kirchhoff.



### Orchestra • Robert Hasty

**Robert Hasty** is the music director of the Kenosha Symphony Orchestra and the conductor of the Symphony and Chamber Orchestras at the University of Central Florida School of Performing Arts where he serves as director of orchestral activities. He is also artistic director of the International Schools Choral Music Society. For 22 years, Hasty conducted the Chamber Orchestra and the Philharmonia at the Henry and Leigh Bienen School of Music at Northwestern University where he also served as the associate director of orchestras.

Hasty began his career teaching music in the public schools in Southern California, including tenure in administration as district music coordinator where he supervised the K-12 music education program and its staff of teachers. He also served an elected term as vice president in charge of string education for the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association. A noted researcher in music cognition, Hasty authored two publications delivered

at the International Conference on Music Perception and Cognition. His research on conducting, *Critical Listening While Conducting* was published in 2005.

As a conductor, Hasty has appeared with the All-American College Orchestra at Walt Disney World, Beijing Youth Orchestra, Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra, Festival Internacional Sesc de Música Orquestra Sinfônica Acadêmica, Grant Park Symphony Orchestra, Highland Park Strings, Irvine Youth Symphony, La Primavera Orchestra, Merit Symphony Orchestra, Metropolis Youth Symphony, National High School Music Institute Orchestra, Northwestern University (NU) Symphony Orchestra, NU Opera Theater and NU Contemporary Music Ensemble. Hasty's international engagements include sold-out performances at the National Concert Hall of Taipei, Taiwan; Forbidden City Concert Hall in Beijing, China; Shanghai Oriental Arts Center Concert Hall and the Shanghai Symphony Orchestra Concert Hall in Shanghai, China; Theatro Guarany in Pelotas, Brazil; the Busan Cultural Center Main Theater in Busan, South Korea; and the Suzhou Culture and Arts Centre Grand Theatre in Suzhou, China. He is consistently sought-after as a guest conductor, conducting groups across the United States and internationally.

## Honors Concert Recordings

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## 2023 WSMA High School State Honors Conductors



### Mixed Choir • Andrew Last

**Andrew Last** is the Weston Noble endowed professor and director of choral activities at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa where he conducts the Nordic Choir, teaches conducting and serves as the artistic director for Christmas at Luther. Last is part of an exciting choral program at Luther College that includes three choral faculty, nearly 400 singers, five choral ensembles, numerous regional and national ACDA convention performances as well as regularly presenting choral and orchestra works. Prior to his appointment, Last served on the voice faculty of Concordia University in Nebraska.

Last holds a DMA in choral conducting from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he was named a Hixon-Lied Fellow. He received his master of music from Northern Arizona University and his bachelor of arts in music education and voice from Luther College.

Ensembles under Last's direction have been featured at regional and national ACDA

conventions. In 2019 Last made his Carnegie Hall conducting debut. A frequent clinician and guest conductor around the United States and abroad, Last has conducted All-State (Honors) ensembles in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Texas and South Dakota.



### Treble Choir • Julie Skadsem

**Julie Skadsem** is associate professor of choral music education and conducting at the University of Michigan where she conducts the Women's Glee Club and teaches courses in conducting, choral techniques and vocal methods. She has earned degrees in choral music education from St. Olaf College, Florida State University and the University of Missouri in Kansas City.

Before coming to Michigan in fall of 2006, Skadsem was associate professor of music education at the University of Alabama where she taught courses in choir, conducting and music education, and was the founding director of the Birmingham Children's Choir. She taught vocal music (7–12) in Ironwood, Michigan and is an active clinician, adjudicator and guest conductor. She is a member of the VoiceCare Network and is certified in Dalcroze Eurhythmics, Orff-Schulwerk and Kodály.

Skadsem has performed regionally and internationally with the University of Michigan Women's Glee Club over the past 16 years. Under her direction the Women's Glee Club has been able to complete multiple successful European tours to Vienna, Austria as a participant and featured ensemble in the International Haydn Festival as well as international tours to South Africa, Canada, Brazil and Italy. Conference performances include the fall ACDA Michigan Conference and the Central Division ACDA Conference. Her research areas include choral rehearsal pedagogy and conducting. She is often asked to present at regional and national workshops on these topics.



### Jazz Ensemble • Johannes Wallmann

**Johannes Wallmann** is the Peterson professor of jazz studies at UW-Madison as well as an active pianist and composer. Wallmann has recorded 10 critically acclaimed albums as a band leader, including "Elegy for an Undiscovered Species," named a *Best of 2021* album by DownBeat magazine and described as "delightfully mind blowing throughout" by Midwest Record. DownBeat magazine has called Wallmann "a remarkable pianist and composer [whose] evocative compositions are brimming with melodic cogency and rhythmic pull" and called his playing "confident, muscular and elegant." His latest album, "Precarious Towers," was named a "Best of Bandcamp, June 2022" album, and Milwaukee's Shepherd's Express said, "Wallmann rises to precipitous heights in his 10<sup>th</sup> album, 'Precarious Towers,' proving his ability to create a concept album, with extra-musical aspects streaming gracefully throughout."

Born in Germany and raised on Canada's Vancouver Island, Wallmann studied jazz piano and composition at Berklee College of Music in Boston and at New York University. Over 12 years in New York City and five years in Oakland, CA, he established himself as a versatile and in-demand sideman before moving to Wisconsin in 2012. Wallmann has toured throughout North America, Europe and Asia. Wallmann has recorded or performed with Brian Lynch, Ralph Alessi, Seamus Blake, Gilad Hekselman, and Kevin Mahogany, among many others. He is a Yamaha piano artist, a Shifting Paradigm recording artist, and the recipient of two Canada Council grants, an Emily Mead Baldwin Award in the Creative Arts and an H.I. Romnes Fellowship.







# 2023 WSMA High School State Honors Band

Thursday, October 26 • 4:30 p.m.  
Overture Hall at Overture Center for the Arts  
Peter Haberman • Band Conductor

## Program

### First Suite Fanfare

Erika Svanoe  
Self Published

*First Suite Fanfare* pays homage to Gustav Holst’s *First Suite in Eb for Military Band*. The fanfare utilizes and transforms material from the opening movement, specifically the *Chaconne*’s familiar melody that is heard throughout. In much the same way that Holst utilized the starting notes of his melody to unify all three movements of *First Suite in Eb*, the first four pitches of Holst’s *Chaconne* (Eb, F, C, Bb) are rhythmically altered by Svanoe in the energetic opening measures of the fanfare. Longer portions of the *Chaconne* and its inversions are also reworked as melodies, countermelodies, short motives and the central chorale by Svanoe.

### Prayers

Jack Stamp  
La Jolla Music Co.

Benedict Drefcinski, Piano

Jack Stamp reflected on the turbulent social conditions of the 1960s, with its unrest, incivility and violent death of esteemed leaders. He was saddened to observe this same incivility and social strife arising lately in the United States. He was moved by a positive need to compose a work to pray for civility and to celebrate our fellow men and women. He points out the idea that all we have on earth, in the final analysis, is each other.

### Slava!

Leonard Bernstein  
Trans. Clare Grundman / Boosey & Hawkes

When Mstislav Rostropovich (known as Slava to his friends) invited Leonard Bernstein to help him launch his inaugural concert as Music Director of the National Symphony Orchestra, he also asked him to write a rousing new opening piece for the festivities. The first theme of *Slava!* is a vaudevillian razz-ma-tazz tune filled with side-slipping modulations and sliding trombones. Theme two is a canonic tune in 7/8 time. The Russian word “*Slava!*”, meaning “*glory!*” is also incorporated at the end to pay homage to his friend Slava Rostropovich, to whom this overture is fondly dedicated.

### Moving Paths

Kelijah Dunton  
Commission

This new work by Kelijah Dunton is inspired by the great leader Nelson Mandela. Though Mandela was imprisoned and stripped of his freedoms for decades, he held no grudges when he came to power after the end of apartheid. Instead, he worked tirelessly to forgive, listen, compromise and move forward in a positive way for his people. This piece embodies that forgiveness, hope and a sense of moving forward toward a positive future of peace.

### Aurora Awakes

John Mackey  
Self Published

Bonita Weydt, Piano

Aurora, the Roman goddess of the dawn, is a mythological figure frequently associated with beauty and light. She would rise each morning and stream across the sky, heralding the coming of her brother Sol, the sun. John Mackey’s *Aurora Awakes* is a piece about the heralding of the coming of light which incorporates the spirit of Aurora and Sol. The piece moves from a place of remarkable stillness to an unbridled explosion of energy, from darkness to light and placid gray to startling rainbows of color. Mackey uses two direct quotations in the work. The first is an ostinato based on the familiar guitar introduction to U2’s *Where The Streets Have No Name*, and the second is the brilliant E-flat chord that closes the “*Chaconne*” of Gustav Holst’s *First Suite in Eb for Military Band*.

(Program notes by Peter Haberman)





# 2023 WSMA High School State Honors Orchestra

Thursday, October 26 • 4:30 p.m.  
Overture Hall at Overture Center for the Arts  
Robert Hasty • Orchestra Conductor

## Program

### Shared Space

Ivan Trevino / Self Published

*Shared Space* is a minimalist piece that is built on the concept of a tight-knit community (ensemble) and is described by the composer in this quote, “We as musicians do best when we support one another and our projects.” This is evident in this work with percussionists sharing multiple instruments and even playing on the opposite side of keyboard instruments.

### Festive Overture

Dmitri Shostakovich / Edwin F Kalmus

Dmitri Shostakovich had become known as a composer who expressed a certain melancholy, often seen as serious and introspective. During the early years of the Soviet Union, Shostakovich was free to find his artistic voice and experiment with new and modern approaches. Under the Stalin years, the arts were subtly forced into service of the state as propaganda, known as *Soviet Realism* and Shostakovich found himself to be the target of government criticism. For many years, he was forced to find an uncomfortable balance between conforming to Soviet propaganda and looking to western musical traditions to feed his creative voice. *Festive Overture* is a jovial and lighter expression of emotion that is completely contrasting to previous works. Written in about three days, Shostakovich was commissioned this work for the anniversary of the October 1917 Revolution in Russia. In this piece, one hears the freedom and delight in a composer who was finding new autonomy in post-Stalin Russia.

### Hungarian Rhapsody #2 in C# Minor

Franz Liszt / Orch. by Franz Doppler / IMSLP

Liszt wrote his *19 Hungarian Rhapsodies* which are influenced heavily by his Hungarian heritage. Due to its popularity, Liszt collaborated with the composer Franz Doppler to orchestrate this rhapsody along with five others for orchestra. As with the original piano version, the piece begins with an announcement by a solo instrument, playing a Romanian theme, and the music weaves slowly before it yields into the dancelike *Friska in G minor* with frolicking and spontaneous slowing and accelerations. This frenzy slows back down into a slower tempo, recalling the opening section, followed by a fast tempo crescendo leading to the exciting conclusion.

### NEOWISE

Roger Zare / Self Published - Rental

Roger Zare says of this composition, “*NEOWISE* portrays the journey of Comet NEOWISE through the inner solar system from our viewpoint on Earth. As the comet very gradually gains speed falling towards the sun, the music begins distantly and mysteriously with an undulating carpet of sound in the strings supporting a questioning clarinet solo. Low brass chords swell in and out of focus and gradually replace the woodwinds leading the music to grow in speed and energy. The woodwinds sing a graceful and winding melody over a blanket of delicate strings and tambourine rhythms continuing to build steam as the comet accelerates towards Earth. Rounding the sun, the comet’s coma expands and the music blossoms suddenly pulling back in speed and scope and returning to the vast openness where the music began. A solo bassoon imitates the original clarinet solo and the brass chords turn into a luminous chorale that launches the music to a high velocity once again. A more massive climax punctuated by bells and resounding brass chords sees NEOWISE traverse our skies. As the comet speeds away from us, the texture from the opening returns a final time.”

### Symphonic Metamorphosis of Themes by Carl Maria von Weber IV. Marsch

Paul Hindemith  
Rental

*Marsch* begins with a fanfare announcement by the trumpets and trombones before leading to a moody woodwind melody over a bouncy string accompaniment. Every section of the orchestra is featured in turn until a major mode melody is played in the winds. Hindemith utilizes playful whimsy as he finally brings the entire orchestra together with a cymbal crash. *Marsch* ends in celebratory fashion with evidence of Weber’s light-heartedness. When asked to compose music based on Carl Maria von Weber’s music for a ballet in 1940, Hindemith considered this an opportunity to compose music inspired by Weber’s themes, but the choreographer insisted on a stricter arrangement of the composer’s music. The original project fell through as a result, but Hindemith was inspired to continue to compose a four movement piece for orchestra that has become a mainstay of the repertoire.

(Program notes by Robert Hasty)

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## Mixed Choir

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Overture Hall at Overture Center for the Arts  
Andrew Last • Mixed Choir Conductor  
Kira Morrissey • Collaborative Pianist

### Program

**Portones Abiertos y Rostros Brillantes** *from Dos canciones*      Paul Basler / Walton Music

This collaboration by composer Paul Basler and poet/artist Gabriel Navar is one of nine movements that make up the larger work *Cantos Alegres* (Joyful Songs). As you will hear in the music, Basler is playing off of the effervescent text and descriptive imagery. Basler’s rhythmic intensity supports the text of the poem highlighting emotions of joy, appreciation and vulnerability. The piano’s separate but equal voice provides rhythmic drive, jocularity, emotional intensity and musical exclamation.

**What We Need Is Here**      James Deignan / Santa Barbara Music  
Soloist: Linus Ballard, Tenor

Deignan’s music couples memorable melodic lines and rhythmic energy with compelling texts. In *What We Need Is Here*, Wendell Berry’s poem of the same name reminds us to resist the distractions that life provides and focus on caring for our own health and simplicity. “And we pray, not for new earth or heaven, but to be quiet in heart, and in eye, clear.”

**Let Their Celestial Concerts All Unite**      George F. Handel  
*from Samson*      Ed. Patrick M. Liebergen / Alfred Archive Edition

Handel wrote numerous oratorios that are essential works of the Baroque period. This particular oratorio retells the story of the biblical character of Samson and the loss of his immense strength due to the cutting of his hair. The original story doesn’t necessarily end happily but Handel felt his telling of the story needed a more uplifting conclusion. From powerful moments of homophony to infectious moments of polyphony it is hard not to feel the rate of your heartbeat increase as you listen.

**KwaMashu**      South African Folk Song / Arr. Theodore Cookson / Hinshaw Music  
Anthony Rasmussen, Djembe

This traditional South African folk song translated simply states, “*I am going off to work in KwaMashu.*” KwaMashu is a township that is located in Zululand around the city of Durban. As is often the case, the piece begins by a leader’s voice who introduces the text and the rest of the ensemble follows with repetition or restatement of the text. We hear the march of the singers as they head to work and we see that march through the movement created by the arranger.

**Arise, Beloved**      Rosephanye Powell / Hal Leonard

A gifted composer, Powell sets this text in an exuberant setting featuring a buoyant dance and conversations between voice parts. The piano acts as an equal part and is integral in bringing the text to life by providing rhythmic drive. This familiar text is based on the Song of Solomon text that is often used at weddings as it speaks of love and passion.

**Where Riches is Everlastingly**      Bob Chilcott / Oxford University Press  
Anthony Rasmussen, Djembe; Derrick Tilus, Claves; Bethany Meyer, Shaker

Although contemporary in sound, *Where Riches is Everlastingly* is based on a 16<sup>th</sup> century text. Chilcott features a rumba-like feel while showcasing syncopated rhythms, ostinato vocal motives and a memorable chorus that returns frequently. The addition of percussion also adds another layer of texture to the piece.

**Love: Then and Still**      Susan LaBarr / Walton Music

Charles Anthony Silvestri is a living poet and lyricist that has frequently partnered with some of the most prominent choral composers of the world. His voice is creative, detailed and provides crystal clear imagery to audiences. Yet, with this collaboration with composer Susan LaBarr we are invited to share in a much more personal text. *Love: Then and Still* tells the very intimate story of Silvestri’s loss of his wife and how his family grieved and began to move forward to heal. LaBarr’s setting of his story provides singers and audiences alike to experience Silvestri’s story while reflecting on our own losses in life.

**Sweet Rivers**      Shawn Kirchner / Boosey & Hawkes

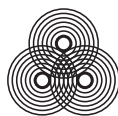
Shawn Kirchner is celebrated for his choral settings of original melodies that feel as if they have been folk songs for years and years. His writing is influenced by many of the choral legends of our time while also drawing influences from contemporary performers. Kirchner’s music is beautiful for its melodic writing but also intense because of his attention to rhythmic detail. This particular anthem borrows from an old hymn text and is set with a new melody that feels so familiar you’d swear you heard it before.

(Program notes by Andrew Last)



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## Treble Choir

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Julie Skadsem • Treble Choir Conductor  
Michelle Klotz • Collaborative Pianist

### Program

#### Faith is the Bird That Feels the Light

Elizabeth Alexander / Seafarer Press

Soloists: Francesca Willink, Alto I; Josie Petroff, Alto II

*Faith Is the Bird that Feels the Light* is a delicate and introspective choral piece that draws inspiration from the imagery of faith and nature. Through its musical journey, the piece embodies the idea that faith, like a bird embracing the first light of dawn, is a source of guidance and hope in the face of life's uncertainties.

#### Laudate Pueri Dominum Op 39 #2

Felix Mendelssohn  
Ed. Maynard Klein / G. Schirmer

*Laudate Pueri Dominum* from Psalm 113 is a radiant choral composition from Mendelssohn's Opus 39 collection. Written in 1830 specifically for SSAA choir, it vividly captures the Psalms' jubilant praise and adoration of a higher being. Mendelssohn conveys both the exultation and introspection found in the text through intricate harmonies, dynamic contrasts and a seamless weaving together of phrases.

#### I Want to Die While You Love Me

Rosephayne Powell / Gentry Publications

*I Want to Die While You Love Me* is a poignant choral work that captures the essence of love's transcendence beyond mortality. Set to the text of a poem by Georgia Douglas Johnson, the piece explores the intimate bond between two souls and the desire to pass from this world in the warmth of love's embrace. Powell's composition weaves lush harmonies and emotive melodies, creating a musical tapestry that speaks to the eternal nature of love's impact.

#### The Fire Dance of Luna

Darius Lim / Self Published

Elliott Rittenberry, Percussion

The composer says of this piece, "The work depicts the fantasy story of a world in a distant future where people inhabit the moon. The music brings out the beauty of the fiery tribal-like rhythms that seek to stir the imaginations of the singers. It depicts the imagery of the children of the moon dancing around a mountain of raging fire to celebrate the glorious land they call Luna. The children of the moon gather to call upon the power of light through a dance; a dance of beauty, fire and magic: The Fire Dance of Luna."

#### Carrickfergus

Traditional / Arr. Sean Ivory / Self Published

Levi Olson, Violin

*Carrickfergus* takes its name from a town in Northern Ireland and its lyrics from a tale of love, longing and the passage of time. The arrangement captures the wistful and nostalgic character of the song with melodic lines that rise and fall like the waves on a shoreline. Its lyrical storytelling is a poignant exploration of personal history and the bittersweet aspects of memory.

#### Vichten

Angèle Arsenault / Arr. by Hart Rouge / Hal Leonard

Soloist: Greta White, Soprano II

*Vichten* is a celebration of ethnic identity harkening back to the cultural heritage of the Acadian community of Atlantic Canada. Often mistaken for a traditional Acadian folk song, it is actually a newly written song utilizing the text of Arthur Arsenault in collaboration with his daughter, Angèle, famed Canadian folk singer. The words are made up of nonsense syllables where the voices are intended to mimic instruments. Through melodies that dance like the lively steps of traditional Acadian jigs, Rouge's arrangement conveys the vitality and spirit of the Acadian people.

#### Hope Lingers On

Lissa Schekenburger / Arr. Andrea Ramsey / Musicspoke

Andrea Ramsey's arrangement of *Hope Lingers On* speaks to the universal human experience of seeking light in times of darkness. As performers bring the arrangement to life, they contribute to the communal experience of sharing in the beauty of music and the resilience of the human spirit through movement and ensemble.

#### Music Down In My Soul

Spiritual / Arr. Moses Hogan / Hal Leonard

*Music Down In My Soul* captures the essence of a gospel praise song. Inspired by the spiritual *Over My Head*, this arrangement infuses timeless melodies with fresh harmonies and dynamic rhythms. The piece fosters a sense of unity while celebrating individual voices with call-and-response patterns, harmonious layering and gospel style piano accompaniment.

(Program notes by Julie Skadsem)



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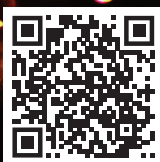
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## Jazz Ensemble

Friday, October 27 • 11:30 a.m.

Madison Ballroom at Monona Terrace Convention Center

Johannes Wallmann • Jazz Ensemble Conductor

### Program

#### Soupbone

John Clayton / Hal Leonard

**Soloists:** Esme Olstadt, String Bass; Ian Mackey, Trombone

*Soupbone* was composed by Los Angeles based bassist and composer John Clayton, co-leader of the Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra, the premiere big band of Los Angeles for three decades. *Soupbone*, composed for the orchestra's "Heart and Soul" album in 1991, exemplifies the composers' fresh take on mainstream big band composition, building on the styles of Count Basie and Thad Jones. Appropriately for a composition by a bassist, the piece, and our concert, features its first solo by the sometimes less-heralded but most indispensable instrument in the band, the bass.

#### Settle

Paul Dietrich / Self Published

**Soloists:** Oscar Vlcek, Drum Set; Jackson Range, Alto Saxophone

*Settle* is a composition by Wisconsin native and trumpeter Paul Dietrich. Dietrich studied with the late Fred Sturm, whose influence is audible in so much of today's large ensemble jazz composers, particularly those of the Midwest, a region that has developed a distinct sound shaped by both geography and culture. Dietrich explains that he composed *Settle*, an alto saxophone feature, in early 2014, "at the height of an absurdly cold winter. The piece was almost a mantra; take a breath, and settle down. I think you can sort of hear that in the overall structure of the piece. Toward the end of the saxophone solo, things get wild before suddenly snapping back into calmness in sort of a musical Stop. Breathe."

#### Vernal Suite

Christine Jensen / Whitewater Music Publ.

**Soloists:** Otto Gustafson, Trumpet; Noah Felix, Trumpet; Kyle Mealey, Trumpet; Nathan Phillips, Tenor Saxophone

Canadian saxophonist and composer Christine Jensen's *Vernal Suite* is an extended trumpet feature with multiple contrasting sections. One aspect of modern big band writing is the composers' embrace of extended and long-form composition to tell a musical story. Few use this device better than Jensen. She recorded *Vernal Suite* with her Montreal-based big band on her 2010 JUNO-award winning album "Treelines." On that album, the guest trumpet soloist was Christine Jensen's sister Ingrid. For this performance, the solo responsibilities are shared among three members of the trumpet section.

#### Black Ball Swing (Kansas City)

Marcus Shelby / Self Published

**Soloists:** Jackson Omar, Baritone Saxophone; Edward Jones III, Trumpet; Bryce Whitt, Bass Trombone; James Prete, Trumpet; Miles Wisdom Piano; and Elliot Meyer, Drum Set

San Francisco composer, bassist and bandleader Marcus Shelby's music has frequently been inspired by major events in Black American history. *Black Ball Swing (Kansas City)* is the final movement from his *Places Suite*, recorded on the 2019 album "Transitions" in which each piece is a celebration of a baseball team from the Negro Leagues that included the Kansas City Monarch's Satchel Paige. This piece explores the musical history of Kansas City, notably the Count Basie Orchestra, whose push-and-pull rhythmic approach to its blues-influenced and often riff-based compositions define the mid-century sound of the modern big band tradition. In keeping with the origins of that band, we are going to feature soloists from every section and will support those soloists with accompaniment lines composed by the students.

#### The Compass

Alan Ferber / Self Published

**Soloists:** Piper Vetting, Guitar; Andrew Wisniewski, Tenor Saxophone; Eric Allen, Trombone

Alan Ferber is a New York-based trombonist and composer whose writing highlights texture and rhythm. Recorded on his 2013 album "March Sublime," *The Compass* exemplifies the backbeat-less and conversational straight-eighth feel with hybridized jazz, rock and Latin influences that has become a staple of modern jazz. For our audience, if you enjoy hearing this music just a fraction as much as we have enjoyed learning to perform it, we know that you will have a great time.

(Program notes by Johannes Wallmann)



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- The High School State Honors Orchestra Guest Conductor - Honoring Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Arlene Wille, and all the music parents of Wisconsin, whose love and commitment resonate so beautifully in their children's music. *With thanks, by Lee Wille and Patricia Hanson*
- The Heather Broadbent High School State Honors Orchestra Concert Master Chair, Private Teacher, Mentor and Friend
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- The High School State Honors Orchestra Bb Clarinet Chair *given by Linda Petersen*
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- The High School State Honors Orchestra Trombone Chair recognizing Jamie, Kelsey and Jessie Kember, Honors Alumni
- The High School State Honors Orchestra Timpani Chair *given in honor of Andrew George by his parents, Michael and Lona*
- The Chloe Schutz High School State Honors Orchestra Percussion Chair

### Band

- The High School State Honors Band Guest Conductor - Honoring Norm Lanning and all Wisconsin music teachers who inspire our students to perform, to excel and to dream. *With thanks by Lee Wille and Patricia Hanson*
- The Benny Ehr High School State Honors Band Bb Clarinet Chair *given by Richard Fellenz*
- The Donald Greene High School State Honors Band Bb Clarinet Chair *given by Richard Fellenz*
- The Brenda Zimmerman High School State Honors Band Bb Clarinet Chair *given by Linda Becker*
- The Christopher Werner High School State Honors Band Bb Clarinet Chair *given by colleagues, friends and family*
- Linda Becker Endowment High School State Honors Band Bb Clarinet Chair *given by Todd and Camille Nicklaus*
- The High School State Honors Band Bass Clarinet Chair *given by Linda Petersen*
- The Bill Chambers High School State Honors Band Bb Trumpet Chair *given by Richard Fellenz*
- The Michael Leckrone High School State Honors Band Bb Trumpet Chair



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- The Alec Schutz High School State Honors Band Euphonium Chair
- The Donald Griebenow High School State Honors Band Tuba Chair *given by Roger and Lynn White*
- The Harvard Erdman High School State Honors Band Percussion Chair *given by Richard Fellenz*
- The Richard Wolf High School State Honors Band Percussion Chair
- The High School State Honors Band Percussion Chair, recognizing Donald Thomas D.T., Clare, Maeve and MacKenzie McDonald *given by Donald and Sylvia McDonald*
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- The Emilie Schutz High School State Honors Treble Choir Soprano Two Chair
- The William J. Dennis High School State Honors Treble Choir Alto Chair *given by Gregory J. and Diane R. Dennis*

## Mixed Choir

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- The Richard Gaarder High School State Honors Mixed Choir Tenor Chair *given by R. Scott Pierce*
- The Daniel C. and Joel A. Dennis High School State Honors Mixed Choir Tenor Chair *given by Gregory Dennis*
- The High School State Honors Mixed Choir Bass Chair *given by Linda Petersen*

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- The Aaron Hilden High School State Honors Jazz Ensemble Lead Alto Chair *given in his memory by family and friends*
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### Flute

- Kaitlyn Blank (1)  
Kewaskum High School
- Ceci Bowen (1)  
Bowen Family School
- Irelyn Brinkman (1)  
Cassville High School
- Maribel Cortez (2)  
Waukesha North High School
- Libby Dunn (4)  
Mineral Point High School
- Carli Hannes (2)  
Kettle Moraine High School, Wales
- Marisa Lehner (4)  
Sussex Hamilton High School
- Ava Mattson (1)  
Bay Port High School, Green Bay
- Penelope Schlotz (2)  
Sun Prairie East High School
- Nolan Schwartz (1)  
McFarland High School
- Courtney Tyson (1)  
Platteville High School
- Felix Van Tiem (1)  
PJ Jacobs JHS, Stevens Point
- Abby Webb (1)  
Mineral Point High School

### Oboe

- Xavier Diebold (1)  
Evansville High School
- Gabriela Mendoza (2)  
Fond du Lac High School
- Miriam Schindler (2)  
Marshfield High School
- Riley Sweet (5)  
Verona High School

### Bassoon

- Benjamin Beumler (3)  
Sheboygan South High School
- Benjamin Grota (2)  
Southern Door High School, Brussels
- Morgan Musil (3)  
Rice Lake High School
- Oskar Troicki (1)  
Fond du Lac High School

### Clarinet

- Isabella Baldo (2)  
Edgewood High School, Madison
- Everest Bengry(2)  
Mount Horeb High School
- June Berquist (1)  
Oregon High School
- Bridget Bullock (2)  
Madison Vel Phillips Memorial High School
- Lorien Dennis (4)  
Mount Horeb High School
- Elise Domroese (1)  
La Crosse Logan High School
- Jenna Farrell (2)  
Hortonville High School
- Sylvia Fries (2)  
Waupaca High School
- Savanah Giebel (1)  
Elkhorn High School
- Quintin Hammi (2)  
Verona High School
- Jordan Haney (3)  
Oconomowoc High School
- Julia Ibrahim (2)  
Oregon High School
- Kaylan Lenhardt (3)  
Freedom High School

- Tessa Olderman (3)  
Hartland Arrowhead High School
- Brian Richter (1)  
Platteville High School
- Cassiopeia Swissdorf (2)  
Sun Prairie East High School
- Santi Alberto Toribio (1)  
La Crosse Central High School
- Jian Wang (1)  
Madison Vel Phillips Memorial High School

### Alto Clarinet

- Celia Nichols (1)  
Middleton High School

### Bass Clarinet

- Chloe Breunig (1)  
Oostburg High School
- Owen Hargreaves (1)  
Hartland Arrowhead High School
- Zach Kabara (3)  
Sussex Hamilton High School
- Hope Ward (2)  
West De Pere High School

### Contrabass Clarinet

- Jacqueline Lencar (2)  
Middleton High School

### Alto Saxophone

- Lira Azzopardi (1)  
Oregon High School
- Micah Crabb (1)  
Appleton East High School
- Ryan Slattery (1)  
Middleton High School
- Meghan Trader (1)  
Fennimore High School



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## Band Members

### Tenor Saxophone

- Eliska Kotz (1)  
Rice Lake High School
- Landen Lee (1)  
Ellsworth High School

### Baritone Saxophone

- Malachi Wendt (1)  
Parkview High School,  
Orfordville

### Trumpet

- Dallen Arendt (1)  
Kenosha Tremper  
High School
- Hailey Baumann (1)  
Edgerton High School
- Aditya Bhattacharya (4)  
New Glarus High School
- Zach Burgess (1)  
Franklin High School
- Amelia Geib (2)  
New Glarus High School
- Gabriel Gilles (2)  
River Falls High School
- Sarah Gorman (1)  
Edgewood High School,  
Madison
- Benjamin Jaeckel (4)  
River Falls High School
- Collin Jalowitz (2)  
River Falls High School
- Alex Klute (1)  
Marshfield High School
- Evan Kuehne (1)  
Immanuel Lutheran  
High School, Eau Claire
- Emma Pawlak (2)  
Germantown High School
- Henry Piczkowski (1)  
Pulaski High School
- James Quiney (1)  
Hudson High School

### Horn

- Kyra Dahl (2)  
Glenwood City High School

- William Iriarte (1)  
Wausau East High School
- Jackson Nechuta (1)  
Mosinee High School
- Ben Pralat (3)  
Middleton High School
- Meera Rao (3)  
Brookfield Central  
High School
- Trista Schepp (5)  
West De Pere High School
- Ryley Wolfe (1)  
Watertown High School
- Alice Yang (1)  
Middleton High School

### Trombone

- Cody Chen (1)  
Menomonie High School
- Nicholas Crane (1)  
Indian Trail High School,  
Kenosha
- Gavin Denning (3)  
DeForest High School
- David Eatherton (1)  
Sheboygan Lutheran  
High School
- Ava Hurst (2)  
Kimberly High School
- Sage Kirkpatrick (1)  
Verona High School
- Thomas Van Prooyen (1)  
Christian Life High School,  
Kenosha
- Leah Weisinger (1)  
Kenosha Tremper  
High School

### Bass Trombone

- Erich Haefer (1)  
Franklin High School

### Euphonium

- Jake Bertram (1)  
Fond du Lac High School
- Rebecca Susmilch (2)  
Kenosha Tremper  
High School

- Ryan Symons (1)  
Pulaski High School
- Ben Weaver (2)  
Hudson High School

### Tuba

- Erin Downing (1)  
Grantsburg High School
- Nola Gilmore (1)  
Mount Horeb High School
- Miles Gleason (6)  
Sun Prairie East  
High School
- Logan Kostelac (2)  
Sun Prairie West  
High School
- Grayson Lutz (2)  
Baraboo High School
- Carter Ollmann (1)  
Pulaski High School

### String Bass

- Sommer Knoener (1)  
Kaukauna High School
- Evan Roeser (1)  
De Pere High School

### Percussion

- Benedict Drefcinski (1)  
Platteville High School
- Beatrice Ehrlich (2)  
Saint Francis Xavier  
High School, Appleton
- Jaden Gaskell (1)  
Fond du Lac High School
- Elliot Lesperance (1)  
Oregon High School
- Nicolas Rohou (1)  
Platteville High School
- Rachel Shatzer (1)  
Kenosha Bradford  
High School
- Djanko Shuler-Masci (1)  
Rice Lake High School
- Dylan Sias (1)  
Hudson High School



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### Violin I

- Zaara Bonilla (4)  
University School of  
Milwaukee High School
- Amelia Campbell (1)  
Madison West High School
- Sophia Campos (3)  
Divine Savior Holy Angels  
High School, Milwaukee
- Alexander Chen (3)  
University School of  
Milwaukee High School
- Vincent Chou (6)  
Waunakee High School
- Ben Christiaansen (3)  
Kettle Moraine High School,  
Wales
- Matias Dahl (2)  
Onalaska High School
- Anna Gruett (4)  
Middleton High School
- Elizabeth Jeon\* (6)  
Appleton North High School
- Caroline Jia (6)  
Appleton North High School
- Benyamin Kim (2)  
Homestead High School,  
Mequon
- Anoushka Kuckreja (1)  
Middleton High School
- Abbey Michalak (1)  
Fort Atkinson High School
- Olivia Nagel (1)  
Saint Mary Catholic  
High School, Neenah
- Yessica Rodriguez (3)  
Divine Savior Holy Angels  
High School, Milwaukee
- Talia Roselaar (4)  
Appleton North High School
- Gwenyth Severson (4)  
Sun Prairie West High School
- Nishanth Suthan (4)  
Menomonee Falls High School

\* Denotes Concert Master

- Krish Vasudev (3)  
University School of  
Milwaukee High School
- Ethan Vigil (3)  
Christian Life High School,  
Kenosha

### Violin II

- Brynn D’Amelio-Will (2)  
Oregon High School
- Mykenzy Edwards (1)  
Wausau West High School
- Abigail Ellis (1)  
Chippewa Falls High School
- Lilijana Hernandez Dingel (2)  
Whitnall High School
- Madison Jaeger (1)  
Indian Trail High School,  
Kenosha
- Dana Keesler (5)  
Saint Francis Xavier  
High School, Appleton
- Halle Keesler (5)  
Saint Francis Xavier  
High School, Appleton
- Hope Lawton (5)  
Neenah High School
- Aleeya Leach (1)  
Lincoln High School,  
Wisconsin Rapids
- Adrienne Lee (2)  
Lee Family School
- Mariana Lopez Carro (1)  
Milwaukee Reagan  
High School
- Moriah Maule (3)  
Maule Family School
- Lydia Miller (1)  
Eau Claire Memorial  
High School
- Merritt Moreno (1)  
Madison West High School
- Anna Namur (1)  
Fond du Lac High School
- Grace Phelps (1)  
DC Everest High School,  
Weston
- Audrey Surdyk (1)  
Monona Grove High School

- Sadie Thompson (2)  
Madison East High School
- Sungmin You (2)  
Brillion High School
- Tim Zhao (4)  
Neenah High School

### Viola

- Giulia Arena (4)  
Whitefish Bay High School
- Pamela Barquet (4)  
Saint Francis Xavier  
High School, Appleton
- Boyd Czaikowski (1)  
Point of Discovery School,  
Stevens Point
- Rhea Dalvie (3)  
Middleton High School
- Gregory Farmer (1)  
West Bend High School
- Claire Fifarek (1)  
Wauwatosa East High School
- Lucy Fradkin-Annen (5)  
Oregon High School
- Audra Jenike (1)  
Appleton North High School
- Isabella Jeon (6)  
Appleton North High School
- Payton Kasel (3)  
Kaukauna High School
- Koreanna Klausen (1)  
Fond du Lac High School
- Violet Lucier (1)  
Shorewood High School
- Samantha Renkas (1)  
Renkas Family School
- Bella Shea (2)  
Kenosha Tremper  
High School
- Levi Stein (1)  
Homestead High School,  
Mequon
- Elizabeth Whittier (1)  
Kenosha Tremper  
High School
- Ellen Zhang (5)  
Green Bay Southwest  
High School





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### Cello

Nicolas Arena (4)  
Whitefish Bay High School

Auguste Caton (4)  
Shorewood High School

Luke Field (2)  
Brookfield Central  
High School

Elena Hartzell (1)  
Madison Country Day  
High School

Claire Holland (1)  
Fox Valley Lutheran  
High School, Appleton

Benjamin Hsieh (2)  
Onalaska High School

Carolina Islas (4)  
Divine Savior Holy Angels  
High School, Milwaukee

Ava Larsen (1)  
Larsen Family School

Adan Martinez (5)  
Appleton West High School

Ireland McQuillan (1)  
Chippewa Falls High School

Benjamin Nowacek (1)  
Wauwatosa West High School

Keaton Purney (2)  
La Crosse Central High School

Logan Robinson (2)  
Christian Life High School,  
Kenosha

Collin Runnoe (5)  
Whitefish Bay High School

Ella Smullen (1)  
Whitefish Bay High School

Lukas Vater (2)  
Nicolet Unified High School,  
Glendale

### String Bass

Travis Burns (3)  
Wauwatosa West High School

Kaden Goff (1)  
DC Everest High School,  
Weston

Emma Huggenvik (2)  
Wausau West High School

Henry Jamison (5)  
Whitefish Bay High School

Michael Marzu (3)  
Wausau West High School

Lilly Otto (1)  
Platteville High School

Luke Rudie (2)  
McFarland High School

Ian Saylor (1)  
Lake Mills High School

### Flute

Cora Carriere (3)  
Gibraltar High School,  
Fish Creek

Addison Kelnhofer (4)  
Indian Trail High School,  
Kenosha

Macie Ness (3)  
Appleton West High School

Asha Sundaram (4)  
Sun Prairie West High School

### Oboe

Tyler Cullen (2)  
Madison West High School

Lydia Morency (3)  
Germantown High School

Hailey Olson (1)  
Holmen High School

Caroline Sax (3)  
Middleton High School

### Bassoon

Mia Burchette (4)  
McFarland High School

Joey Claas (4)  
Sun Prairie East High School

Katrina Feltz (3)  
Middleton High School

Magdalena Loesch (2)  
Sun Prairie East High School

### Clarinet

Benjamin Brinks (4)  
Hudson High School

Megan Frohne (5)  
Waterford High School

Simion Ringel (3)  
Wisconsin Dells High School

Kaelyn Tape (5)  
River Falls High School

### Trumpet

Connor Barnett (3)  
Baldwin-Woodville  
High School

Adria Kissinger (1)  
River Falls High School

Callie Siamof (2)  
Appleton West High School

Ada Tuszyński (2)  
Westby High School

### Horn

Grace Last (3)  
West Bend High School

Emma Manion (2)  
Kettle Moraine High School,  
Wales

Ean Meloch (2)  
Madison Vel Phillips Memorial  
High School

Brandon Mortimore (1)  
Verona High School

Piper Nelson (3)  
Unity High School

Renee Sandoval (2)  
New Berlin West High School

Eric Swartz (3)  
Madison Vel Phillips Memorial  
High School

James Webb (2)  
Mineral Point High School

### Trombone

Austin Kempen (1)  
Hartland Arrowhead  
High School

Caleb Maes (4)  
River Valley High School,  
Spring Green

Henry Miller (3)  
Eau Claire Memorial  
High School

Chloe Stenman (1)  
McFarland High School

### Tuba

Elliott Webb (4)  
Mineral Point High School

### Percussion

Kyle Barnes (1)  
Fond du Lac High School

Graham Close (1)  
Hudson High School

Benjamin Devine (3)  
West De Pere High School

Kaelyn Rakowski (1)  
Oconto Falls High School

Nico Strichtartz (1)  
Indian Trail High School,  
Kenosha





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## Mixed Choir Members

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### Soprano

Evelyn Ashbach (3)  
River Falls High School

Lily Balge (3)  
Waterford High School

Ava Balistreri (1)  
Muskego High School

Addison Brey (2)  
River Valley High School,  
Spring Green

Katherine Cummings (2)  
De Pere High School

Brenna Frank (3)  
River Falls High School

Oakley Gollup (2)  
Deerfield High School

Kelie Gonzalez-Rosado (2)  
Elk Mound High School

Ava Goodnature (1)  
Mukwonago High School

Madison Gronski (2)  
Cameron High School

Grace Gullickson (2)  
Edgewood High School,  
Madison

Emily Hanekamp (4)  
Janesville Craig High School

Alexandra Henes (2)  
Verona High School

Tory Jax (2)  
Baraboo High School

Rayna Jellish (2)  
Mukwonago High School

Hailey Johnson (3)  
Hudson High School

Mirannnda Kepplinger (4)  
Kettle Moraine High School,  
Wales

Haven Lane (2)  
Janesville Parker High School

Alexandra Lehman (4)  
Saint Croix Falls High School

Bailey Oleson (1)  
Ellsworth High School

Mya Petersen (2)  
Ellsworth High School

Norah Petersen (1)  
West Bend High School

Gigi Royko Maurer (3)  
River Valley High School,  
Spring Green

Levi Ruona (2)  
Cedar Grove-Belgium  
High School

Adalie Smith (3)  
River Falls High School

Alexis Walenter (1)  
Indian Trail High School,  
Kenosha

### Alto

Adele Bartlein (1)  
Mukwonago High School

Paige Blount (1)  
Marathon High School

Fynley Bouck (1)  
Kohler High School

Mackay Campbell (1)  
Green Bay Preble High School

Tess Christiansen (1)  
Bay Port High School,  
Green Bay

Jacqueline Cummings (1)  
De Pere High School

Eleanor Dobson (1)  
Brookfield East High School

Eve Dukat (1)  
Muskego High School

Shay Feiter (3)  
West Bend High School

Betsy Foster (3)  
Ellsworth High School

Jazmine Gauger (3)  
River Valley High School,  
Spring Green

Isabella Gerlach (1)  
Onalaska High School

Lily Gibney (2)  
Janesville Parker High School

Emmalee Keisler (1)  
Ashwaubenon High School

Emily Lange (2)  
Appleton North High School

Danielle Longden (2)  
Kettle Moraine High School,  
Wales

Natalie Miles (5)  
Kettle Moraine High School,  
Wales

Sierra Oldberg (1)  
New Richmond High School

Sarah Otte (3)  
Oostburg High School

Maleah Petersen (2)  
Ellsworth High School

Ava Prissel (2)  
Hudson High School

Jenna Schabow (2)  
Wisconsin Lutheran  
High School, Milwaukee

Sophia Utrie (4)  
Denmark High School

Hailee Wade (3)  
Chequamegon High School,  
Park Falls



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## Mixed Choir Members

Cora Wilson (1)  
Hartford High School

Katelyn Wilson (1)  
Indian Trail High School,  
Kenosha

### Tenor

Gavin Almlie (3)  
Osceola High School

Linus Ballard (2)  
Middleton High School

Will Boerger (1)  
Mukwonago High School

Jack Brady (1)  
Verona High School

Kaden Brown (4)  
Pulaski High School

Jameson Cary (1)  
Edgewood High School,  
Madison

Harper Dumond (2)  
St Croix Central High School,  
Hammond

Griffin Eldridge (2)  
Janesville Parker High School

Isaiah Harris (2)  
Wisconsin Lutheran  
High School, Milwaukee

Sawyer Henry (2)  
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser  
High School

Ryan Kane (3)  
River Valley High School,  
Spring Green

Cooper Langer (1)  
Prescott High School

Zach Lueck (2)  
Horace Mann High School,  
North Fond du Lac

Everix Machan (2)  
Waterford High School

Abraham Maurer (2)  
Horace Mann High School,  
North Fond du Lac

Ethan Nigbor (1)  
Baldwin-Woodville  
High School

Jace Olson (1)  
Hudson High School

Daniel Rongner (1)  
Spooner High School

Evan Sercombe (5)  
McFarland High School

Evan Stearns (1)  
Beaver Dam High School

Kamryn Swattler (1)  
De Pere High School

Daniel Walter (1)  
Kohler High School

Bodhi White (2)  
Eau Claire North High School

Logan Williams (3)  
Port Washington High School

Samuel Willis (1)  
Ashwaubenon High School

Wyatt Wolf (2)  
New Richmond High School

### Bass

Attreya Attili (2)  
Sussex Hamilton High School

Jase Beekhuizen (1)  
Sheboygan Falls High School

Josiah Bonack (1)  
Waterford High School

Dylan Conrad (4)  
River Falls High School,  
Spring Green

Aren Dominic Damayo (2)  
Ashwaubenon High School

Sean Dietrich (1)  
Fond du Lac High School

Gavin Hall (6)  
Menomonie High School

Max Halle (5)  
Plymouth High School

Josh Hawley (2)  
Oshkosh North High School

Charles Hilario (4)  
Saint Croix Falls High School

Jackson Hoerth (1)  
Oshkosh North High School

Benjamin Johnson (3)  
Indian Trail High School,  
Kenosha

Owen Kozlik (1)  
Mukwonago High School

Lander Levers (2)  
Ellsworth High School

Ben Lindsley (1)  
Denmark High School

Merrick Mann (1)  
Sevastopol High School

William Markert (1)  
Prescott High School

Jason Martin (1)  
Amherst High School

Austin O'Connor (1)  
Mukwonago High School

Isaac Olson (1)  
Lakeland High School,  
Minocqua

Gavin Rose (2)  
Saint Mary's Springs  
High School, Fond du Lac

Jacob Schmaling (1)  
Janesville Parker High School

Arie Snow (2)  
River Valley High School,  
Spring Green

Logan Stager (1)  
Rice Lake High School

Nikolas Swiggum (1)  
Dodgeville High School

Arlo White (1)  
Onalaska High School



## 2023 WSMA High School State Honors Treble Choir Members

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### Soprano 1

Anna Adams (2)  
Oshkosh North High School

Grace Barnet (1)  
Marathon High School

Lily Burmood (2)  
New Richmond High School

Gayle Cederberg (1)  
Siren High School

Ada Ernst (2)  
Lakeland High School, Minocqua

Mary Gallenberg (1)  
Winneconne High School

Naomi Harder (4)  
Sheboygan South High School

Grace Hyde (1)  
Shoreland Lutheran High School, Kenosha

Zoey Kusilek (3)  
Baldwin-Woodville High School

Juliene McDonald (1)  
Onalaska High School

Aria Mealey (1)  
New Richmond High School

Isabel Nesseim (2)  
Reedsburg High School

Aubrey Norred (2)  
Kaukauna High School

Samantha Rhoades (1)  
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School

Sasha Rudnytsky (1)  
Lodi High School

Anika Schaller (2)  
Mount Horeb High School

Eva Schroeder (3)  
Janesville Parker High School

Emma Soderberg (1)  
Baldwin-Woodville High School

Hailey Stariha (1)  
Spooner High School

Lia Wochenske (2)  
Oregon High School

Haylie Wollack (1)  
McFarland High School

### Soprano 2

Anya Brenholt (3)  
Chequamegon High School, Park Falls

Calais Chmielewski (3)  
Beloit Turner High School

Elliott Cook (2)  
Prescott High School

Ava Doperalski (1)  
Luxemburg-Casco High School

Elizabeth Dornfeld (4)  
Pulaski High School

Allison Dzioba (3)  
Hudson High School

Abygaël Edseth (1)  
Mount Horeb High School

Lily Fellenz (3)  
Oregon High School

Kaylee Furnish (1)  
Muskego High School

Aurora Gordon (1)  
Wild Rose High School

Ava Greenberg (1)  
Middleton High School

Lily Grochowski (3)  
Mukwonago High School

Keira Heffernan (1)  
De Pere High School

Aimika Ketilson (1)  
Verona High School

Kaylynn Koester (1)  
Osceola High School

Elena Lohr-Kougl (1)  
West Bend High School

Elleandra Maloney (1)  
River Falls High School

Jenna Mollenhauer (1)  
Oshkosh West High School

Kylie Petermeier (1)  
Hudson High School

Lane Sherrod (1)  
Beloit Turner High School

Greta White (3)  
Grantsburg High School







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### Treble Choir Members

#### Alto 1

Chloe Bauer (3)  
West Bend High School

Penny Black (1)  
Platteville High School

Amelia Blasing (2)  
New Richmond High School

Ellie Bower (1)  
Hudson High School

Samantha Cayton (1)  
Madison Vel Phillips Memorial High School

Sophia Dyer (1)  
Oregon High School

Ellie Engerson (1)  
Southern Door High School, Brussels

Haley Hubert (1)  
West Bend High School

Lydia Johnson (1)  
River Valley High School, Spring Green

Avery Kannel (3)  
River Falls High School

Kelsey Kurtenbach (3)  
Reedsburg High School

Ava Larson (1)  
Deerfield High School

Kathryn Macklin (1)  
Appleton North High School

Greta Malvig (1)  
New Richmond High School

Shelby Meyer (2)  
Clear Lake High School

Anastasia Mujwid (1)  
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School

Julia Oduor (1)  
Cumberland High School

A'lani Ross (1)  
Whitewater High School

Meredith Stoa (1)  
Green Bay Preble High School

Anna Tranel (1)  
Mount Horeb High School

Francesca Willink (2)  
Baldwin-Woodville High School

#### Alto 2

Maryann Alrand (1)  
Southern Door High School, Brussels

Isabella Bryson (2)  
Bay Port High School, Green Bay

Emily Collins (3)  
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School

Maya DeMuynck (1)  
Appleton North High School

Thabele Dube (1)  
Saint Francis Xavier High School, Appleton

Clodagh Egan (1)  
River Falls High School

Megan Grindle (1)  
Waunakee High School

Genevieve Kerr (2)  
River Falls High School

Tirza Leszczynski (1)  
Mount Horeb High School

Anahlicia Lewis-Gellings (1)  
Fond du Lac High School

Lilianna Liegl (1)  
Waupaca High School

Elizabeth Osorio (1)  
Appleton North High School

Grace Peebles (2)  
Westfield High School

Josie Petroff (3)  
Waunakee High School

Hannah Schroeder (1)  
Bay Port High School, Green Bay

Gari Sellers (1)  
Janesville Parker High School

Sophia Simonson (2)  
Waukesha West High School

Sarah Swenson (3)  
Platteville High School

Addison Thorpe (2)  
Fond du Lac High School

Lauren Tloutgan (3)  
River Falls High School

Jade Yustus (2)  
Hartford High School



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## Jazz Ensemble Members

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### Alto Saxophone

- Jackson Range (1)  
River Falls High School
- Andrew Scott (1)  
Stoughton High School

### Tenor Saxophone

- Nathan Phillips (3)  
Eau Claire Memorial High School
- Andrew Wisniewski (1)  
Hortonville High School

### Baritone Sax

- Jackson Omar (2)  
Bloomer High School

### Trumpet

- Noah Felix (1)  
Eau Claire Memorial High School
- Otto Gustafson (2)  
New Richmond High School
- Edward Jones III (2)  
Indian Trail High School, Kenosha
- Kyle Mealey (4)  
New Richmond High School
- James Prete (3)  
Platteville High School

### Trombone

- Eric Allen (2)  
Denmark High School
- Ian Mackey (1)  
De Pere High School
- Cory Stordahl (1)  
Eau Claire Memorial High School

### Bass Trombone

- Bryce Whitt (1)  
Hortonville High School

### Piano

- Miles Wisdom (1)  
Beloit Memorial High School

### Electric/Acoustic Bass

- Esme Olstadt (1)  
Eau Claire Memorial High School

### Drum Set/Vibraphone/Auxiliary Percussion

- Elliot Meyer (3)  
Kaukauna High School
- Oscar Vlcek (1)  
Eau Claire Memorial High School

### Guitar

- Piper Vetting (4)  
Sheboygan Falls High School

## A Reminder to Our Concert Audience

Photography, as well as audio and video recording, is strictly prohibited during all Honors concerts. Please remember to turn off all mobile devices. For the enjoyment of all audience members, the performers who have worked so hard and the state-of-the-art digital recording, please observe silence during the performances. Kindly remove any restless children so they are not heard on the recording. You are welcome to take pictures in the lobby immediately following the performance. Your assistance and consideration will help ensure a proper concert atmosphere for all Honors performers and audience members.

*Thank you*



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Final Application Deadline:  
Friday, Dec. 8, 2023

**Auditions:**

Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024  
Appleton, Eau Claire,  
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Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024  
La Crosse, Milwaukee, Stevens Point

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Saturday, April 6, 2024  
Appleton, Sun Prairie

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## Music Teachers

WSMA congratulates and thanks each of the following teachers of the 2023 State Honors students for encouragement and commitment to all students and for supporting the WSMA High School State Honors Music Project:

Eric Anderson Verona High School	Kathryn Brown Pulaski High School
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Amanda Arnold Baldwin-Woodville High School	D Thomas Busch Pulaski High School
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Callie Barbeau Brookfield Central High School	Teresa Catania Kettle Moraine High School, Wales
Chris Barnes Fond du Lac High School	John Choi Indian Trail High School, Kenosha
Adam Bassak Baldwin-Woodville High School	Kevin Cooley Platteville High School
Alex Bates Unity High School, Balsam Lake	Anne Marie Cummings De Pere High School
Thomas Battersby Waukesha North High School	Kory Dahlen Westby High School
VurChelle Baumann Amherst High School	Eric Dasher Eau Claire Memorial High School
Brandon Bautz DeForest High School	Carl Davick Monona Grove High School
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Jon Bell Germantown High School	Amy Doefer New Glarus High School
Savannah Bettin Dodgeville High School	Kari Doepke Brookfield East High School
Austin Bolden Fond du Lac High School	Amber Dolphin Madison Country Day High School, Waunakee
Andrea Bowen Bowen Family School	Dominic Domeyer Eau Claire Memorial High School
Tess Breit West Bend High School	Mark Donner Chequamegon High School, Park Falls
Helen Breitenbach Kenosha Tremper High School	Kellen Dorner Mount Horeb High School
Douglas Brown Middleton High School	Bridget Duffy-Ulrich Oshkosh North High School





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## Music Teachers

Aisha Durst  
Fennimore High School

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Karen Frink  
Shorewood High School

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Arthur Gajewski  
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Craig Gall  
Kimberly High School

Nathan Gardner  
Indian Trail High School, Kenosha

Dennis Gephart  
Port Washington High School

Dan Gilanyi  
West De Pere High School

Douglas Gile  
Cassville High School

Jason Gillette  
Oconomowoc High School

Andrea Grasenick  
Shoreland Lutheran High School, Kenosha

Paul Gregg  
McFarland High School

Shawn Gudmunsen  
Saint Croix Falls High School

Joel Gullerud  
Immanuel Lutheran High School, Eau Claire

Lynn Gunnell  
Baraboo High School

Andrew Hacker  
Menomonee Falls High School

Rebecca Hale  
Madison East High School

Geri Hamilton  
Madison West High School

Cortney Hammer  
Janesville Craig High School

Joseph Hartson  
McFarland High School

Michael Hayden  
Wauwatosa East High School

Elizabeth Heiks  
Waunakee High School

Wade Heinen  
Sheboygan South High School

Kari Heisler  
Hudson High School

Brianna Hepfler  
Waupaca High School

Leanna Hershey  
McFarland High School

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Brillion High School

Jamin Hoffman  
Nicolet High School, Glendale

Janet Holdt  
Cumberland High School

Shelley Hooper  
Kettle Moraine High School, Wales

Kirsten Hornby  
Wausau West High School

Tyler Hull  
Wauwatosa West High School

Joseph Hyland  
Waukesha West High School

Bryan Jaeckel  
River Falls High School

Allison Jaeger  
Oregon High School

Benjamin Jaeger  
Madison Vel Phillips Memorial High School

Griffin James  
Baraboo High School



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## Music Teachers

Michelle Jensen Holmen High School	Matt Lamb Glenwood City High School
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Steven Johnson University School of Milwaukee High School	Trent Larson Sevastopol High School
Daniel Joosten Edgerton High School	Amanda Leahy Evansville High School
Lucas Jordan Denmark High School	Linda Lebakken Onalaska High School
Michelle Kaebisch Oregon High School	Ingrid Lee Lee Family School
Brittany Kamrath Prescott High School	Mark Lefebber Beaver Dam High School
Jacob Karkula Menomonie High School	John Leja Hortonville High School
Craig Kellenberger Appleton North High School	Greta Linton Spooner High School
Laura Kenney Saint Francis Xavier High School, Appleton	Catherine Lofy Eau Claire North High School
Greg Kiehl Sheboygan Area Lutheran High School	Carrie Loney River Falls High School
Jacob Klingbeil La Crosse Central High School	Anna Lussier Waupaca High School
Matthew Knutson Janesville Parker High School	Rodger Luttio Waterford High School
Hannah Koechel Sheboygan South High School	Derek Machan Waterford High School
Karen Kornmann Ellsworth High School	Kathryn MacRae Lodi High School
Christopher Kraly Green Bay Southwest High School	Seth Mahoney Point of Discovery School, Stevens Point
Jeremy Kriedeman Indian Trail High School, Kenosha	Molly Malone Chippewa Falls High School
Terry Krueger Edgewood High School, Madison	Evan Marlowe De Pere High School
Todd Kruger Wild Rose High School	Ginger Marten Lincoln High School, Wisconsin Rapids
Steve Kurr Middleton High School	Jacob Martin Kaukauna High School
Reid LaDew Watertown High School	Seth Matuszak West Bend High School
Margaret Lafleur Appleton East High School	Angela Maule Maule Family School
Mark Lakmann La Crosse Logan High School	Zach Mayer La Crosse Central High School



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### Music Teachers

Abigail Mazza  
Oostburg High School

Ryan McCarthy  
Hudson High School

Matt McVeigh  
Sun Prairie West High School

Kimberly Meader  
Green Bay Preble High School

Jodi Mealey  
New Richmond High School

Matt Mealey  
New Richmond High School

Margaret Meder  
Luxemburg-Casco High School

Joseph Mesner  
Sun Prairie East High School

Bethany Meyer  
Oshkosh West High School

Genevieve Michels  
Muskego High School

Joshua Michlig  
Kewaskum High School

Jerad Miller  
Saint Mary Catholic High School, Neenah

Richard Moses  
Onalaska High School

Karl Mueller  
Kenosha Bradford High School

Corey Murphy  
West Bend High School

Andrew Neidner  
Marshfield High School

Kathryn Nesemann  
Kaukauna High School

James Neujahr  
Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton

Melanie Neumann  
St Croix Central High School, Hammond

Matt Nevers  
Mineral Point High School

Michelle Nuetzmann  
Deerfield High School

Cally O'Leary  
Marathon High School

Joy Paffenroth  
Kaukauna High School

Jaimie Palbicki  
Hudson High School

Andrea Pannier  
Saint Mary Springs High School, Fond du Lac

Casey Parker  
Appleton West High School

Aimee Pashby  
Rice Lake High School

Ben Petersen  
McFarland High School

Jonathan Petersen  
Whitefish Bay High School

Beth Peterson  
Grantsburg High School

Molly Petroff  
Waunakee High School

Kristen Pfluger  
Ashwaubenon High School

Soma Pierce-Smit  
Eau Claire Memorial High School

Jamie Pitt  
Middleton High School

Sarah Plamann  
Sussex Hamilton High School

Sarah Plum  
River Falls High School

Jacob Polancich  
Hartland Arrowhead High School

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Marie Putman  
Appleton North High School

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Middleton High School

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Tyler Schuster  
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Lauren Seidl  
Oconto Falls High School

Tami Sellner  
Lakeland High School, Minocqua

Kyle Siegrist  
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Grant Singer  
Menomonie High School

Amanda Smith  
Plymouth High School

Philip Smyth  
Neenah High School

Matt Snow  
River Valley High School, Spring Green

Kristen Sporakowski  
Reedsburg Area High School

Eva Stokes  
Kohler High School

Owen Strizic  
Platteville High School

Heather Thorpe  
Verona High School

Matthew Tiller  
Bloomer High School

Derrick Tilus  
Elk Mound High School

Karen Tordera  
Whitewater High School

Michael Travia  
Oostburg High School

Madelaine Trewin  
Westfield High School

PJ Uhazie  
Mukwonago High School

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Whitnall High School

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Franklin High School

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Jon Waite  
Sussex Hamilton High School

Kristen Wallace  
Clear Lake High School

Kieran Wallace  
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Matthew Wanner  
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Shelly Weber  
Kettle Moraine High School, Wales

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Bonita Weydt  
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Tami Witter  
Bay Port High School, Green Bay

Marissa Woletz  
Siren High School

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Elkhorn High School

Jennifer Yancey  
Oregon High School

Allison Zeitler  
Fond du Lac High School







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## Music Project

### Honors Chairpersons

The following individuals have donated many years of extraordinary leadership and volunteer service to the WSMA State Honors Music Project as section coaches, coordinators and chairs. 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.

Doug Arendt+	Karen Johnson*
Robert Bauer*	Donald Ladd*
Linda Becker*	Mark Meddaugh*
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Will Janssen*	Kristina Stingle*
Wayne Jipson*	Brad Thew+
	Gary Wolfman*

\* Denotes High School Honors  
+ Denotes Middle Level Honors

### Important Dates

#### 2024 WSMA High School State Honors Music Project

##### November 1, 2023

Online audition registration opens for the 2024 WSMA High School State Honors Music Project.  
Register online at [wsmamusic.org](http://wsmamusic.org)

##### December 8, 2023

Last day to register to audition for the 2024 WSMA High School State Honors Music Project.

##### February 3, 2024

Auditions in: • Appleton • Eau Claire  
• Middleton • Sussex

##### February 10, 2024

Auditions in: • La Crosse • Milwaukee • Stevens Point

##### June 15–18, 2024

Orchestra, Treble Choir and Jazz Ensemble High School State Honors Summer Camps at UW-Green Bay

##### June 19–22, 2024

Band and Mixed Choir High School State Honors Summer Camps at UW-Green Bay

##### October 23–26, 2024

Wisconsin State Music Conference and WSMA High School State Honors Music Project Concerts in Madison

### 2024 WSMA High School State Honors Conductors

#### Orchestra

**Steve Amundson**, St Olaf College (emeritus)  
Northfield, MN

#### Band

**Andrea Brown**, University of Maryland  
College Park, MD

#### Treble Choir

**Mary Hopper**, Wheaton College (emerita)  
Wheaton, IL

#### Mixed Choir

**Daniel Bara**, University of Georgia  
Athens, GA

#### Jazz Ensemble

**Patricia Darling**, Lawrence University  
Appleton, WI

### 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 Festivals 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 55<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 37<sup>th</sup> 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.



# 2023 WSMA High School State Honors

## Honors Staff

### Administrative Staff

- Sarah Hafenstein**, Honors Chair  
Watertown High School
- Carolyn Loney**, Honors Chair-Elect  
River Falls High School
- Tim Kozlovsky**, Operations Director  
GRACE Christian Academy, Pulaski
- Tim Wurgler**, High School Honors Project Coordinator  
WSMA Program Manager
- Matt Brooks**, High School Honors Project Manager  
WSMA Program Manager

### Band Staff

- Cathe Kuehn**, Coordinator and Upper Brass Coach  
Kettle Moraine Middle School, Dousman
- Kendra Junk**, Flute/Oboe Coach  
Medford Middle School
- Angela Hawbaker**, Clarinet Coach  
Edgerton Middle School
- Scott Hensiak**, Low Woodwinds Coach  
Eau Claire North High School
- Daniel Joosten**, Lower Brass Coach  
Edgerton High School
- Joshua Michlig**, Percussion Coach  
Kewaskum High School

### Orchestra Staff

- Adam Brown**, Coordinator and Cello Coach  
Danz Elementary School, Green Bay
- Levi Olson**, Violin 1 Coach  
La Follette High School, Madison
- Anna Raber**, Violin 2 Coach  
Marshfield High School
- Nancy Kurr**, Viola Coach  
Kromrey Middle School, Middleton
- Austin Bolden**, String Bass Coach  
Fond du Lac High School
- Sarah Dumire**, Woodwind Coach  
Saint Francis High School
- Colleen Cantlon-Marler**, Brass/Woodwind Coach  
Pulaski Community Middle School
- Matt Snow**, Brass Coach  
River Valley High School, Spring Green
- Elliott Rittenberry**, Percussion Coach  
Verona High School

### Mixed Choir Staff

- Jennifer Yancey**, Coordinator and Soprano Coach  
Oregon High School
- Bethany Meyer**, Alto Coach  
Oshkosh West High School
- Anthony Rasmussen**, Tenor Coach  
Horace Mann High School, North Fond du Lac
- Derrick Tilus**, Bass Coach  
Elk Mound High School
- Kira Morrissey**, Collaborative Pianist  
Customer Success Representative,  
Skyward in Stevens Point

### Treble Choir Staff

- Susan Franco**, Coordinator and Alto 1 Coach  
Rice Lake High School
- Natalie Baertschy**, Soprano 1 Coach  
New Berlin Eisenhower High School
- Jaimie Palbicki**, Soprano 2 Coach  
Hudson High School
- Allison Zeitler**, Alto 2 Coach  
Fond du Lac High School
- Michelle Klotz**, Collaborative Pianist  
Saint Sebastian Parish of Milwaukee

### Jazz Ensemble Staff

- Katie Poole**, Coordinator and Trombone Coach  
Bullen Middle School, Kenosha
- Joe Coughlin**, Saxophone Coach  
Meyer Middle School, River Falls
- Abigail Mazza**, Trumpet Coach  
Oostburg High School
- Joe Finnegan**, Rhythm Section Coach  
DC Everest Senior High School, Weston

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