

The Nebraska Wind Symphony

Omaha's Community Concert Band

The Nebraska Wind Symphony is a volunteer adult community band of over 75 adults from a wide variety of vocational backgrounds. The NWS performs four formal concerts annually plus other concerts in a variety of venues, including free summer outdoor concerts. Annually we engage with band directors across the Omaha area to feature Middle School "All-Stars" at our Winter concert. We also work to collaborate with other music organizations and professionals across the midlands to perform unique, high-quality programming of exciting works, both old and new, for concert band.

Vision

We are a musical treasure and goodwill ambassador for the city of Omaha and State of Nebraska.

Mission

To provide amateur adult musicians the opportunity to continue a lifelong pursuit of performing music for the wind band in a nurturing environment and share our results joyfully with the community.

Core Values

- 1. Quality** - We are committed to creating a high quality experience for our members and audiences
- 2. Responsibility** - We will manage all aspects of our organization with the utmost care and integrity
- 3. Growth** - We will continuously seek ways to improve our organization and our impact in the community
- 4. Fun** - We are committed to having a good time making music together

Leadership Team

Music Director/Conductor – Larry MacTaggart

Associate Conductor/Librarian – Keith Michael Davis

NWS Board of Directors

Brian Lund (President), Dan Kingkade (Vice President),

Lisa Erickson (Secretary), Bruce Chapman (Treasurer),

Robert Wege, Carol Curry, Kat Wendt, Analyynn Fassler

About the Nebraska Wind Symphony

In September 1977, Darwyn "Tony" Snyder organized a group of 70 adult musicians and the Nebraska Wind Symphony, Omaha's Community Concert Band was born. Tony and others had long recognized the need for a performance outlet for those who had spent years in high school and college band programs and now could not find an organized group with which to play.

Over the course of 42 years, the Nebraska Wind Symphony has presented hundreds of concerts for the enjoyment of our players and patrons in the greater Omaha area and beyond. Larry MacTaggart, current Music Director, develops innovative programming that brings together musical talent from throughout the area to present high quality performances of band classics and exciting new literature.

