

# **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. Each season 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 – Larry MacTaggart (on sabbatical during 2019-2020 season)

Visiting Director/Conductor - Joshua Kearney

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, Analynn 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 43 years, the Nebraska Wind Symphony has presented hundreds of concerts of family friendly entertainment in the greater Omaha area and beyond. Drawing from traditional marches and "classic" band literature as well as exciting new music for concert band, our conductors develop innovative programming that brings together musical talent from throughout the area to present high quality performances.

