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# *Holidays!*

Band Concert

**Sunday, 3:00**  
**December 12, 2021**

*University of Nebraska at Omaha*  
*Strauss Performing Arts Center*

***Dr. Joshua Kearney***  
NWS Director

***Keith Michael Davis***  
NWS Associate  
Director



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# Welcome!

**45<sup>th</sup>** SEASON  
2021-2022  
**The Nebraska  
Wind  
Symphony**  
Omaha's Community Concert Band

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***Love and Joy come to you*** as we approach a new year, filled with hope and light.

The Nebraska Wind Symphony, “Omaha’s Community Concert Band,” continues to build community within the organization and within our Omaha area community.

Performing for the Nebraska Music Educators Association on November 18, 2021, at the Lied Center in Lincoln, we shared our talents and enthusiasm with music teachers around the state. We were honored to be featured at this event, playing some of our best music.

Directed by Dr. Joshua Kearney and Keith Davis, we presented two pieces that were written specifically to be played “virtually,” over the Internet. Keith Davis’ **HIVE** was a hit, proving that surviving during a pandemic takes more than ordering food online to be happy!

Dr. Kristín Jónína Taylor, Assistant Professor of Piano, University of Nebraska at Omaha, reprised her wonderful performance of Ola Gjeilo’s *Meridian*, composed for piano and band. And, former NWS Music Director Larry MacTaggart guest-conducted one of his and our favorites, *The Red Covered Bridge*. Chartering a bus to Lincoln gave us a great feeling of being back in school, where we all learned to make music.

Speaking of school, our concert on February 20, 2022, here at UNO at 7:30 p.m. will feature our annual “Middle School All-Stars!” Every year we involve area middle school musicians, inviting them to perform with us on stage and introducing them to the idea that making music can enrich their lives for decades to come. Don’t miss it!

Thanks go to Darwin “Tony” Snyder for starting up this band 45 years ago, thanks to all of you for coming today, and ***thank you for supporting the Nebraska Wind Symphony!***

# *NWS Director*

## *Dr. Joshua Kearney*

Joshua Kearney is Assistant Professor, Assistant Director of Bands, and Director of Athletic Bands at the University of Nebraska at Omaha where he is responsible for all aspects of the athletic band program, teaches courses in music education and conducting, and directs the University Band. In addition to his duties at UNO, Dr. Kearney serves as Music Director of the Nebraska Wind Symphony. Kearney began his career as a teacher in the public schools south of Nashville, Tennessee.



Dr. Kearney has worked as an adjudicator and clinician for ensembles of all levels—maintaining an active guest conducting schedule with ensembles locally and across the United States. Additionally, Kearney regularly shares his research and experiences through conference presentations around the country including the South Dakota Bandmasters Association, the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association, the Nebraska Music Educators Association, the Michigan Music Conference, conferences of the College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA), and the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago. 2021-22 engagements include presentations at the conference of the World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles (WASBE) in Prague, Czech Republic, the National CMS Conference in Rochester, NY, guest conducting at the All New England Band Festival, and other regional and state events.

An advocate of new music, Kearney regularly works with composers in the creation and performance of new works for winds. His direct efforts have contributed to pieces by Keith Davis, Catherine Likhuta, Giovanni Santos, Scott Boerma, Donald Grantham, Steven Bryant, Joe Krycia, and Anthony O'Toole. Dr. Kearney is also an active editor and arranger, having provided music for the UNO Athletic Bands, the Spartan Marching Band of Michigan State University, the UNO Symphonic Wind Ensemble, the Columbus State University Wind Ensemble and Trombone Choir, the Southeast Trombone Symposium Professors Choir, and the Springer Opera House (GA). In 2020, Boosey & Hawkes announced plans to include Kearney's educational edition of Georg Druschetzky's *Partita No. IV* within their acclaimed Windependence Chamber Ensemble series. In 2017, Boosey & Hawkes also published Kearney's critical edition of Emil Hartmann's *Serenade for Winds* (Op. 43) which is regularly featured in prominent conducting symposia throughout the United States. Carl Fischer/Presser Music recently announced the publication of Dr. Kearney's transcription for trombone choir of Charles Ives' *Variations on 'America'* which received its premiere at the 2021 International Trombone Festival by the Southeast Trombone Symposium Professors Choir—an ensemble composed of leading trombonists from across the United States.

Kearney earned his Doctor of Musical Arts in Conducting from Michigan State University where he studied with Kevin Sedatole and his Master of Music in Conducting from Columbus State University (GA) where he was a student of Jamie L. Nix. He also earned his Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Columbus State University. Kearney holds affiliations with the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association, Nebraska Music Educators Association, National Association for Music Education, College Music Society, and the College Band Directors National Association. Kearney has served on the Executive Board for the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association and currently serves as Chair of the Social Media Committee for the College Band Directors National Association.

***NWS Associate Director***  
***Keith Michael Davis***



Associate Director Keith Davis is a native of Kansas City, Missouri and has made Omaha his home since 1991. He received his Bachelor of Music in Composition (1988) and Master of Music in Horn Performance (1990) from the University of Missouri- Kansas City Conservatory of Music. He has composed music for many instrumental ensembles, but has written mainly for symphonic and concert bands. His commissioned works include *A Western Plains Overture*, *Native Hunters*, *delicate survivors of life's mighty storms* and *Bastion of Freedom*. He has also made special arrangements for the Wind Symphony, including a transcription of Ravel's *Mother Goose Suite*, an arrangement of *Amazing Grace* for band and bagpipes and several holiday selections. Keith has been a playing member of the Nebraska Wind Symphony since 1992 and also serves as Music Librarian. Keith frequently directs the Nebraska Wind Symphony, including the *Making Spirits Bright* concert on Thanksgiving Day at the Holland Performing Arts Center. He also plays principal horn with Orchestra Omaha and performed the Richard Strauss *1st Horn Concerto* with them in 2019. Keith lives in Gretna with his wife, oboist Deanna Davis, and their pets.

***Solo Trombonist***  
***Brian Lund***



Brian Lund grew up in Arlington, South Dakota. He began learning to play trombone in the 5th grade from band director and long-time friend, Bob King. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from Augustana College in Sioux Falls. There he participated in the Concert Band, Brass Choir, and Jazz Ensemble. Brian also earned a minor in Math and an emphasis in Computer Science. Brian, and his wife Deb, moved to Omaha in 1979 when hired as a programmer by Mutual of Omaha. He later was employed by ConAgra Foods. He retired in 2017 after 38 years working as a computer programmer, analyst, and engineer. Throughout his career, he experienced many technology advances and enjoyed working with new, emerging technologies.

Brian and Deb are both long-time members of the Nebraska Wind Symphony (NWS). Brian has served as the board president multiple times allowing him to work closely with many playing members and NWS music directors Tony Snyder, Courtney Snyder, Larry MacTaggart, and Joshua Kearney. Brian has been the leader of the NWS Swingtones Big Band since 2001, taking over from founder Mark Foster. He also provides technical support for the organization including managing the website, online document sharing, and other support capabilities.

The Lunds are members of Lord of Love Lutheran church. They are actively involved in worship, church committees, music, teaching confirmation, and helping with the community garden. Brian has played with and directed the Lord of Love Brass for over 40 years. This group enhances worship with a variety of brass music selections once per month.

Brian and Deb celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary this past year. Deb retired in 2020 after 41 years with the Music in Catholic Schools band program. They are blessed with three adult children, two grandchildren, and two grand-dogs. Rebecca, a Lutheran pastor, lives with her family in Long Island, NY. Andrew, a software engineer, lives with his wife near Oslo, Norway. Joshua is a luthier, professional bass guitarist, and instrument repair specialist. He lives with his wife and the grand-dogs in Omaha.



# ***The Nebraska Wind Symphony***

## ***Performers for this concert, Sunday, December 12, 2021***

### ***Flute***

Nancy Boyer – *Retired*  
Fran Coren C – *Homemaker*  
Lisa Erickson – *Teacher*  
Lisa Heaton \* - *USPS Clerk*  
Ed Kazmierski C – *Musician*  
Lisa Line – *Attorney*  
Paula Markuson –  
    *Social Service Worker*  
Candace Nelson –  
    *Carmody & Sons Admin*  
Anne Ratashak – *Retired*

### ***Oboe***

Rebecca Ihnen – *Office Manager*  
Allison Malcolm – *Financial Planner*

### ***Clarinet***

Dwight Barbour – *Repair Technician*  
Sue Corwin – *School Lunch Lady*  
Sheryl Cuba – *Retired*  
Don Fisher – *Director of Instrumental Studies, IWCC*  
Sean Kelly – *Head of Music and Chorus Director for Opera Omaha*  
Roger Kruger – *Retired*  
James Reed – *Fiction Writer*  
Pat Stronck – *Medical Billing*  
Barbara Teter \* C – *Veterinarian*

### ***Bass Clarinet***

Carol Curry \* C – *Retired*  
Lauren Milbourn –  
    *Band Director, Millard South*

### ***Bassoon***

Brent Sandene –  
    *Assessment Specialist*

### ***Alto Saxophone***

Don Jacobson C – *Band Director, Iowa Western Community Band*  
Dan Kingkade \* – *Retired*  
Randy Mimick – *BPA, AFLAC*  
Patty Stewart – *Claim Adjuster*  
Sarah Stratton –  
    *Music Administrator, OPS*

### ***Tenor Saxophone***

Robert Hanlon – *Physician, Retired*  
Deb Lund –  
    *Retired Band Teacher/Administrator*

### ***Bari Saxophone***

Doug Bogatz –  
    *Band Director, Fremont High*

### ***Trumpet***

Landon Barada –  
    *Band Director, Gretna High School*  
Wayne Harrison –  
    *Retired Professor, UNO*  
Bethany Kracl \* –  
    *School Counselor, Bellevue*  
Jim Larson – *Retired*  
Chris Ramsay – *Maintenance*  
Rebecca Shively –  
    *Industrial/Organizational Psychologist*  
Howard Speck – *Retired*  
Jessica Todd –  
    *Band Director, Council Bluffs*  
Elizabeth Walker –  
    *Elementary Music Teacher, Millard*

### ***Horn***

Andrew Braun \* – *Music Educator, OPS*  
Keith Davis – *Composer/Arranger*  
Helen Jordon – *Artist/Retired*  
Abra Prescott – *Special Education Teacher, Ashland-Greenwood*

### ***Trombone***

Kyle Avery – *Music Teacher, Gretna*  
John Baker – *Pathologist, UNMC*  
Dale Irvin – *Compensation Specialist*  
Brian Lund \* – *Retired*  
Michael Stelzle – *Engineer*  
Alex Toews – *Software Developer*

C = NWS Charter Member  
\* = Section Leader

### ***Euphonium***

Luke Ervin –  
    *Music Teacher, St. Wenceslaus*  
Daniel Simerly – *Amazon Driver*  
Mark Simerly \* – *Product Manager*

### ***Tuba***

Mark Dauner – *Marketing*  
Kevin Gilreath – *Retired*  
Brian Kracl \* –  
    *Manager Trading Operations*  
Bill Lindau – *Human Services Retired*  
Tim Stewart – *Engineer*

### ***Percussion***

Keith Davis – *Composer/Arranger*  
Steve Jordon \* – *Retired Reporter*  
Susie Kearney – *Music Teacher, OPS*  
Steven Michael C – *Pilot/Dentist*  
Robert Wege - *USAF Retired*

### ***General Business Manager***

Lindsey Bogatz

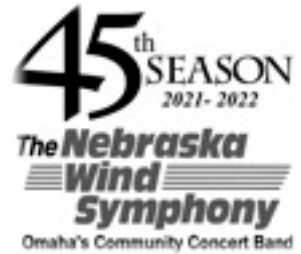
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## ***Angels We Have Heard On High***

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.



## ***Away In A Manger***

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

## ***I Saw Three Ships***

I saw three ships come sailing in, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day.  
I saw three ships come sailing in, on Christmas Day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day?  
And what was in those ships all three, on Christmas Day in the morning?

The Virgin Mary and Christ were there, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day.  
The Virgin Mary and Christ were there, on Christmas Day in the morning!

## ***We Wish You A Merry Christmas***

We wish you a merry Christmas,  
We wish you a merry Christmas,  
We wish you a merry Christmas, and a happy new year.

We wish you a merry Christmas,  
We wish you a merry Christmas,  
We wish you a merry Christmas, and a happy new year.

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin  
Good tidings for Christmas and a happy new year.

We wish you a merry Christmas,  
We wish you a merry Christmas,  
***We wish you a merry Christmas, and a happy new year!***



# Home for the *Holidays!*

December 12, 2021, 3:00 pm  
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The Nebraska Wind Symphony  
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*Associate Director - Keith Michael Davis*

## Program

**The Little Drummer Boy's Bolero** . . . . . Maurice Ravel  
*Arr. Giroux*

**Unter Donner und Blitz Polka, Op. 324** . . . . . Johann Strauss  
*Arr. Carey*  
*Keith Davis, Associate Music Director*

**December Lullaby** . . . . . Roger Zare

**Zigzag** . . . . . Elena Specht

**I'll be Home for Christmas** . . . . . Walter Kent  
*Arr. Giroux*  
*NWS Brass featuring Brian Lund, Trombone*

**Chorale and Shaker Dance** . . . . . John Zdechlik

**Christmas Toons** . . . . . Arr. Julie Giroux

**Sleigh Ride** . . . . . Leroy Anderson

**Christmas Singalong** . . . . . David Lovrien

*The NWS*  
*Middle School*  
***All-Stars***

Every February, the Nebraska Wind Symphony invites musicians from area middle schools to join us at our concert, rehearsing and performing with us on the stage. We are involved in the community, encouraging our young people to stay involved in music, knowing that making music is a lifetime joy. **Join us February 20, 2022, to welcome area middle school oboes, bassoons and bass clarinets! 7:30 p.m. here at UNO!** Find out more about the All-Star history from the NWS History page on our webpage - <http://nebraskawindsymphony.com/about/nws-history>



February 20  
7:30

*Oboes*  
**BASSOONS &  
Bass Clarinets!**



*All-Stars*



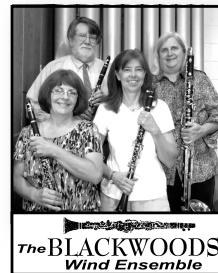
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FOREVER!**





# *The Swingtones* & More!

*The Nebraska Wind Symphony includes small ensembles, such as the Blackwoods Wind Ensemble, a clarinet group available for weddings and other events. We have the NWS Saxophone Quartet and more.*



The Nebraska Wind Symphony Swingtones Big Band was formed in 1983 by trumpeter Mark Foster, consisting of 18 semi-professional musicians mostly from the Nebraska Wind Symphony, with a repertoire that includes big band arrangements in the style of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Duke Ellington, Harry James, Woody Herman, Les Brown, and many others. Led by Brian Lund, trombone, the band features vocalist Renee Novak Rich.

Throughout the years, this big band has provided dancing and listening entertainment at private parties, dinners, dances, fund-raising events and concerts in the Greater Nebraska/Iowa Area. With more than 230 musical selections in the band's library, including ballads, fox trots, waltzes, polkas, beguines and other Latin numbers, there are lots of choices for dancing. Selections also include 20 big band gospel tunes appropriate for concerts. The NWS Swingtones are available for public and private events. For more information on rates for performances of 1 to 3 hours contact us at:

*info@nebraskawindsymphony.com - Or call: Brian Lund at 402-201-6350*

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# *The Swingtones* **MCS** Music in Catholic Schools

## **Music in Catholic Schools Benefit Dance & Silent Auction**

**Friday, February 4, 2022**

**at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Center**

**5419 N, 114th St.**

Dancing: 7:30 - 10:00 pm

Free Dance Lessons: 6:15 - 7:15 pm

Silent Auction, beverages, and desserts available

Music by the NWS **Swingtones**

Tickets at the Door:

Adults -\$15; Seniors and Students -\$10

Funds raised enable financially needy students the opportunity to participate in band at their schools.





## *Support the NWS Memorial Scholarship Fund*

The NWS Memorial Scholarship was created in the spring of 2007 to honor past playing members. The awards provide financial assistance and encourages continued performance in a college/university band ensemble, which we hope leads to involvement in a band after college. Consider making a gift of any amount to the NWS Memorial Scholarship Fund to honor an existing playing member or in memory of an NWS member, someone who enjoyed NWS concerts, or simply loved concert band music. Because of increased gifts in the last few years, we now award two scholarships, one for \$500 and one for \$1,000.

Your generous support will allow us to continue to grow the scholarship amount to better serve future recipients. Thank you for supporting instrumental music through your financial gifts to NWS.

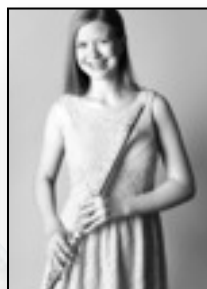
### *Some of the past NWS Memorial Scholarship Winners*



*Tate Rittenberger*  
2012  
*Nestor Pelayo*  
2018



*Samuel J. Kalhorn*  
2018



*Abigail Innis*  
2014



*Zach Beran*  
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2015



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*Cal Switzer, 2017*

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Winter Concert - Sunday, February 20 - 7:30 PM

"Middle School All-Stars"

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Spring Concert – Sunday, April 10 – 7:30 PM

UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center

FREE Summer concerts –

Sunday, June 12 – (TBD)

Sunday, July 3 – (TBD)

## "Do Good Days"

May 10-12, 2022

SHARE Omaha is again sponsoring days dedicated to meeting the cash needs of nonprofits in our community. The Do Good Days also help them focus on volunteer and item needs. It's all happening at [SHAREomaha.org](https://www.shareomaha.org). Check back here to find out more about how to help NWS during each of these events. Check out NWS's [ShareOmaha Profile Page](#) for additional info about NWS.

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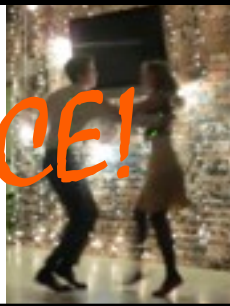
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*The Swingtones*



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"EARTH SONG" BY FRANK TICHELI

THE NEBRASKA WIND SYMPHONY, JULY 17, 2020

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