

47th Season
2023 - 2024
The Nebraska
Wind
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Omaha's Community Concert Band

Bennington Middle School,
Bennington South Middle School,
and the Nebraska Wind Symphony
present



a ghostly a gathering

Landon Barada, Director of Bands, BMS & BSMS
Ben Coatney, Director of Bands, BHS
Joshua Kearney - Music Director, NWS
Keith Michael Davis - Associate Music Director, NWS
Featuring Piano Soloist Jan Braden

Sunday, October 15th, 2023, 3:00 PM
Bennington High School Auditorium

Tickets: Freewill Donation.



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WHAT? How did this happen? All these middle school kids putting up with all these old folks? Spooky! It must be October! And it must be Omaha's Community Concert Band, the Nebraska Wind Symphony!

Welcome to our opening concert of the 2023-2024 Season, our 47th Season! But who's counting? At the end of last season we celebrated our founder, the late Darwyn "Tony" Snyder with a program dedicated to his memory. Tony had the great idea of gathering together Omaha area musicians who played in school and now had nowhere to use their talent. This is us.

Tony taught music in the Westside School District, and his life-long encouragement of young musicians continues through the NWS today. Today's combination of NWS players and young students from the Middle Schools of Bennington is the first such effort of this season. Our February concerts always celebrate the middle school band kids in the area by having the "All-Stars" perform with us, each year highlighting a particular instrument. Sometimes quirky, always fun.

*In April we award scholarships to college musicians who compete via auditions, and then perform with the concert band. Check out Page 10 in this program for details. AND check out the rest of the program! **Thank you** for coming this afternoon. This year's concerts will all be ticketless, meaning that we are asking you to check out our Page 11 in the program to see how to support the NWS. And feel free to donate what you can today!*

Holiday Concert – December 10, 2023 – 3PM
Winter Concert – February 18, 2024 – 3PM
Spring Concert – April 27, 2024 – 7:30PM
All at UNO's PAC Building!

Summer Concert Schedule

Summer Concert

June 9, 2024 – 6:00PM – TBD

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Bennington Piano Soloist
Jan Braden

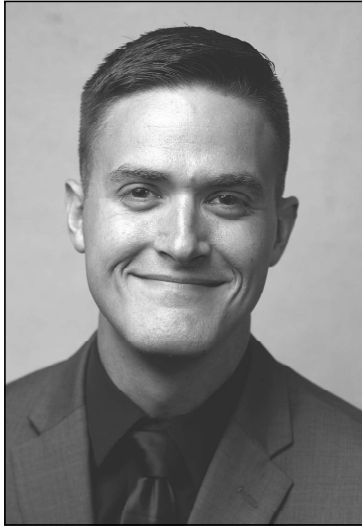
Jan Braden is in her 7th year as the Accompanist for the Bennington High School Vocal Department. She holds a BA in Music Education from Augustana College/University in South Dakota and spent 3 years as Instrumental Director at West Point High School. She was at the Joslyn Art Museum for 8 years in the Education Department as Performing Arts Curator where she managed the Bagels and Bach series as well as starting the Jazz on the Green series. She spent 20 years with the Omaha Area Youth Orchestras as General Manager/Executive Director as well as Music Director at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bennington for 10 years. She now also serves as accompanist for the Covenant Presbyterian Church choir. She and her husband Kevin have two grown sons and 6 grandchildren.



Conductor
Mr. Landon Barada

Mr. Landon Barada is an educator and musician from Columbus, Nebraska. Now in his 12th year as an educator, Mr. Barada currently serves as Director Of Bands at Bennington Middle School and Bennington South Middle School in which his teaching responsibilities include 6th Grade Band, 7th Grade Band, 8th Grade Band, and Jazz Band. Prior to his current role, Mr. Barada held the position as Assistant Director Of Bands at Gretna High School from 2017-2022 as well as Director Of Music at Logan View Jr/Sr High School from 2012-2017. Mr. Barada received his Bachelor Of Music Education Degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2012 with an endorsement in K-12 Music and recently completed a Master Of Science In Education Degree from Peru State College. In 2015 Mr. Barada was awarded the Jack R. Snyder Young Band Director Award from the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association. In addition to the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association (NSBA), Mr. Barada is a member of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME), Nebraska Music Educators Association (NMEA), National Education Association (NEA), and the Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA). As an active trumpet player and musician, Mr. Barada is a performing member of the Nebraska Wind Symphony, a soloist at First Lutheran, and a freelance musician in Omaha and the surrounding areas. Mr. Barada enjoys spending time with his wife Sharla (1st Grade Teacher at Anchor Pointe Elementary), son Lux (4), and son Wells (1).





NWS Director
Dr. Joshua Kearney

Joshua Kearney is Assistant Professor and Director of Bands at the University of Nebraska at Omaha where he teaches courses in music education and conducting, conducts the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, and oversees all aspects of the UNO band program. 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 locally and across the United States. Kearney regularly shares his research and experiences through conference presentations, lectures, and workshops around the country including: multiple state music conferences, the State University of New York at New Paltz, the Millard and Omaha Public Schools, College Music Society (CMS) regional and national conferences, conferences of the College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA), the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, and the World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles (WASBE) conference in Prague. Under Kearney’s direction, both the Nebraska Wind Symphony and the UNO Symphonic Wind Ensemble have been selected as featured ensembles at the annual Nebraska Music Educators Association in-service conference.

An advocate of new music, Kearney often 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, Anthony O’Toole, Joseph Schwantner, and others. Dr. Kearney is an active editor and arranger, having provided music for the UNO Symphonic Wind Ensemble, the Columbus State University Wind Ensemble and Trombone Choir, the Southeast Trombone Symposium Professors Choir, the Springer Opera House (GA), and many selections for athletic bands. 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. Additionally, Presser Music has included Dr. Kearney’s transcription of Charles Ives’ *Variations on ‘America’* for trombone choir within their catalog—receiving its premiere at the 2021 International Trombone Festival by the Southeast Trombone Symposium Professors Choir.

Kearney earned the Doctor of Musical Arts in Conducting from Michigan State University where he studied with Kevin Sedatole and master’s and bachelor’s degrees from Columbus State University (GA) where he was a student of Jamie L. Nix. Kearney holds affiliations with the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association, the Nebraska Music Educators Association, the National Association for Music Education, the College Music Society, the World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles, and the College Band Directors National Association. Kearney has served on the Executive Board for the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association and in multiple leadership roles on committees within 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.

Guest Conductor
Ben Coatney

Ben Coatney is the current Director of Bands at Bennington High School, where his responsibilities include conducting the Concert Band, directing the Jazz Band, Marching Band, and Pep Band, as well as teaching courses in music theory. Ben earned a Master of Music in Conducting at the University of Nebraska at Omaha where he studied with Dr. Karen Fannin. At UNO, he assisted with all aspects of the UNO Band Program, including guest conducting the Symphonic Wind Ensemble and the University Band, along with working with the Athletic Bands. He holds a Bachelor of Music in Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Prior to his



studies at UNO, Ben taught for three years in Schuyler, NE, where his responsibilities included directing the Schuyler Central High School Concert Band, Chamber Ensemble, Marching Band, and Pep Band. At UNL, Ben was an active member at the School of Music as a saxophonist in groups such as the Big Red Express, concert bands, chamber groups, jazz ensembles, and Cornhusker Marching Band, where he also served as a Drum Major. His professional affiliations include NAFME, NMEA, and NSBA.

Bennington Middle Schools Players

October 15, 2023

Flute

Iliana Alzuri, BSMS
Sanjana Barua, BMS
Janelle Chipako, BMS
Cora Coles, BSMS
Khloe Franck, BMS
Alice Hofer, BSMS
Zoey Hunt, BMS
Lilly Huntley, BMS
Natalie Hurlburt, BMS
Skylar Johnston, BSMS
Jochanan Kabore, BSMS
Jessie Maupin, BMS
Favor Mosso, BSMS
Kayla Sanford, BSMS
Savannah Sanger, BMS
Peyten Sass, BMS
Maggie Vincent, BSMS

Clarinet

Rayne Beckmann, BMS
Balla Bencker, BSMS
Lylia Bryan, BSMS
Piper Circo, BSMS
Maria Greunke, BMS
Addi Kapple, BSMS
Katie Kos, BSMS
Dylan Mandrakas, BMS
Cadence Sindelar, BSMS
Addison Strecker, BSMS
Tobiah Thorberg, BMS

Bass Clarinet

Ayo Akomolafe, BSMS

Alto Saxophone

Tate Andersen, BMS
Wilhelm Djondo, BMS
Kasen Dutoit, BMS
Calvin Jorgensen, BMS
Jesus Mar Macossay BSMS
Cooper Schincke, BMS
Addi Wilson BSMS
Levi Wilson, BSMS
Emaura Womas, BSMS

Tenor Saxophone

Sarah Junker, BMS

Baritone Saxophone

Cormac Eckholt, BSMS

Trumpet

Remington Heinemann,
BMS
Malachi Lieneman, BSMS
Bella Stallbaum, BSMS

Trombone

Rykr Brown, BSMS
Ryan Franey, BSMS
Mya Soria, BMS

Baritone

Kal Delaney, BSMS
Wyatt Hansen, BMS
Brenton White, BSMS

Percussion

Taiten Almond, BMS
Graysen Coleman, BMS
Joey Foral, BSMS
Jordynn Fricke, BSMS
Connor Guinn, BMS
Hueffa Honliasso, BSMS
Corbin Kamstra, BMS
Claire Loghry, BSMS
Calvin Luett, BSMS
Alek Otto, BSMS
Lis Stenberg, BSMS
Jaxon Wareham, BSMS
Nora Waterman, BSMS



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Featuring Pianist, Jan Braden

8th Grade Band

Thrill Ride Brian Balmages
Hedwig's Theme John Williams
Night Fury Carol Brittin Chambers
Dr. Rockenstein Steve Hodges

8th Grade Band & Nebraska Wind Symphony

Dreamsong Richard Saucedo
Jan Braden, *Piano Soloist*
Ben Coatney, *Conductor*

Dance of the Shadows Adrian B. Sims
Nebraska Premiere

---- **Intermission** ----

Nebraska Wind Symphony

Noisy Wheels of Joy Eric Whitacre
Ghost Apparatus David Biedenbender
Hung Aloft the Night Anthony O'Toole
Keith Davis, *Conductor*

Gadget Randall D. Standridge
Landon Barada, *Conductor*

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine John Philip Sousa
Peer Gynt Suite Edvard Grieg

Arr. Tobani

Dessert Reception to Follow

Today's NWS Players

October 15, 2023

Flutes

Fran Coren *C – Retired*
 Lisa Erickson – *Adult Basic Education Instructor*
 Lisa Heaton* – *Clerk, State of Nebraska*
 Betsy Kallstrom *C – Retired Band Director/Flute Teacher*
 Lisa Line – *Attorney, Brodkey, Cuddigan, Peebles, Belmont & Line, LLP*
 Paula Markuson – *Social Service Worker*
 Candace Nelson – *Retired*
 Anne Ratashak – *Retired Medical Technologist*
 Mary Sanderson – *Retired*

Oboes

Allison Malcolm – *COO & CFP, Harrison Financial Services*

Clarinets

Lucas Abraham – *Administrative Assistant, Pediatric Therapy Center*
 Preston Casey – *Band Teacher, McMillan Middle School*
 Tami Cervantes – *Medical Social Worker, Children's Hospital & Medical Center*
 Sue Corwin – *Retired*
 Sheryl Cuba – *Retired*
 Carol Curry (Bass) *C – Retired*
 Roger Kruger – *Retired*
 Miriam Moran (Contra Alto) - *IT Professional*
 Dan Pearson - *Scrum Master, National Indemnity*
 James Reed – *Fiction Writer*
 Pat Stronck – *Medical Billing Specialist, Nebraska Medicine*
 Barb Teter * *C – Veterinarian, The Pet Clinic*

Bassoons

Heather Holland – *ERM and Insurance Specialist, Omaha Steaks*
 Brent Sandene – *Retired*

Saxophones

Donald Jacobson *C – Conductor, Iowa Western Community Band*
 Dan Kingkade * – *Retired*
 Elliott Lockwood – *Collaborative Pianist, Fremont High School*
 Debra Lund (Tenor) – *Retired Band Teacher/Administrator*
 Randy Mimick – *Business Consultant, Aflac*
 Don Moran (Baritone) – *Event A/V, Metropolitan Community College*
 Sarah Stratton – *Music Administrator, Omaha Public Schools*

Trumpets

Landon Barada – *Teacher, Bennington Public Schools*
 Joel Edwards – *Audiologist, Boys Town Research Hospital*
 Wayne Harrison – *Retired Professor, University of Nebraska at Omaha*
 James Patton – *Founder/Designer, JP Woods and Prints*
 Christopher Ramsay – *Machine Maintenance, Fiserv*
 Rebecca Shively – *Education Specialist, Farm Credit Services of America*
 Jessica Todd – *Bar Manager, Omaha Dog Bar*
 Erica Wasson – *Music Teacher, Papillion La Vista Community Schools*

Horns

Christi Bierman – *Bilingual Sales Support Specialist, Mutual of Omaha*
 Andrew Braun * - *Music Teacher, Omaha Public Schools*
 Keith Davis – *Composer/Arranger*
 Anna Helzer – *High School Spanish Teacher, Ralston Public Schools*
 Helen Jordon – *Artist, Retired*
 Abra Prescott – *Special Education Teacher, Ashland Greenwood Public Schools*

Trombones

Kyle Avery – *Music Teacher, Gretna Public Schools*
 John Baker (Bass) – *Retired Pathologist, UNMC*
 Dale Irvin – *Retired*
 Alan Lightbody – *Retired*
 Brian Lund – *Retired*
 Alex Toews (Bass) – *Software Developer, Wisconsin Physicians Service*

Euphoniums

Forrest Griffith – *Field Technician, Omaha Public Schools*
 Joe Phillips – *Biology Professor, Creighton University*
 Mark Simerly – *Solutions Consultant, NCR*

Tubas

Kenny Baires – *Band Director, Omaha South High School*
 Mark Dauner – *Marketing, Self-Employed*
 Ryan Everette – *Attorney, Kutak Rock LLP*
 Kevin Gilreath – *Retired IT*
 Bill Lindau – *Retired Human Services*

Percussion

Analynn Fassler – *Claims Supervisor, Progressive Insurance*
 Steve Jordon – *Writer*
 Stephen Michael *C – Dentist/Pilot, Summit Dental/Oracle Aviation*
 Kaleb Reinartz-Muller – *Welder/Pipe Fitter, LBT.Inc*
 Robert Wege – *Retired USAF*

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Dr. Joshua Kearney

NWS Assistant Director-Librarian

Keith Davis

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Lindsey Bogatz

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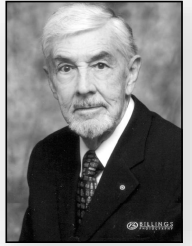
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What IS the Nebraska Wind Symphony?

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 would enjoy and support an organized group with which to play. We celebrate the vision of these founding members whose foresight resulted in establishing the Nebraska Wind Symphony!



DID YOU KNOW? that the *Nebraska Wind Symphony* is a proud member of the Association of Concert Bands? *ACB Regional Connections Events* bring bands and musicians from a region together for a day of collaboration, education, performance and discussion. The first of these takes place **April 26 and 27, 2024, in Omaha, Nebraska**, hosted by the *Nebraska Wind Symphony*. The Friday and Saturday events will be at the *University of Nebraska at Omaha*. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

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Some of the past NWS Memorial Scholarship Winners



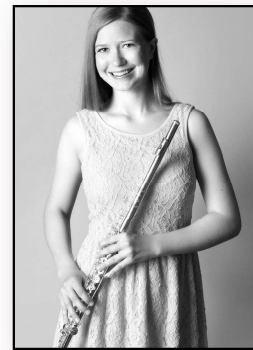
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Pelayo
2018*



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2021*



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2014*



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2013*



*Paige
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2015*



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2022*



Cal Switzer, 2017



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2012*



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Hoylman
2016*

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We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of our fans, playing members, and community. **The cost of an NWS concert is around \$5,000.** Financial gifts are critical to enable us to continue providing great concert band music to the Omaha area. Visit the NWS Donor Information page using the QR code for more information about the ways you can provide financial support including purchasing program advertisements, sponsoring a concert or portion of a concert, and giving a direct donation.

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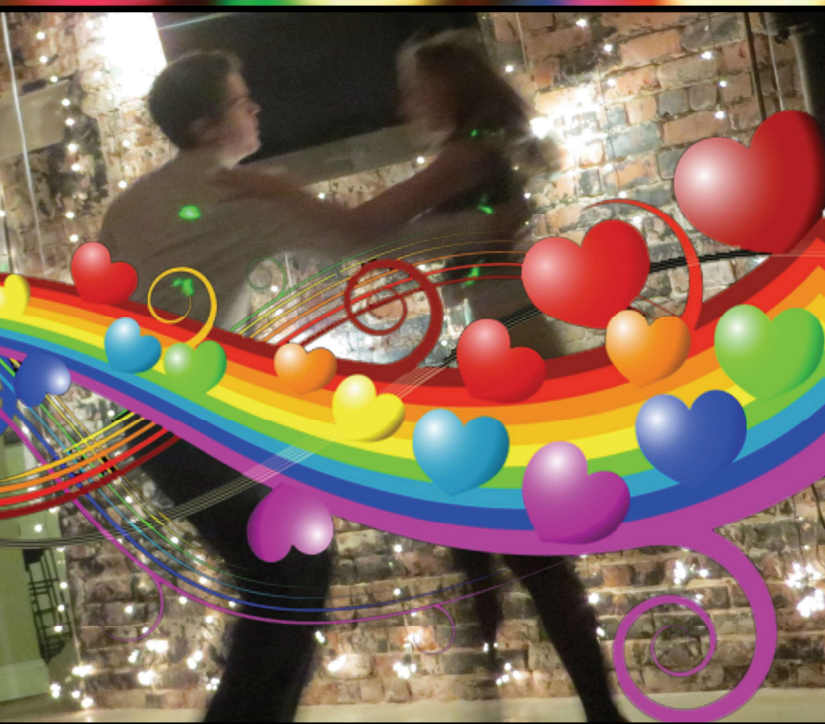
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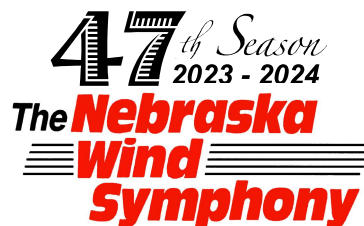
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