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Winter Light

featuring

UNO University Band
with
Prof. Peter Wilger, Conductor

and

Nebraska Wind Symphony
with
Dr. Joshua Kearney, Conductor
Mr. Keith Michael Davis, Associate Music Director
Prof. Peter Wilger, Guest Conductor

Sunday, December 10, 2023
Jan & John Christensen Concert Hall
Strauss Performing Arts Center
3:00 PM

PROGRAM

UNO UNIVERSITY BAND

Prof. Peter Wilger, Conductor

Kalos Eidos Carol Britten Chambers (b. 1970)

Selections from "Ritmos de la Tierra" Victoriano Valencia (b. 1970)
Paso Doble
Huayno
Soca

Incandescence Adrian Sims (b. 2000)

(Brief Intermission)

NEBRASKA WIND SYMPHONY

Dr. Joshua Kearney, Conductor

The March of the Toys Victor Herbert (1859-1924)
Tr. Clay

Winter Milky Way Yukiko Nishimura (b. 1967)

L'Arlésienne Suite No. 2 "Farandole" Georges Bizet (1838-1875)
Arr. Longfield

Keith Michael Davis, Associate Music Director

The Eighth Candle Steve Reisteter (b. 1957)

Minor Alterations David Lovrien (b. 1963)

Prof. Peter Wilger, Guest Conductor

Sketches on a Tudor Psalm Fisher Tull (1934-1994)

UNO UNIVERSITY BAND
PROF. PETER WILGER, CONDUCTOR

Flute

Michaela Blaney, Abraham Lincoln
Maiah Davis, Wayne, NE
William Dawdy, Roncalli Catholic
Aramis Elias, Omaha Northwest
Mary Kean, Missouri Valley
David Ramirez, Elkhorn North
Lacy Snyder, Louisville, KY
Stephanie Vuong, Papillion LaVista

Clarinet

Katheryn Alvarez-Padilla, Omaha Bryan
Bryan Calderon, Millard South
Ananya Dishong, Millard North
Emma Krehbiel, Harlan, IA
Megan Meagher, Beatrice
Promise Moore-Saufly, Fremont Mills
Cambelle Nieman, Hartington Cedar-Catholic

Bass Clarinet

Rosemary Acevado, South Tama, IA
David Goodman, Omaha Benson

Bassoon

Joel Anderjaska, Millard South

Saxophone

Michael Abboud, Omaha Central
Calvin Johnson, Papillion LaVista
Bailey Kuehl, Loup City
Zach Onken, Bellevue East
Lindsay Tague, Thomas Jefferson, IA
Thomas White, Gretna

Trumpet

Avery Herman, Wayne, NE
Isaac McBee, Millard North
Eden Penly, Ralston
Griffin Schleimer, Harlan, IA
Roman Windham, Omaha Central
Abby Zylstra, Falcon, CO

Horn

Carly Bishop, Bennington
Delaney Lynam, Omaha, NE

Trombone

Charlie Berryman, Elkhorn South
Taylor Hogan, Omaha Central
Trevor Larsen, Papillion LaVista

Euphonium

Danny Baron, Millard West
Natalie Malcom, Eustis-Farnam, NE
Parker Worthington, Omaha Burke

Tuba

Danny Baron, Millard West
Omar Khayati, Millard West

Percussion

Albert Lau, Hong Kong
Alice McQueney, Gretna
Alissa Rodriguez, Brenham High School, TX
Rashawn Thompson, Bellevue East
Jackson Ward, Millard West

NEBRASKA WIND SYMPHONY

DR. JOSHUA KEARNEY, CONDUCTOR

Flute

Nancy Boyer, Retired School Secretary
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School
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Allie West (Bass), Band Director, Skutt High School

Bassoon

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

Saxophone

Donald Jacobson, Conductor, Iowa Western
Community Band
Dan Kingkade, Retired
Debra Lund (Tenor), Retired Band
Teacher/Administrator
Randy Mimick, Business Consultant, Aflac
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College
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Schools

Trumpet

Landon Barada, Teacher, Bennington Public Schools
Joel Edwards, Audiologist, Boys Town Research Hospital
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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

Trombones

John Baker, Retired Pathologist, UNMC
Dale Irvin, Retired
Alan Lightbody, Retired
Brian Lund, Retired
Alex Toews, Software Developer, Wisconsin Physicians
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Euphoniums

Trenor Campbell, Band Director, Millard West High School
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Tubas

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Percussion

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Robert Wege, USAF Retired



PROF. PETER WILGER
UNO University Band Conductor

Prof. Peter Wilger earned a Bachelors and Master of Music from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He began his career as a 5-12 grade Instrumental Music Teacher at Yutan, Nebraska.

Wilger became the Instrumental Music Instructor at Omaha Central High School in 1991 and the Music Department Head in 1993. He helped create the position of Performing Arts Department head. Prof. Wilger was selected as a recipient of the Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher award and the Omaha Central Teacher of the year award. He was selected as the Nebraska Music Educator of the Year by the Nebraska Music Educators Association and was inducted into the UNO Bands Hall of fame. The Central High School Wind Ensemble has performed at the NSBA and NMEA conventions and received the National Band Association Citation of Excellence. Pete is a member of the National Association for Music Education, Nebraska Music Educators Association, Nebraska State Bandmasters Association, Phi Beta Mu Band Director Fraternity, as well a Lifetime Member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society.

Since his retirement in 2018, Mr. Wilger retains an active adjudication schedule, substitutes in metro music classrooms and is a visiting artist for the Omaha Conservatory of Music. He enjoys time with his family, his wife Stephanie (who is also a retired music educator), daughters Alyssa (Fourth grade teacher in the Omaha Public Schools) and Andrea (General Music Teacher for the Kansas City, KS Public Schools) and her husband Michael Prucha of Kansas City, MO.



KEITH MICHAEL DAVIS
NWS Associate Music Director

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.



DR. JOSHUA KEARNEY

NWS Music Director & UNO Director of Bands

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.

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