

48 *th* Season
2024 - 2025
**The Nebraska
Wind
Symphony**
Omaha's Community Concert Band



Across the Pond an Olympic Tribute

Music by John Williams,
Leonard Bernstein,
Gershwin and more!

October 20, 2024

7:30 PM

UNO Strauss

Performing Arts Center

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Music Director

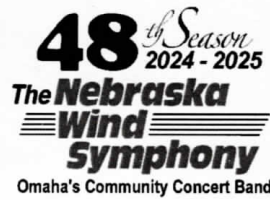
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Guest Conductor



Helen Jordon

Welcome! Bienvenue



WELCOME to the beginning of the 48th Season of the Nebraska Wind Symphony, Omaha's Community Concert Band! We're kicking off the year with a salute to the Olympics that took over our summer attention. The excitement of Paris lives on in tonight's programs, with fun and memorable music from both sides of the Atlantic.

48 years ago Darwyn "Tony" Snyder, a music teacher in the Westside School District, decided that Omaha needed an organization that would let adults who had added fun to their school experiences playing music could continue to make music together. Enjoy today's program with selections like Bernstein's 1956 operetta "Candide," based on Voltaire's novella. The last refrain of Candide's "We'll Make Our Garden Grow":



We're neither pure, nor wise, nor good
We'll do the best we know.
We'll build our house and chop our wood
And make our garden grow.
And make our garden grow!



NWS 2024-2025 Season

October 20, 2024 – UNO Strauss PAC – 7:30 PM

December 8, 2024 – UNO Strauss PAC – 3:00 PM

– with the *UNO University Band*

February 23, 2025 – Westview High School – (tentative) 3:00 PM

– with the *Middle School All-Stars and the Westview HS Band*

April 27, 2025 – North High School – 3:00 PM

– with the *North HS Band*

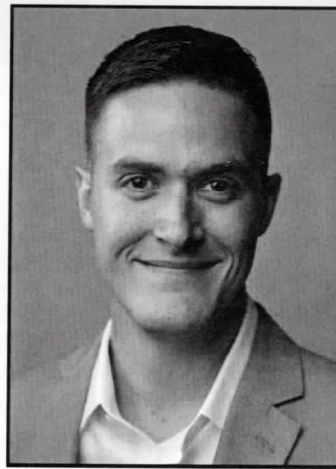
Summer Concerts with NWS Swingtones

June 8, 2025 – St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church – 6:00 PM

July 3, 2025 – Ralston Granary – 6:00 PM (tentative)

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. 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. Additionally, Kearney regularly shares his research and experiences through conference presentations within the U.S. and abroad.



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 Business Manager
Claire James

Claire James is a flutist and teacher who is passionate about music's ability to positively impact individual and collective stories. She uses her skills as a creative to find unique ways to foster meaningful connections with music by teaching and performing in her local community. This includes collaboration with musicians and other artists to create innovative and accessible projects, usually hosted in non-traditional and local spaces, and flute education.



You can see what Claire is up to on her social media: @ClaireJamesFlute or website: ClaireJamesFlute.com. Claire holds a Master's of Music from the University of Nebraska at Omaha where she studied under the instruction of Dr. Christine Beard. Claire holds an undergraduate diploma from Longy School of Music where she studied with Sergio Pallottelli. Claire may be reached via email at: businessmanager@nebraskawindsymphony.com

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*. Keith 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 Omaha with his wife, oboist Deanna Davis, and their pets.

Guest Conductor

Sarah Jo Aymond



Sarah Jo Aymond, a native North Dakotan, is an active performer, educator, conductor, drill writer and author. She has conducted and played saxophone and trumpet nationally and internationally. In 2019, she completed her Master of Music degree in Instrumental Conducting at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she served as a Graduate Assistant with the Nebraska Bands program and as an associate director of the UNL Wind Area Ensembles, UNL Campus Bands, UNL Big Red Express Pep Bands and the UNL Cornhusker Marching Band.

In 2016, she graduated from the University of North Dakota with degrees in Music Education and Psychology. At UND, Aymond was a three-year

Drum Major for the "Pride of the North" Marching Band and was the saxophone section leader in Wind Ensemble, Chamber Ensemble, and the 1:00 Jazz Band.

From 2020 to 2023, she served as Assistant Band Director and Professor of Saxophone at the University of Notre Dame where she was heavily involved in the day-to-day proceedings of the band program, working extensively with "The Band of the Fighting Irish" Marching Band and other bands and conducting several concert ensembles.

Presently, Aymond is Director of Instrumental Music at Iowa Western in Council Bluffs, where she facilitates the "Reiver Regiment" Marching Band, concert band, jazz band and pep band. She also works with the University of Nebraska-Omaha's "Maverick Machine" pep bands and teaches basic conducting to undergraduates. She is a proud member of multiple professional organizations and is working toward black belts in Taekwondo and Jiu Jitsu.



The Swingtones

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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. 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 402-493-3721

The Swingtones **MCS** Music in Catholic Schools

Music in Catholic Schools Benefit Dance & Silent Auction

Friday, February 7, 2025
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.



Tonight's NWS Players, October 20, 2024

Flutes

Nancy Boyer - *Retired School Secretary*
Fran Coren C - *Retired*
Lisa Erickson - *Adult Basic Education Instructor*
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*

Oboe

Jan Hayhurst - *Semi-Retired*
Allison Malcolm - *COO & CFP, Harrison Financial Services*

Clarinets

Lucas Abraham - *Administrative Assistant, Pediatric Therapy Center*
Dwight Barbour - *Brass & Woodwind Repair Tech*
Preston Casey - *Band Director*
Tami Cervantes - *Medical Social Worker*
Sue Corwin - *Retired*
Myra Coveney (Bass) - *Clarinet Shop Manager at Thompson Music*
Sheryl Cuba - *Retired*
Carol Curry (Bass) C - *Retired*
Roger Kruger - *Retired*
Dan Pearson - *Scrum Master, National Indemnity*
James Reed - *Fiction Writer*
Gary Roth - *Sr IT Security Engineer at Nebraska Medicine*
Pat Stronck - *Medical Billing Specialist, Nebraska Medicine*
Jewelina Taylor - *Research Assistant Medical Scribe*
Barb Teter * C - *Veterinarian, The Pet Clinic*

Bassoon

Heather Holland - *ERM and Insurance Specialist, Omaha Steaks*

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 AV, Metropolitan Community College*
Sarah Stratton - *Music Administrator, Omaha Public Schools*

Trumpets

Joel Edwards - *Clinical Audiologist Town Research Center*
Wayne Harrison - *Retired Professor*
Bethany Kracl * - *School Counselor, Bellevue Public Schools*
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Horns

Christi Bierman - *Licensing Coordinator*
Andrew Braun * - *Music Teacher, Omaha Public Schools*
Keith Davis - *Composer/Arranger*
Anna Helzer - *High School Spanish Teacher, Ralston Public Schools*
Helen Jordan - *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*
Amber Bock - *High School Band Director*
Dale Irvin - *Retired*
Alan Lightbody - *Retired*
Brian Lund * - *Retired*
Alex Toews (Bass) - *Software Developer, Wisconsin Physicians Service*

Euphoniums

Forrest Griffith - *Client Product Analyst*
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*
Brian Kracl* - *Manager Margins, Charles Schwab*
Bill Lindau - *Retired Human Services*

Percussion

Kyle Ackley - *Electrician*
Steve Jordon * - *Writer*
Stephen Michael C - *Dentist/Pilot, Summit Dental/Oracle Aviation*

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The Nebraska Wind Symphony

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October 20, 2024 7:30:00 pm

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Guest Conductor - Sarah Jo Aymond

“Across the Pond: An Olympic Tribute”

Olympic Fanfare and Theme John Williams

An American in Paris George Gershwin

Keith Michael Davis, *Associate Music Director*

Suite Provençale Jan Van Der Roost
Parts I, II, III, IV

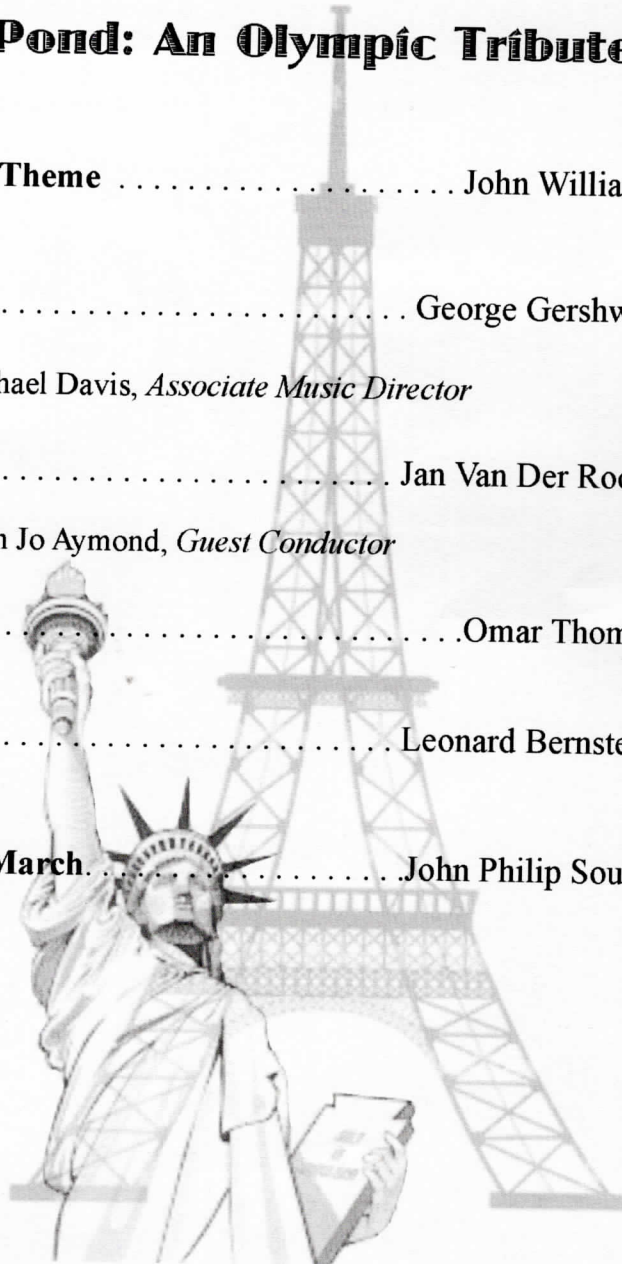
Sarah Jo Aymond, *Guest Conductor*

Shenandoah Omar Thomas

Candide Suite Leonard Bernstein
Parts I, II, III, IV, V

The Washington Post March John Philip Sousa

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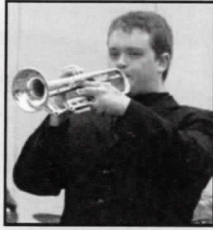


The NWS Memorial Scholarship was created in the spring of 2007 to honor past playing members. The awards provide financial assistance and encourages continued performance in a college/university band ensemble, which we hope leads to involvement in a band after college. Consider making a gift of any amount 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



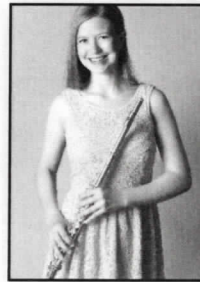
*Nestor
Pelayo
2018*



*Samuel
J. Kalhorn
2018*



*Erica Wilkins
2021*



*Abigail Innis
2014*



*Zach Beran
2013*



*Schylar
Junginger
2015*



*Paige
Michaud
2023*

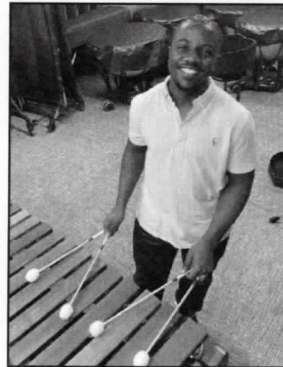
*Tate Rittenberger
2012*



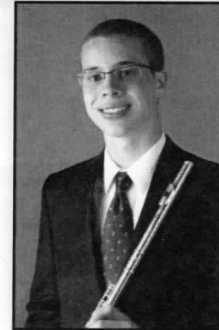
Cal Switzer, 2017



*Dayton Linhardt
2024*



*Kendall Wooden
2022*



*Evan Hoylman
2016*

*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. You can find out a little bit more about the All-Star history from the NWS History page on our webpage - <http://nebraskawindsymphony.com/about/nws-history>



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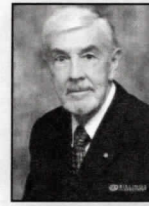
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What IS the Nebraska Wind Symphony?

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 took place April 26 and 27, 2024, in Omaha, Nebraska, hosted by the *Nebraska Wind Symphony*.

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We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of our fans, playing members, and community. *The cost of each NWS concert is around \$4,500.* 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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