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Featuring the  
**ALL-STAR  
CLARINETS**

Westview High School Director of  
Bands, Doug Bogatz

NWS Music Director, Joshua Kearney

Greg Williamson, Guest Conductor

Featured soloist Myra Coveney

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***Welcome!***

***¡Bienvenido!***

Welcome to our Winter concert of the 48th Season of the Nebraska Wind Symphony, Omaha's Community Concert Band. We are excited to perform for you today. We proudly share the stage with the Omaha Westview Band under the direction of Doug Bogatz. 20 very special guests, Middle School All-Star Clarinets, join us representing 15 schools in 5 school districts throughout the metro area. They've worked hard on some challenging music we know you will enjoy. You'll also hear Myra Coveney on a lively clarinet solo.



In 1977 Darwin "Tony" Snyder, an instrumental music teacher in the Westside School District, saw the need for an organization to provide adults with an instrumental music outlet. His vision proved correct as we continue to present concert band music in our 48th concert season now under the direction of Dr. Joshua Kearney. Today we invite you to experience the lively sounds of Spain and our Latin America neighbors with a ***¡Fiesta Fantástica!***

All of this season's concerts are free to the public because of generous donors like you. Thank you for helping us continue to bring great concert band music to the Omaha area!

We joyfully recognize these donors for sponsoring this Winter Concert.

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## **2024-2025 Concert Season**

October 20, 2024 – UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center – 7:30 PM

December 8, 2024 – UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center – 3:00 PM

- with the UNO University Band

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

- with Middle School All-Star Clarinets 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 – 6:00PM (tentative)

## **Myra Coveney, clarinet soloist**

Myra Coveney is a local Nebraska musician who holds a fulfilling career as a performing artist, educator, music administrator, and music entrepreneur/businesswoman. Myra received her bachelor's degree in clarinet performance from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She is pursuing a master's degree next fall. In her professional career, Myra has performed across the Midwest and Texas with globally renowned artists such as Kinan Azmeh, Ron Blake, John Hadfield, Sarah Brightman, and more. A few of her most recent performances include programs with the Flute New Music Consortium's New Music Festival and the Nebraska Crossroads Music Festival.



In addition to enjoying an active performance career, Myra fills several administrative roles in the Nebraska music industry. She is the Rehearsal Manager and Operations Assistant for the Omaha Area Youth Orchestras at UNO since the 2023-2024 season. Myra has also served on the production team for the 2024 Nebraska Crossroads Music Festival.

As a music educator, Myra teaches in her own studio of private students. Her students have a 100% acceptance rate to All-State ensembles for two consecutive years. She also regularly works as a clinician, leading workshops at several schools across Nebraska.



## **Music Director, Dr. Joshua Kearney**

Joshua Kearney is Assistant Professor and Director of Bands at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He teaches courses in music education and conducting, and directs 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. Additionally, Kearney regularly shares his research and experiences through conference presentations and workshops

around the country and abroad.

Dr. 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.

## **Associate Director, Keith Davis**

Keith 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.

Keith 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 done special arrangements for the Wind Symphony, including several holiday selections for our guest vocalists.

Keith has been a playing member of the Nebraska Wind Symphony since 1992 and also serves as the NWS Music Librarian. He is also a playing member with Orchestra Omaha and the Omaha Symphonic Winds. Keith lives in Gretna with his wife, oboist Deanna Davis, and their cat and two dogs.



## **Gregory Williamson, Guest Conductor**

Gregory Williamson is a music educator from the greater Omaha area. A graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, he currently teaches at Logan View Jr./Sr. High School as the 7-12 Music Director. He is in his first year with the Nebraska Wind Symphony. When he is not teaching or playing music, he loves to cook, spend time with his close friends, family and pets, and exploring new hobbies.



## **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 she is up to on her social media: [@ClaireJamesFlute](#) or website:

[ClaireJamesFlute.com](http://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](mailto:businessmanager@nebraskawindsymphony.com)

# 2025 NWS Middle School All-Stars

## **Cyrus Jackson**

Alfonza W. Davis Middle School (OPS),  
Director Robert Brown

## **Zoey Zarling**

Aspen Creek Middle School (Gretna),  
Director Amber Malone

## **Eli Oh**

## **Jeremy Siu**

Elkhorn Grandview Middle School,  
Director Chris Johnson

## **Shane Spitznagel**

Elkhorn Middle School,  
Director Andrew Norris

## **Imani Hudson**

## **Grace McCarron**

Elkhorn North Ridge Middle School,  
Director Amy Wemhoff

## **Isabel Askar**

Elkhorn Valley View Middle School,  
Director Nate Auman

## **Mallory Beether**

## **Torri Hunsen**

Gretna Middle School,  
Director Chris Tucker

## **Dakota Campbell**

## **Gavin Christensen**

La Vista Middle School,  
Director Hannah Fisher

## **Cordae Taylor**

Lewis & Clark Middle School (OPS)  
Director Sarah Short

## **Jackson Wah**

McMillan Middle School (OPS),  
Director Preston Casey

## **Isabella Baldwin**

Westside Middle School,  
Director Tim Rishling

## **Abigail Zarling**

Gethsemane Lutheran, MCS\*  
Director Dan Irvin

## **Emily Armendariz**

St. Columbkille, MCS\*  
Director Chris Schuttler

## **Mariana Alvarez**

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Director Sean Lockard

## **Vincent Langenfeld**

## **Noah Lopezrojas**

St. Wenceslaus, MCS\*  
Director Chris Frisbie

\*Music in Catholic Schools,  
Annette Wallace, Administrator

Special thanks go to **Debra Lund** for coordinating all aspects of the all-star portion of the program. This included sending invitations, managing registration, ongoing communication, coordinating the sectional rehearsal, and guiding the students for today's concert.

We thank the **band directors** of each of these schools for nominating their students and working with them to prepare the music for today's concert.

We thank the **parents** for being flexible and providing this opportunity for their students.

# Nebraska Wind Symphony Winter Concert

Omaha Westview High School

February 23, 2025, 3PM

Selections by the Omaha Westview Band

*brief intermission*

## *¡Fiesta Fantástica!*

Featuring the NWS Middle School All Star Clarinets

Joshua Kearney, Music Director

Doug Bogatz and Greg Williamson, Guest Conductors

**Set from “Ritmos de la Tierra”**

VICTORIANO VALENCIA

1. Raspa

2. Huayno - Greg Williamson, Guest Conductor

3. Chandé

**Bliss, a Mellifluous Chorale for Band** IVETTE HERRYMAN

RODRIGUEZ

Doug Bogatz, Guest Conductor

**Clarinet Hoedown**

JOHN MOSS

**Sol Y Sombra**

GEORGE GATES

featuring the NWS Middle School All-Star Clarinets

**Twitch**

NATHAN DAUGHTREY

Myra Coveney, clarinet soloist

**El Camino Real**

ALFRED REED

**El Cumbanchero**

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# Omaha Westview High School Band

## Flute

Nicole Ambunya, 10  
Kiana Hector, 10  
Samantha Salgado-Mis, 11

## Clarinet

Jadhash Ortiz Bracamonte, 12

## Alto Saxophone

Luke Bein, 9  
Declan Bourke, 10  
Jason Cannon Jr, 10  
Ace Simmons, 10  
Isabel Vizuetete, 10  
Julian Walls, 10

## Tenor Saxophone

Adylenne Ramirez Preciado,  
10

## Bari Saxophone

Morgan Blackstone, 11  
Jackson Carson, 10

## Trumpet

Evan Caricofe, 9  
Jacob Hartnett, 11  
Andrew Harwick, 10  
Alexander Jurgens, 12  
Gavin Rogers, 10  
Michael Ruvalcaba, 10

## Horn

Leo Hardy, 9

## Trombone

Ella Carson, 10  
Angelica Cortes-Clark, 9  
Anders Knutson, 9  
Matthew Mortensen, 10

## Euphonium

Will Cameron, 11  
Dakota Torrance, 9

## Tuba

Terrell Harrington, 9  
Chloe Steelman, 10

## Percussion

John Bascom, 11  
Holden Campbell, 11  
Leo Carnes, 10  
Austin McGrath, 11  
Owen Muchowicz, 9  
River Nelson, 9  
Brooklynn Pierce, 12  
Charles Redemske, 11  
Xavier Rozier-Epting, 11  
Caleb Zellner, 11



## Doug Bogatz, Instrumental Music Director Omaha Westview High School

Doug Bogatz has been the Director of Instrumental Music at Omaha Westview High School since it opened in 2022. He is also the Instrumental Jazz Instructor at Midland University in Fremont, NE. He was previously the Director of Instrumental Music at Fremont High School. He holds a Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a Master of Music with a concentration in Music Education from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. At UNL, he was an active member of the jazz ensembles, concert bands, Cornhusker

Marching Band, Westbrook Saxophone Quartet, Kappa Kappa Psi, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. Doug was also a member of the Colts Drum & Bugle Corps from Dubuque, Iowa. He is an active member of NAFME, ASCAP, NMEA, and NSBA, and has served on the NSBA Board as Public Relations Chair and NMEA Board as the Director of Auditions and Ensemble Affairs. He lives in Bennington with his wife Lindsey and children Gordon and Dorothy.

The Nebraska Wind Symphony Playing Members  
*¡Fiesta Fantástica!* - Sunday, February 23, 2025

**Flute**

Nancy Boyer - *Retired School Secretary*  
Fran Coren C - *Retired*  
Lisa Erickson (Picc) - *Adult Basic Education Instructor*  
Lisa Heaton\* - *USPS*  
Lisa Line (Picc) - *Attorney*  
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*

**Bassoon**

Heather Holland\* - *ERM and Insurance Specialist*  
Hunter Holoubek - *Band Director*

**Clarinet**

Lucas Abraham - *Admin Assistant*  
Preston Casey - *Band Director*  
Tami Cervantes - *Medical Social Worker*  
Sue Corwin - *Retired*  
Myra Coveney (bass) *Clarinet Shop Manager*  
Sheryl Cuba C - *Retired*  
Carol Curry\* (bass) C - *Retired*  
Roger Kruger - *Retired*  
Don Moran (contrabass) - *Audio/Visual*  
Dan Pearson - *Scrum Master*  
James Reed - *Fiction Writer*  
Gary Roth - *Sr IT Security Engineer*  
Pat Stronck - *Medical Billing Specialist*  
Barb Teter\* C - *Veterinarian*  
Allie West (Sop / Bass) - *Band Director*

**Alto Saxophone**

Don Jacobson C - *Band Director*  
Dan Kingkade - *Retired*  
Elliott Lockwood - *Collaborative Pianist*  
Randy Mimick - *Business Consultant*  
Sarah Stratton\* - *Music Administrator*

**Tenor Saxophone**

Debra Lund - *Retired Band Teacher/Administrator*

**Bari Saxophone**

Greg Williamson - *Music Teacher*

**Trumpet**

Joel Edwards - *Clinical Audiologist*  
Wayne Harrison - *Retired Professor*  
Bethany Kracl\* - *School Counselor*  
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Jessica Todd - *Bar Manager/ Baker*  
Erica Wasson - *Music Teacher*

**Horns**

Christi Bierman - *Licensing Coordinator*  
Andrew Braun\* - *Music Teacher*  
Keith Davis - *Composer/ Arranger*  
Anna Helzer - *HS Spanish Teacher*  
Helen Jordon - *Artist, Retired*

\* Section Principal  
C Charter Member

**Trombone**

Kyle Avery - *Music Teacher*  
John Baker - *Retired Pathologist*  
Amber Bock - *HS Band Director*  
Dale Irvin - *Retired*  
Alan Lightbody - *Retired*  
Brian Lund\* - *Retired*  
Alex Toews - *Software Developer*

**Euphonium**

Forrest Griffith - *Client Product Analyst*  
Joseph Phillips - *Biology Professor*  
Mark Simerly - *Solutions Consultant*

**Tuba**

Kenny Baires - *Band Director*  
Mark Dauner - *Marketing, Self-employed*  
Kevin Gilreath - *Retired IT*  
Brian Kracl\* - *Manager Margins*  
Bill Lindau - *Retired / Human Services*

**Percussion**

Kyle Ackley - *Electrician*  
Amber Bock - *HS Band Director*  
Keith Davis - *Composer / Arranger*  
Analynn Fassler - *Claims Supervisor*  
Steve Jordon - *Writer*  
Edwin Lyons - *Major Gifts Officer*  
Stephen Michael - *Dentist / Pilot*  
Robert Wege - *Retired AF*

**Piano**

Elliott Lockwood - *Collaborative Pianist*



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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 our founding members with each new concert

season.

**Did you know?** The Nebraska Wind Symphony is a proud member of the Association of Concert Bands (ACB). ACB Regional Connection events bring bands and musicians from a region together for education, performance, and discussion. The Nebraska Wind Symphony hosted the first ever ACB Regional Connection event in April 2024 right here in Omaha Nebraska.



The mission of the Association of Concert Bands is to foster excellence in Concert Band music through performance, education, and advocacy. For more information about the ACB, go to [www.acbands.org](http://www.acbands.org).

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The Nebraska Wind Symphony is governed by a Board of Directors elected by the playing membership. Staff members are non-voting members of the board.

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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** to make a gift or find out



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include purchasing program advertisements, sponsoring a concert or portion of a concert, and giving a direct donation.

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## NWS Middle School All-Stars

Every February, the Nebraska Wind Symphony invites directors of all of the area middle schools to nominate students for an All-Star concert experience. Participating students prepare two selections. They join us for rehearsal and perform with us at our Winter concert. We are involved in the community, encouraging our young people to stay involved in music, knowing that making music is a lifetime joy.

Last season we featured tubas.



Find out more about the All-Star history by visiting the NWS history page of our website.



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**Thank you** for joining us for today's concert!

Please mark your calendars for our next concert.

**Sunday, April 27, 2025 - 3PM at Omaha North High School**

We will be joined by the North High School Band under the direction of Amber Bock and present another concert of great band music.