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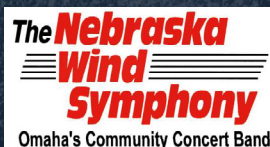
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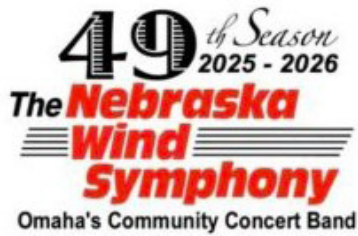
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Welcome!

to the beginning of the 49th Season of the Nebraska Wind Symphony, Omaha's Community Concert Band. We are excited to perform for you today!



Imagine our fall concert as an exhilarating and imaginative voyage filled with classics and lesser known gems. Welcome aboard as we journey through the looking glass! Your tour directors for this concert are Music Director, Josh Kearney and Associate Director, Keith Michael Davis.

Thank you!

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 Spring Concert.

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2025-2026 Concert Season - Upcoming

October 19, 2025 – UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center – 7:30 PM
December 7, 2025 – UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center – 3:00 PM
– with the UNO University Band
March 1, 2026 – UNO – 3:00 PM – with the Middle School All-Stars
April 26, 2026 – Burke High School – 3:00 PM – with Beveridge Middle School

Summer Concerts featuring the NWS Swingtones

June 7, 2026 – St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church – time TBD
July 3, 2026 – Capitol District – time TBD

Joshua Kearney, Music Director, NWS

Joshua Kearney is Assistant Professor and Director of Bands at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He teaches courses in music education and conducting, directs the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, and oversees all aspects of the UNO band program. In addition to his duties at UNO, 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. He has worked as an adjudicator and clinician for ensembles of all levels across the U.S. Additionally, Kearney regularly shares his research and experiences through conference presentations and workshops around the country and abroad.



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 in multiple committee leadership positions in the College Band Directors National Association.

Keith Davis, Associate Music Director, NWS



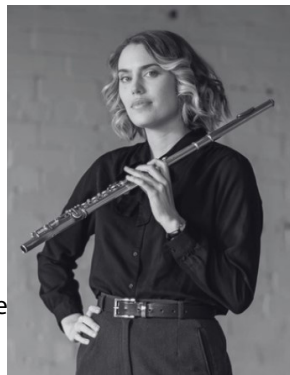
Keith is a native of Kansas City, Missouri, and has made Omaha his home since 1991. He received his Bachelor of Music in Composition (1988) and Master of Music in Horn Performance (1990) from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music.

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.

Claire James, Business Manager, NWS

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 music education. You can see what she 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.

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Nebraska Wind Symphony Fall Concert

"Through the Looking Glass"

University of Nebraska at Omaha | UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center

October 19, 2025 7:30 pm

Music Director - Joshua Kearney

Associate Music Director - Keith Michael Davis

Prelude, Siciliano, and Rondo

MALCOLM ARNOLD/PAYNTER

All the Pretty Horses

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Keith Michael Davis, Associate Music Director

The Thunderer

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

After "The Thunderer"

IRA HEARSHEN

Spiritual from "Symphonic Songs for Band"

ROBERT RUSSELL BENNETT

Poet and Peasant Overture

FRANZ VON SUPPE/MEYRELLES

Beguine for Band

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The Nebraska Wind Symphony Playing Members

Sunday, October 19, 2025

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 Lisa Erikson -
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 Lisa Line - *Attorney*
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 Anne Ratashak -
Retired Medical Technologist
 Mary Sanderson - *Retired*

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 Allison Malcolm* -
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Porter Hansen - *Electrician*
 Heather Holland* -
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 Hunter Holoubek - *Band Director*

CLARINET

Lucas Abraham - *Admin Assistant*
 Preston Casey - *Band Director*
 Sheryl Cuba C - *Retired*
 Miriam Moran (contra) -
IT Consultant
 Dan Pearson - *Scrum Master*
 James Reed - *Fiction Writer*
 Rick Richards (bass) -
Retired Teacher
 Gary Roth -
Security Engineer
 Anna Stednitz - *Graduate Student*
 Pat Stronck -
Medical Billing Sr Associate
 Barb Teter* C - *Veterinarian*
 Allie West (bass) -
HS Band Director

ALTO SAXOPHONE

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

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Debra Lund -
Retired Band Teacher/Admin

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Don Moran - *A/V Professional*

HORN

Andrew Braun* - *Music Teacher*
 Keith Davis -
Composer/Arranger
 Anna Helzer -
HS Spanish Teacher
 Helen Jordon - *Retired Artist*

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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.

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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.

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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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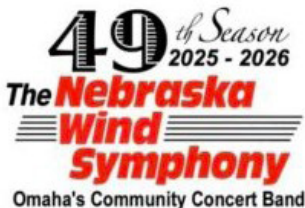
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