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&
The Nebraska Wind Symphony
present a joint concert:

Nothing Gold Can Stay

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FEATURING MUSIC BY:

Carolyn Bremer, Steven Bryant,
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John Philip Sousa, & Samuel Ward

ANDREW BRAUN
& NICHOLAS SPATH

DIRECTORS,
BEVERIDGE MS BAND

FEATURING MUSIC BY:

Elliot A. Del Borgo,
Russell Holland,
Jaime Texidor, &
Omar Thomas



Welcome!

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



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 49th concert season now under the direction of Dr. Joshua Kearney. Today we invite you to experience a diverse selection of works featuring our collaboration with Beveridge Middle School.

The Nebraska Wind Symphony will be lead by Music Director, Josh Kearney, Associate Music Director, Keith Michael Davis, and guest conductors Andrew Braun & Nicholas Spath.

Thank You!

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Andrew Braun, Beveridge Middle School Director

Andrew Braun currently serves as a middle school instrumental music teacher with Omaha Public Schools. He co-teaches strings, band, and jazz band at Beveridge Middle. He has previously taught elementary band, elementary strings, high school band, and high school orchestra. This is his 23rd year with OPS.



Andrew received his Bachelor's in Music Education from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and participated in the Cornhusker Marching Band. He is a member of the Nebraska Music Educators Association, the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association, and the National Association for Music Education. He has served as an honors conductor and an instrumental solo judge for Music in the Catholic Schools. Andrew is in his 21st year playing horn with the Nebraska Wind Symphony.



Nicholas Spath, Beveridge Middle School Director

Nicholas Spath currently serves as co-director of instrumental music at Beveridge Middle School. Prior to his time at Beveridge, Mr. Spath served as Assistant Director of Instrumental Music at Burke High School as well as Director of Instrumental Music at Benson High School. A proud alumnus of the Omaha Public Schools, Nick is currently in his 25th year of teaching.

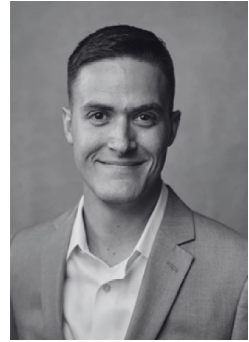
Mr. Spath received his Bachelor's in Music Education from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. While attending UNL, he participated in the Cornhusker Marching Band, Big Red Express, UNL Jazz Ensemble, UNL Symphonic Band and UNL Men's Varsity Glee. In 2006, he returned to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln to pursue his Master of Music in Wind Band Conducting where he studied under the direction of Dr. Carolyn Barber and graduated in 2008.

Mr. Spath is an active member in the music community. He is a sought-after visual designer in the marching arts. He has served as an adjudicator for the Nebraska State Band Masters Association, Heartland Winter Arts Association, Omaha Public Schools, Elkhorn Public Schools and Bennington Public Schools. Nicholas is also a founding member and bass trombone player of the Nebraska Brass Band for the past nine years.

Mr. Spath has been married to his wife, Kendra, for 21 years and has two wonderful daughters, Emma and Kennedy.

Joshua Kearney, Music Director, NWS

Joshua Kearney is Associate 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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Beveridge Middle School & Nebraska Wind Symphony Spring Program

Burke High School
April 26, 2026 | 3:00pm

Beveridge Middle School Directors - Andrew Braun & Nicholas Spath
NWS Music Director - Joshua Kearney
NWS Associate Music Director - Keith Michael Davis

Beveridge Middle School

Triumphant Overture ELLIOT A. DEL BORGO

Flight of the Dragons RUSSELL HOLLAND

Amparito Roca JAMIE TEXIDOR
arr. Gary Fagan

Nebraska Wind Symphony

America the Beautiful SAMUEL WARD
arr. Carmen Dragon

Early Light CAROLYN BREMER

The National Game JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

Letters for Home PETER MEECHAN
Keith Michael Davis, Associate Music Director

Nothing Gold Can Stay STEVEN BRYANT

American Hymnsong Suite DWAYNE MILBURN
Prelude on "Wondrous Love"
Ballad on "Balm in Gilead"
Scherzo on "Nettleton"
March on "Wilson"

shared with Beveridge Middle School

Caribana Afterparty OMAR THOMAS

Beveridge Middle School 8th Grade Band Roster

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Miguel Ambrosio Fierro	Bailey Lee
Jessica-Joy Atayi	Spencer Lordemann
Colton Britton	Ataly Macias
Landon Dorner	Maxwell McArthur
Alexander Dowling	Alivia McGrath
Wesley Dyke	Molly McIntyre
Abigail Gilbert	Christopher Montiel-Breuer
Patton Grams	Aubrey Nielse
Miracle Griffin-McTizic	Lillian Plouzek
Destiny Harral	Israel Robbins
De'Andre Hines	Daniel Roman
Aaron Holloway	Darnell Russell
Madison Horne	Emma Spath
Tye Johnson	Colton Stein
Henry Kanago	Virginia Triebold
Oliver Konen	Audrey Tunzer
Julia Kresha	Adelene Villalba
Khaleed Kunka	Charley Wilson
Kenzington Lage	Adrienne A Yeaman
Tenleighahna Lage	Elijah Zorrilla

The Nebraska Wind Symphony Playing Members

Sunday, April 26, 2026

FLUTE

Nancy Boyer -
Retired School Secretary
Fran Coren C - *Homemaker*
Lisa Erickson -
Adult Education Instructor
Lisa Fimbres - *Clerk*
Lisa Line - *Attorney*
Paula Markuson - *Retired*
Candace Nelson - *Retired*
Anne Ratashak - *Retired*
Mary Sanderson - *Retired*

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Allison Malcolm* -
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BASSOON

Heather Holland* -
Risk and Insurance
Hunter Holoubek -
Band Director

CLARINET

Lucas Abraham -
Administrative Specialist
Sheryl Cuba C - *Retired*
Alyssiah Green - *Phlebotomist*
Lauren Milbourn (bass) -
Patron Services Lead
Miriam Moran (contra) -
IT Consultant
Dan Pearson -
Business Analyst
James Reed - *Fiction Writer*
Gary Roth - *Security Engineer*
Anna Stednitz -
Graduate Student
Pat Stronck -
Medical Billing Sr. Associate
Jewelina Taylor -
Research Assistant
Barbara Teter* C - *Veterinarian*
Allison West -
High School Band Director

KEYBOARDS

Elliott Lockwood -
Collaborative Pianist

SAXOPHONE

Preston Casey -
Band Director
Donald Jacobson -
*Conductor, Iowa Western
Community Band*
Dan Kingkade - *Retired*
Elliott Lockwood -
Collaborative Pianist
Deb Lund -
*Retired Band Teacher/
Administrator*
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Don Moran -
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Sarah Stratton* -
Music Supervisor

TRUMPET

Joel Edwards -
Clinical Audiologist
Wayne Harrison -
Retired Professor
Bethany Kracl* -
School Counselor
Christopher Ramsay -
Maintenance Engineer
Rebecca Shively -
I/O Psychologist
Jessica Todd -
Volunteer Coordinator
Chris Tucker -
Retired Band Director

HORN

Andrew Braun* -
Music Teacher
Keith Davis -
Composer/Arranger
Anna Helzer -
*High School Spanish
Teacher*
Helen Jordan -
Retired/Artist
Matthew Morgan -
Band Director
Rick Richards -
Retired Teacher

TROMBONE

Kyle Avery - *Teacher*
John Baker -
Retired Pathologist
Amber Bock -
Music Teacher
Dale Irvin - *Retired*
Tyler Long - *Band Director*
Brian Lund* - *Retired IT*
Alex Toews -
Software Developer

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Training Specialist
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Kevin Gilreath - *Retired*
Brian Kracl* -
Senior Manager Margins
Bill Lindau - *Retired*

PERCUSSION

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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.

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.



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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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