

Music Alive!

Welcome

Welcome to this evening's Music Alive! Concert. Tonight we have the opportunity to listen to some of the finest young musicians in Central Minnesota. Each one of these bands has a distinct sound, character, style and expression. The concert experience will be like enjoying a garden variety of beautiful flowers. Enjoy.

"An education of the mind without an education of the heart is no education at all."

~ Aristotle

"To stop the flow of music would be to stop time itself— incredible and inconceivable."

~ Aaron Copland

"Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, and flight to the imagination."

~ Plato

Call to the Heart

Music Alive! is an overture to a plan envisioned and acted upon by the SCSU Wind Ensemble. As an outreach ensemble supported by outreach faculty artists, our group of musicians and teachers seeks to advance music in our schools. We do so by providing shared Friendship concerts, clinics, master classes and private lessons to school musicians. Moreover, we advocate for music in the schools, giving speeches and supportive materials to help directors, students, and parents help themselves in keeping music alive in their school communities. Please join us in this our "Call to the Heart."

Program Director

DR. RIK HANSEN

First American conductor and music scholar to present for the the Oxford University Round Table of Scholars.

Author of *The American Wind Band: A Cultural History* reviewed by leading authorities as the "most important book in the wind band profession."

Led St. Cloud State University Wind Ensemble in 10 professional music convention performances.

Principal guest conductor of internationally celebrated Tokyo Musashino Academia Musicae Wind Ensemble.

Artistic Director of American Composers Forum "Nesting Project" fostering new wind music by emerging student composers.

Conductor of landmark recordings of wind band music for Sony BMI, Vienna Modern Masters, BRAIN, ArkivMusic, and GSA Recording Productions.

Conductor of national and international radio broadcasts from Mexico City and St. Paul.

Rik and his wife Sheila have two children: Zachary and Abigail and son-in-law Michael along with their cat, Jazzy. Hansen is an avid historian and hiker. He enjoys art, museums, poetry, storytelling, and team sports.



KIMBERLY RITSCHER AUDITORIUM
ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY
FEBRUARY 21, 2010 • 3:00 PM

Pine City High School Band

BRADLEY MARISKA, DIRECTOR

- La Roquina*..... W.B. Green
- With Quiet Courage*..... Larry Daehn
- Abram's Pursuit*.....David Holsinger

PINE CITY SCHOOLS

Located about one hour north of the Twin Cities on the I-35 corridor, Pine City Schools enroll approximately 1,600 students in their K-12 programs. The district is committed to providing students at all levels with quality academic instruction as well as outstanding programs in athletics and the fine arts. The schools enjoy strong community support and have initiated a variety of innovative programs to maintain the bond between the school community and the community at large. Evidence of this partnership can be seen in a recent voter-approved construction project that added a new media center, gymnasium, and six additional classrooms to the Elementary School. The high school is committed to offering a wide variety of college-level classes for students, including more than half a dozen Advanced Placement courses.

PINE CITY HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The fine arts programs at Pine City High School have long been respected for their quality and levels of participation. Instructors collaborate closely to develop a curriculum that is student-focused and of the highest quality. The Pine City High School Concert Band, a non-auditioned ensemble of 78 students in grades 10 through 12, has received unanimous superior ratings at Large Group Music Contest each of the past four years. The Department's top jazz ensemble, Jazz One, participates in several jazz festivals annually, has recently performed at the Minnesota State School Boards Association Convention, and has appeared several times as the "Band of the Week" on KSTP TV's High School Sports Wrap. The PCHS Pep Band is also recognized as one of the most entertaining ensembles of its kind in the region. Pine City High School also offers academic courses in music, including Musical Theatre and Music History and Theory. This year, Pine City is also offering Advanced Placement Music Theory for the first time.

PINE CITY HIGH SCHOOL BAND DIRECTOR

Bradley Mariska is in his sixth year at Pine City High School. Mariska is a native of Waterville, MN, and holds a bachelor's degree in Music Education from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA, and a master's degree in Music History and Literature from The University of Maryland. Over the past several years, Mariska has nearly doubled the number of students participating in band, while also receiving accolades for superior performances at festivals, contests, and public concerts. In addition to directing the Concert Band, Jazz One, Pep Band, Marching Band, and Fifth Grade Band, Mariska also directs the theatre program at Pine City High School, which has enjoyed great success over the past several years: Pine City is the two-time defending Sub-Section One Act Play Champions and a recent production of the musical "Little Shop of Horrors" drew over 1,800 spectators. Mariska has also instituted advanced academic courses in music, including a rigorous Music History and Theory course that culminates in Advanced Placement Music Theory testing.



Guest Artists

"Music exists in an infinity of sound. I think of all music as existing in the substance of the air itself. It is the composer's task to order and make sense of sound, in time and space, to communicate something about being alive through music." – Libby Larsen

LIBBY LARSEN • Libby Larsen is one of America's most performed living composers. She has created a catalogue of over 400 works spanning virtually every genre from intimate songs and chamber music to massive orchestral works and over twelve operas. Grammy Award winning and widely recorded, including over fifty CD's of her work. She is constantly sought after for commissions and premieres by major artists, ensembles, and orchestras around the world, and has established a permanent place for her works in the concert repertoire.



As a vigorous, articulate advocate for the music and musicians of our time, in 1973 Larsen co-founded the the American Composer's Forum, which has become an invaluable aid for composers in a transitional time for American arts. A former holder of the Papamarkou Chair at John W. Kluge Center of the Library of Congress and a leader for the National Endowment for the Arts. Gloria is the 5th commission that Larsen has completed for the St. Cloud State University Wind Ensemble. Others are the *Grand Rondo* (her first wind band work), *Letters from Calamity Jane* (wind version with soprano solo), *Within the Circle of Our Lives* and *Cri de Coeur* for world class trumpet virtuoso Jen Lindemann.

J. HUGH GIVENS • Professor Givens joined the St. Cloud State University voice faculty in the fall of 1987. He received his undergraduate degree in Music Education from Glenville State College, his Masters in Vocal Pedagogy from West Virginia University and his Doctor of Music Arts in Performance and Literature also from WVU. In addition to his teaching career, Givens has made concert appearances with many orchestras across the U.S. Regionally he has performed with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Minnesota Orchestra and the Duluth Symphony. Givens has also performed with the Opera Company of Boston with Sarah Caldwell, Edmonton Opera, Virginia Lyric Opera, Minnesota Opera Company and the Lyric Opera of Kansas City. Givens has also several premieres to his credit including song cycles by Eric Kitchen and Bryan Hayes and the opera *"From the Towers of the Moon"* by Robert Moran.



MARCIE HAGEN GIVENS • Dr. Hagen Givens, soprano, an active performer throughout the Midwest, has appeared on the recital, concert and operatic stage. Her concert appearances include the Minnesota Center Chorale, the Austin MN Symphony, the La Crosse WI Symphony and Deo Cantamus (Plymouth MN). Hagen Givens performs regularly in concert and recital with the CSB/SJU Pastiche faculty performing ensemble. She also takes great pleasure in performing with her husband, bass-baritone Hugh Givens. She has also enjoyed the opportunity to present a number of recitals with Jon Spong, long time friend and pianist of Sherrill Milnes. Dr. Hagen Givens greatly enjoys teaching voice and is a member of the CSB/SJU Music Faculty. Dr. Hagen Givens is also active as an adjudicator, clinician, guest speaker/lecturer and member of Minnesota NATS.



Wind Ensemble

DR. RIK HANSEN, DIRECTOR

Carmina Burana..... Carl Orff
Were the World All Mine
O Fortuna

*Gloria** Libby Larsen
Marcie Hagen Givens, Soprano and J. Hugh Givens
*World Premiere

Exilaration and Cry..... Donald Grantham

Someone to Watch Over Me..... George Gershwin
Alicia Eisenstadt, Trumpet Soloist
Armando Saldarini, M.M. Conductor

Messianic Kingdom David R. Gillingham

ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

The SCSU Instrumental Music Program currently enrolls well over 200 students in 7 ensembles. The Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Percussion Collective, Chamber Winds, Campus Band, and Husky Sports Band are dedicated to providing students with a complete instrumental music education. The SCSU Instrumental Music Program engages students in all genres and periods of instrumental repertoire, frequently collaborating with vocal and instrumental guest artists, conductors, and composers, and premiering new works.

ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY WIND ENSEMBLE

The Wind Ensemble is a creative arena for future music educators, performers, and pre-professionals alike to express themselves and support each other in music making endeavors. The Wind Ensemble is committed to the performance and promotion of the richest and most varied traditional and contemporary music for wind band. The SCSU Wind Ensemble is featured with the Tokyo Symphony Orchestra, the Moravian Philharmonic and several professional orchestras from New York on a compact disk devoted to modern music. This recording marked the first time *Vienna Modern Music Masters*, the largest recording industry of contemporary music, recorded a concert band. The ensemble has also produced and distributed three concert season compact disks: *Red, White and New*, *Messages from the Past*, and *Music Alive!* which contain several premiere performances of unique wind band works. The ensemble plans a collaborative release of works by major American composers, *American Chronicles* with UCLA and Michigan State this winter. The Wind Ensemble has taken concert tours of Denmark, Russia and Mexico—where they performed at the National School of Music and made a national radio broadcast in Mexico City.



Milaca High School Band

ANDREW NELSON, DIRECTOR

“Overture” from *Fusion*..... Brian Balmages

Prelude, Siciliano and Rondo Malcolm Arnold,
arr. John P. Paynter

MILACA SCHOOLS

The Milaca Public Schools provide public education to nearly 1900 students. Located on the banks of the Rum River, the Milaca Public Schools campus is a single campus facility. The school is the center of the community, and nearly 130 teachers work to provide a wide variety of educational opportunities for youth. With a focus on “College in the Schools” Milaca High School seniors can graduate with a large number of college credits with a wide variety of challenging curricular offerings. The Milaca Public Schools take pride in focusing on Respect, Honesty, Responsibility and Citizenship. The city of Milaca is known as the “Gateway to the North.” Located at the intersection of Highways 23 and 169, Milaca is a short drive from the “Walleye Capitol of the World” – beautiful Lake Mille Lacs.

MILACA HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM

The Milaca High School Band program serves 180 students in grades 8-12. Three Concert Bands, Jazz Ensemble, Pep Band, Solos, Ensembles and Summer Parade Marching band make up the curricular and co-curricular offerings. The Milaca community is proud of its outstanding tradition of band performance. The Milaca High School Symphonic Band is known throughout the state as an outstanding ensemble, and has twice appeared at the MMEA mid-winter clinic.

MILACA HIGH SCHOOL BAND DIRECTOR

Andrew Eric Nelson is entering his Seventeenth year of teaching during the 2009-10 school year; it is his Seventh as director of bands at Milaca High School. His duties include direction of three concert bands, pep band, jazz ensemble, solo/ensemble preparation, as well as lesson instruction. The MHS Marching Wolves summer band is also under his direction. Prior to his arrival at Milaca High School, he served as Associate Director of Bands at Blaine High School and Director of Bands at Red Wing High School. Under his direction the BHS Marching Bengals grew from 90 to over 200 members, won numerous awards in field competition and also performed pre-game and halftime shows for the Minnesota Vikings. Mr. Nelson was twice nominated by parents and students for the Anoka Hennepin Teacher Outstanding Performance Award. Highlights of Mr. Nelson’s career include numerous 1st place awards in field and street marching bands, as well as two appearances at the MMEA Mid-Winter Clinic with the Red Wing Concert Band and the Milaca High School Symphonic Band. In 2007 Mr. Nelson was selected as the “Milaca Community Member of the Year” for his work with the high school band program. Mr. Nelson is an active adjudicator of marching bands with the Tri-State Marching Band Association.



Windfest Symphony

Music for the Royal Fireworks.....George F. Handel
 I. Overture ed. Adam Tervola Hultberg
 II. Bourree
 III. La Paix
 IV. La Rejouissance
 V. Menuet and Trio
 Adam Tervola Hultberg, conductor

SundanceFrank Ticheli
 Steve Lyons, conductor

Selections from *The Wizard of Oz*Arr. John Barnes
 Armando Saldarini, conductor

Festival Band

ProspectPierre LaPlante
 Dr. R.K. Hansen, conductor



ADAM TERVOLA HULTBERG • Mr. Tervola Hultberg is Assistant Conductor and Music Department Graduate Assistant after eight years of teaching middle school and high school band. During his time at Detroit Lakes High School and Perham-Dent Public Schools, he provided quality instruction and dynamic performance opportunities for his students. Ensembles under his leadership earned superior ratings at MSHSL contests as well as the admiration and respect of the communities. Mr. Tervola Hultberg currently serves the Minnesota Band Directors Association as President. He is presently pursuing a Master's degree in Conducting at St. Cloud State, studying with Dr. R.K. Hansen.

STEVEN G. LYONS • Mr. Lyons holds a BA degree in Music Education and Music Theory/Composition from Western Illinois University, and a MA degree in Music Education from the University of Minnesota. Having taught high school band in Illinois and Minnesota for twenty three years, Steve has been at Champlin Park High school since 1992. An adjunct at St. Cloud State from 2000 through 2003, Steve is delighted to return to direct the SCSU Campus Band and rejoin the St. Cloud State faculty.



ARMANDO SALDARINI • Mr. Saldarini started his musical training at the Music High School of Como. He graduated in trumpet performance and musical pedagogy from the Verdi Conservatory of Como. Saldarini received a degree in Wind Band and Fanfare Conducting from Rotterdam's Conservatory in the Netherlands. He has taken part in numerous courses, lectures, and workshops on orchestral and wind conducting, studying in Italy, Holland, France, Switzerland, Hungary, U.S.A., and Canada with world-famous masters Franco Cesarini, Frederick Fennell, Hardy Mertens, Jan Cober, Jo Conjaerts, Johan de Meij, László Marosi, Luis Solomon, Michael Dittrich, and Thomas Fraschillo.

A NEW ENSEMBLE...WINDFEST SYMPHONY

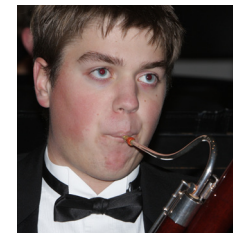
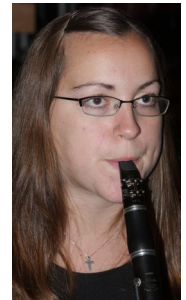
Windfest Symphony is a new, unique celebrated gathering of gifted band musicians. Our goal is to celebrate the quality teaching offered by school band programs throughout central Minnesota by challenging advanced students with quality literature, a supportive learning environment, distinguished conductors, virtuoso guest artists, celebrated performance venues, and international travel opportunities. The resultant product is an ensemble centered around a strong relationship between conductor, student, and performance specialists.

WINDFEST PURPOSES

Windfest Symphony is open to any high school or home schooled wind band student who successfully completes an audition. It is not too late to audition. We are eagerly recruiting talented wind and percussion musicians. Please contact Adam Tervola Hultberg at: tead0801@stcloudstate.edu to set up an audition. Parameters and audition materials are available online at www.windfestsymphony.org/auditions.html. The band plans a performance and clinic with the U.S. Air Force Band of Washington, D.C. on April 28, 2009 and an exciting performance calendar for the 2009-10 school year.

DIRECTORS OF STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

- Buffalo High School.....Scott Rabelh
- Cathedral High School.....Donnell Lastine-Chopp
- Little Falls High School.....Jonathan Laflamme
- Long Prairie High School.....Justin Kennedy
- Monticello High School.....Brett Krohn
- Pierz High SchoolChris Coppicus
- Princeton High School.....Jim Baxter
- Royalton High School.....Steve Kunkel
- Sartell High SchoolGordon Schlichting
- Sauk Rapids-Rice High School.....Scott Campbell
- St. Cloud Technical High School.....Gary Zwack



WINDFEST FOUNDING DIRECTORS

Windfest Symphony is administered by a Board of Directors consisting of area band directors. Area directors and SCSU graduate students are also guest conductors and teachers of the group. St. John's University/St. Benedict's College (SJU/SBC) and SCSU Faculty Artists provide valuable expertise to the experience. This is a true collaboration of central Minnesota musicians bonded by the common purposes of teaching, learning about, and making great music together.

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