

Participating Schools and Directors

Andersen Middle School (Millard)	Michelle Hall	Music in Catholic Schools	Deb Lund
Auburn Middle School	Dennis Ehmke	Music in Catholic Schools	Dan Irvin
Bayard Public Schools	Sharon Hoffman	Music in Catholic Schools	Charles Miller
Beatrice Middle School	Dan Ehmke	Norfolk Junior High School	Bob Viergutz
Beveridge Magnet School (Omaha)	Norm Edwards	Norris Middle School (Firth)	Becky Wilhelm
Bluffs Middle School	Mike Koch	Otte-Blair Middle School	Chiyo Kamada
Buffett Middle School (Omaha)	Sarah Stratton	Papillion Junior High School	Ken Janak
Central Middle School (Millard)	Eric Fuller	Pierce Public Schools	Mike Sindt
Elkhorn Middle School	Chris Johnson	Platteview Junior High School	
Fremont Middle School	Steve Steager		Marla Janak & Jerry Layher
Gretna Middle School	Chris Tucker	Plattsmouth Community Schools	Angie Maske
Irving Middle School (Lincoln)	Susan Hottovy	Pound Middle School (Lincoln)	Jim Schulz
Kiewit Middle School (Millard)	Jamie Switzer	Ralston Middle School	Nathan Capron
Lewis & Clark Middle School (Bellevue)		Scott Middle School (Lincoln)	
	Byron Braasch & Brandi Greenfelder		Lori Falcone & Jacque Rush
Lincoln Christian School	Emiley Bond	Sunrise Middle School (Kearney)	Jan Wymore
Logan Fontanelle Schools	Chris Schuttler	Trinity Christian School	Nate Auman
Mickle Middle School (Lincoln)	Mary Pfoitner	Verdigre Public Schools	Patricia Dinklage
Millard North Middle School	Jacinda Despines	Waverly Middle School	Jim Kucera
Mission Middle School (Bellevue)		Westside Middle School	Matt Sheppard
	Mark Benson & Abby Erickson	Yutan Public Schools	Kevin Koopman

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Nebraska State Bandmasters Association

presents the
12th Annual

NSBA

8th Grade All-State Band

in concert

Linda Donohue, Conductor

Saturday, January 15, 2011
4:00 p.m.

Fine Arts Recital Hall
University of Nebraska - Kearney

Program

(Musical selections to be chosen from the following)

Flourish for Wind Band.....Ralph Vaughn Williams
Rites of Tamburo.....Robert W. Smith
A Percy Grainger Portrait.....Percy Aldridge Grainger / Arranged by Douglas Wagner
March of the Belgian Paratroopers.....Pierre Leemans/Arranged by James Swearingen
Mandjani.....William G. Harbinson
Finale from The Firebird Suite.....Igor Stravinsky/Arranged by Michael Story

Conductor / Clinician



Linda Donohue retired in the summer of 2007 after 40 years as a music educator, having taught in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Blair, Nebraska. Linda graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in 1967. While teaching in Blair as the 7th and 8th grade band director, the middle school bands consistently received superior ratings in concert and marching band festivals. They were also invited to perform at the 2002 Nebraska Music Educators Convention and the 1991, 1994, 2001, and 2006 Nebraska State Bandmasters Association conventions.

Ms. Donohue was recognized in March of 2001 with the Nebraska State Bandmasters Donald Lentz Outstanding Bandmaster Award and was inducted into the Nebraska Music Educators Association's Hall of Fame in November of 2009.

Ms. Donohue is a Past-President of the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association and the Nebraska Chapter of Phi Beta Mu, an international honorary group for band directors. She is a member of the National Band Association, has served as Chair of Middle Level Affairs for the Nebraska Music Educators Association and is a member of the Blair Community Band and the Omaha Symphonic Winds. Linda continues to be a guest honor band director, adjudicator, and clinician for band events in Nebraska and the surrounding areas.

2011 NSBA 8th Grade All-State Band Personnel

(* Alternates)

FLUTES

Evan Hoylman	Andersen Middle School (Millard)
Sierra Hearn	Irving Middle School (Lincoln)
Rachael Purintun	Gretna Middle School
Caitlin Ingram	Norfolk Junior High School
Christa Pierce	Westside Middle School
Anna Moake	Logan Fontanelle Schools
Xuewei Zhao	Westside Middle School
Elizabeth Drey	Millard North Middle School
*Hope Ludvigsen	Fremont Middle School
*Maya Smith	Westside Middle School

OBOES

Alyssa Pracht	Waverly Middle School
Shayna Hansen	Gretna Middle School
*Samantha Hahne	Pound Middle School

ALTO SAXOPHONES

Logan Banister	Papillion Junior High School
Connor Kaeding	Otte-Blair Middle School
Marc Sisson	Trinity Christian School
Sarah Hokamp	Fremont Middle School
*Bryce Meier	Bluffs Middle School

TENOR SAXOPHONES

Skyler Limbach	Yutan Public Schools
J.C. Scott	Trinity Christian School
*Malachi Belford	Bluffs Middle School

BARITONE SAXOPHONES

Megan Brookhouser	Omaha (MCS) Mary Our Queen
Jacob Widhelm	Trinity Christian School
*Hailey Canfield	Lincoln Christian School

CLARINETS

Chauncey Kleveland	Beatrice Middle School
Will Mitchell	Buffett Middle School (Omaha)
Adriana Amaro	Mission Middle School (Bellevue)
Anne Stratman	Omaha (MCS) St. James/Seton
Kylee Yake	Pound Middle School (Lincoln)
Stephanie Miller	Papillion Junior High School
Betsy Huyser	Papillion Junior High School
Nathan Gatzemeyer	Pound Middle School (Lincoln)
Rachel Hoffman	Beatrice Middle School
Lauren Falconer	Sunrise Middle School (Kearney)
Kristin Arens	Pierce Public Schools
Marie Wagner	Omaha (MCS) St. Wenceslaus
Sophie Lottman	Gretna Middle School
Brooke Holmes	Beveridge Magnet School (Omaha)
Swetha Tatineni	Scott Middle School (Lincoln)
*Samantha Williams	Mickle Middle School (Lincoln)
*Georgia Kennedy	Plattsmouth Community Schools
*Kelyn Ewoldt	Otte-Blair Middle School

BASS CLARINETS

Stephen Novak	Otte-Blair Middle School
Chase Crispin	Otte-Blair Middle School
Gabe McAndrews	Ralston Middle School
*Kirsten Hall	Mission Middle School (Bellevue)

BASSOONS

Kenyon Andres	Otte-Blair Middle School
Jasmine Rosemond	Lewis & Clark Middle School (Bellevue)

TRUMPETS

Sam Mitchell	Scott Middle School (Lincoln)
Alex Hollmann	Verdigre Public Schools
Loren Haase	Bayard Public Schools
Blaine Fisher	Otte-Blair Middle School
Maggie Geiler	Waverly Middle School
Ryan Anderson	Gretna Middle School
Amanda Bond	Lincoln Christian School
Trey Moore	Gretna Middle School
Greg Huber	Omaha (MCS) St. Philip Neri
Rachel Maloy	Mission Middle School (Bellevue)
Jon Thow	Papillion Junior High School
Dillon Kanne	Gretna Middle School
*Grant Schirmer	Scott Middle School (Lincoln)
*Matthew Schaffer	Trinity Christian School
*Emma Martinez	Papillion Junior High School

BARITONES

Jeremy Grundmayer	Gretna Middle School
Jon Rippe	Gretna Middle School
Murrin McCausland	Lewis & Clark Middle School (Bellevue)
Nathan Eckhart	Fremont Middle School
*Emily Nielsen	Central Middle School (Millard)

TUBAS

RJ Dechow	Gretna Middle School
J.R. Manthei	Waverly Middle School
Stephen Zagurski	Platteview Junior High School
Neftaly Dasa	Otte-Blair Middle School

MALLET PERCUSSION

Rachel Schollaert	Gretna Middle School
Palmer Haasch	Millard North Middle School
*Hannah Jo Carlson	Kiewit Middle School (Millard)

FRENCH HORNS

Michaela Van Riesen	Millard North Middle School
Annie Dickinson	Otte-Blair Middle School
Kathleen Thompson	Otte-Blair Middle School
Chandler Smith	Mission Middle School (Bellevue)
Sean Plowman	Lewis & Clark Middle School (Bellevue)
Summer Murray	Gretna Middle School
D'anna Attanasio	Lincoln Christian School
Kiara Rodriguez	Plattsmouth Community Schools
*Megan Hanna	Mission Middle School (Bellevue)
*Claire Schulte	Auburn Middle School

TROMBONES

Matthew Mickey	Bluffs Middle School
Colin Reedy	Lewis & Clark Middle School (Bellevue)
Jessee Zhang	Elkhorn Middle School
Francis Livasy	Lewis & Clark Middle School (Bellevue)
Drew Marolf	Norris Middle School (Firth)
Blaine Johnson	Mission Middle School (Bellevue)
Taylor Grandstaff	Gretna Middle School
Gage Mruz	Otte-Blair Middle School
*Kayla Mantegna	Logan Fontanelle Schools
*Grace Kimmach	Gretna Middle School

BATTERY PERCUSSION

Joe Fox	Papillion Junior High School
Nicholas Swoboda	Omaha (MCS) St. Philip Neri
Barrett Rector	Westside Middle School
Mitch Eldridge	Trinity Christian School
*Abbie Burney	Elkhorn Middle School
TIMPANI	
Zach Simms	Lewis & Clark Middle School (Bellevue)
Vanessa Jacox	Mission Middle School (Bellevue)
*Emily Hintz	Gretna Middle School

Program Notes

Flourish for Wind Band

Ralph Vaughan Williams

This work was composed as an Overture to the Pageant *Music and the People* and was first performed in the Royal Albert Hall, London, England, on April 1, 1939. *Flourish for Wind Band* was not made available to American bands until it was published for this group in 1972.

Ralph Vaughan Williams, one of the most respected English composers, found inspiration in the study of the folk music and works of earlier English composers. He provided some of the earliest music for the twentieth century wind concert band and composed many standards also for both orchestral and choral groups.

Rites of Tamburo

Robert W. Smith

Throughout the ages, man has created ceremonies, both liturgical and secular, to celebrate human existence. *Rites of Tamburo*, while not specific to any one time period or culture, draws upon this concept of formal celebration. The word "tamburo" has Italian roots as it relates to the percussion family and centers around this one instrumental family that has transcended the ages. Using percussion for its driving force, the piece is an eclectic blend of various musical styles drawn from many different cultural roots.

Robert W. Smith is one of the most popular and prolific composers of wind bands and orchestral literature in America today with over five hundred publications in print. Recently, he was the conductor of the 2010 Nebraska Music Educators Association All-State Band.

A Percy Grainger Portrait

Percy Aldridge Grainger, arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

Percy Grainger holds the position of great historical significance among composers for wind band and piano. His compositions are considered the "gems of band literature" and include *Lincolnshire Posy*, *Irish Tune from County Derry* and *Molly on the Shore*. Mr. Grainger was born near Melbourne, Australia and by the time he was twelve years old, was considered a new prodigy. He lived and studied composition in London, England for a time in the early 20th century, but moved to the United States in 1914.

A Percy Grainger Portrait includes the most beloved folksong of all time, "*Irish Tune from County Derry*" (*O Danny Boy*), *Mock Morris*, a traditional English dance tune, prompted by the motto, "always merry and bright", *My Robin Is to the Greenwood Gone*, and *Children's March: Over the Hills and Far Away*, which was originally written in 1918 as a piano composition and later scored as a concert work for military bands.

March of the Belgian Paratroopers *Pierre Leemans, arranged by James Swearingen*

Born in Belgium in 1897, Pierre Leemans studied piano, harmony, orchestration, and composition before beginning his teaching career in 1917 at the Etterbeek Music Academy in Brussels, Belgium. When he served a year of military duty in 1931, he was asked by his regimental commander to compose a march, which he began but for various reasons, was never able to complete the project. Later, during World War II, a group of Belgian paratroopers, once again, asked him to write a march. Revisiting his original attempts, he was able to quickly complete this composition as a quiet, unaggressive essay in the easy-paced European style of marches. It has since become one of the most recognized great marches of wind band repertoire.

James Swearingen is an American composer and arranger of many wind band compositions and currently is the Department Chair of Music Education at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. He is the recipient of numerous ASCAP awards and many of his compositions have been chosen for state contest and festival lists. He is a member of many professional and honorary organizations and in March of 2000, he was invited to join The American Bandmasters Association, considered to be the most prestigious bandmaster organization in the world.

Mandjiani

William G. Harbinson

Perhaps in no other culture is music so prevalent in everyday life than in Africa. *Mandjiani* is based on a number of compositional techniques, common to the music of this continent, which include "call and response", layering of independent musical lines, and invigorating cross rhythms. This music was commissioned by the North Carolina Central District Bandmasters Association for the 2004 Middle School Honors Band.

William Harbinson is a commissioned composer whose instrumental and vocal compositions have received numerous awards and have also appeared on several state contest and festival lists. His works have received performances by musical ensembles and chamber players throughout the United States and abroad. Currently, he is Professor of Music and Coordinator of Music Theory at the Hayes School of Music of Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina.

Finale from The Firebird Suite

Igor Stravinsky, arranged by Michael Story

The Ballet *L'oiseau de feu*, or *The Firebird*, was commissioned and first performed at the Paris Opera in June 1910. This ballet is based on a Russian fairy tale about a firebird that helps a young prince. *The Firebird Suite* is arguably Stravinsky's most popular music and has now become a mainstay with orchestras all over the world.

Igor Stravinsky is widely acknowledged as one of the most important and influential composers of 20th century music. He was named by Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential people of the 20th century and has numerous ground-breaking musical works to his name. One of his three ballets, *The Rite of Spring*, was largely responsible for Stravinsky's enduring reputation as a musical revolutionary, pushing the boundaries of musical design.