

CCM

WIND SERIES
PRESENTS

CCM JUNIOR YOUTH WIND ENSEMBLE AND YOUTH WIND ENSEMBLE

“HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL”

Richard Canter, Kevin Michael Holzman, Michael Mergen,
and Joshua Tuttle, music directors

Taryn Rupp and Benjamin Wilcox, associate conductors

Beatrice Aldrich, Maxwell Gibson, and Travis Sandomierski,
music education interns

Monday, April 29, 2024
Corbett Auditorium
7:00 p.m.

PROGRAM

CCM YOUTH SAX ENSEMBLE

Sacred Embers

Chris Evan Hass
(b. 1993)

Three Images

Joel Love
(b. 1982)

I. Spring
II. The Golden Hour
III. Bed Monsters

Funky Sax

Philippe Geiss
(b. 1961)

Charlie Brooks-Knepfle, tenor saxophone

CCM YOUTH BRASS CHOIR

High School Cadets

John Philip Sousa
(1854-1932)

Sussex Mummers Carol

Percy Grainger
(1882-1961)
arr. Michael Allen

Corcoran Cadets

John Philip Sousa

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CCM JR. YOUTH WIND ENSEMBLE

Bayou Breakdown

Brant Karrick
(b. 1960)

A Shaker Gift Song

Frank Ticheli
(b. 1958)

Beatrice Aldrich, student conductor

Darklands March

Randall Standridge
(b. 1976)

Maxwell Gibson, student conductor

A Beacon of Light

Patrick Roszell
(b. 1976)

Taryn Rupp, associate conductor

American Big Top

Brian Balmages
(b. 1975)

CCM YOUTH WIND ENSEMBLE

Florentiner March

Julius Fučík
(1872-1916)

Travis Sandomierski, student conductor

Air for Band

Frank Erikson
(1923-1996)

Benjamin Wilcox, associate conductor

Bloom

Steven Bryant
(b. 1972)

Finale from Symphony No. 1

Paul Cravens
(b. 1989)

ROSTER

Jr. CYWE

Flute

Malissa Li
Elizabeth Yeoh
Natalie Schau
Yixen You
Lyla Pan
Ethan Li
Yuxin Liu
Vivienne Schaeffer
Naomi Tan
Amber Yang
Bryan Zhang
Angella Zong

Oboe

Gwen Stapp
Lukas Turner

Clarinet

Elin Lindquist
Edward Riddle
John Trokan
Olivia Ogden
Caroline Pohlman
Emily Gibbs
Vivienne Kolar
Anna Iwasawa
Jun Kim
Emerson Proctor
Miya Zhang
Helena Zhu

Bass Clarinet

Nora Crowdus
Ryleigh Foster

Bassoon

Jacob Hixenbaugh
Sid Nambiar
Drew Mitchell

Alto Saxophone

Parker Adams
Molly Gardner
Ross Treshchev
Kyler Zheng

Tenor Saxophone

Paxton Bolanos
Elo Hebard
Colin Mefford

Baritone Saxophone

Rohan Joshi

Trumpet

Charlotte Hess
Aaron Fridman
Bennett Kreeger
John Kreuzmann
Karthik Prabhakar
Lucas Shoemaker
Evan Wilson
Charlie Yeatman
Jacob Tomlinson
Bryker Wright

Horn

Blake Gibson
Tristian Shiffett

Trombone

Cavin Ewing
Chloe Hartman
Logan Shaw

Euphonium

Jocelyn McCoy
Silas Shanks

Tuba

Evelyn Gauer
Owen Talavage

Percussion

Benjamin Hofmann
Saralyn Otto
Harrison Szabo
Logan Weisman
Allison Hoffman
Jude Kemper

ROSTER

CYWE

Flute

Jaina Crothers*
Brianna Flaig
Camille Kolar
Kaitlyn Liu*
Aparna Nambirajan*
Elizabeth Pirkey
Allison Sayles
Riya Tummala
Thomas Wood IV
Janne Guo

Oboe

Arjuna Lee*
Anna Reeder

Clarinet

Mingsheng Chen
Morgan Cloud*
Hannah Huh
Sanvi Jha
Christopher Larsen
Mason Moyle
Ruah Park
Landon Richey
Emma Schneider
Victoria Tang*
Austin Zhong

Bass Clarinet

Themis Moreau

Bassoon

Gunnar Pellissier*
Amelie Weber
Zachary Pinnick*

Alto Saxophone

Prateek Bhandari*
Gavin Bradley
Jonathan Liu
Max Page*
Nathan Wang*

Tenor Saxophone

Katy Campman*
Braden Hopping

Baritone Saxophone

Sam Greer

Trumpet

Hunter Chermely
Gabe Cordrey
Wesley Dentinger
Benjamin Holloway
Russel Johnsonbaugh

Horn

Callie Dillard*
Lucas Elmore
Charles Healy
John Hennessy
Cate Mahoney
Meghan McGuire*

Trumpet

Hunter Chermely*
Gabe Cordrey
Wesley Dentinger*
Benjamin Holloway
Russel Johnsonbaugh

Trombone

Thomas Boaz
Connor Brown*
Erin O'Neill
Jessica Ries

Euphonium

Caden Gallagher*
Mina Hagopian
Lydia Lysko*
Aidan Mahoney

Tuba

Henry Hornung
Christopher Todorov
Seth Dossa*

Double Bass

Aaron Scott

Percussion

Braeden Brown
Knox Dowell
Nate Eslinger
Jonathan Kaseff*
Ethan Kuhn

**Graduating Member*

BIOGRAPHIES

Dr. Kevin Michael Holzman serves as the Director of Wind Studies and Division Head of Ensembles and Conducting at CCM. He joined CCM's faculty on a visiting basis in 2017, and assumed the Director of Wind Studies position in August 2018. As Director of Wind Studies, Holzman serves as the music director for the CCM Wind Symphony (CCM's premier wind ensemble), CCM Musica Nova, and CCM Chamber Winds, in addition to overseeing the CCM Wind Ensemble and CCM Brass Choir. His academic responsibilities include teaching graduate conducting and related courses, as well as the advising and mentoring of wind conducting students in CCM's Masters and Doctoral programs. Holzman also serves as Director of the Cincinnati Youth Wind Ensemble Program through the CCM Preparatory Department.

In 2019, Holzman was appointed Music Director and Chief Guest Conductor of the Beijing Wind Orchestra, China's premier wind ensemble. Prior to his appointment at CCM, Holzman earned his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in conducting at the Eastman School of Music, where he studied with Music Director of the Eastman Wind Ensemble, Mark Scatterday, DMA. As a Frederick Fennell Conducting Fellow and 2016 recipient of the prestigious Walter Hagen Prize for Excellence in Conducting, Holzman served as Associate Conductor of the world-renowned Eastman Wind Ensemble and Eastman Wind Orchestra.

Beyond CCM, Holzman has worked with professional ensembles including the Beijing Wind Orchestra, the Siena Wind Orchestra (Japan), the United States Army Band "Pershing's Own" and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. Currently, he serves as Music Director and Conductor of the River's Edge Brass Band. In April 2017, Holzman served as recording conductor of the Music in the American Wild ensemble, a National Endowment for the Arts grant-funded ensemble that commissioned 11 new works in celebration of the 2016 U.S. National Parks Centennial.

In addition to his work with collegiate and professional ensembles, Holzman is a passionate advocate for music education and access to music in all schools. He regularly clinics high school and junior high school ensembles and has served as conductor of honor bands across the United States. He is an honorary member of Phi Mu Alpha, Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi music fraternities.

Richard Canter is proud to serve as the third conductor of the Cincinnati Junior Youth Wind Ensemble since it was founded in 2004 by Dr. Ann Porter. Mr. Canter also serves as Director of Bands at Walnut Hills High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he directs bands in grades 7-12, including the Marching Blue & Gold and the Wind Ensemble.

Mr. Canter has been recognized as a leader in the field of music education and is sought after as a guest conductor and clinician. He has presented clinics throughout the United States, including two presentations at the Midwest Band & Orchestra Clinic, and music education conferences in twenty-eight states. Throughout his career, he has been an advocate for music education, serving four years as District President of the Ohio Music Education Association. Mr. Canter is the author of *Scale & Rhythm Chunks*, a teaching tool used by bands throughout the United States and internationally. His honors include Educator of the Year, the Hamilton County "Celebrate Excellence" Award and the MENC Music Composition National Competition. In 2022, he was inducted into the Arts Wing of the Ross High School Hall of Fame for his contributions to music education.

Bands under Mr. Canter's direction have consistently received top honors at Ohio Music Education Association Marching & Concert Band Adjudicated Events and have been invited to perform at the OMEA Professional Conference, and in Indianapolis, Chicago, New Orleans, Orlando, Washington D.C., and Paris, France. He holds degrees in Music Education from Bowling Green State University and Miami University.

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Michael Mergen is currently a member of the trumpet/cornet section of “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band. He also performs with the Blossom Festival Band in Ohio and is a founding member of Valor Brass. In addition, Mergen has performed with the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D.C., the Washington Symphonic Brass, the Singapore Symphony in the Republic of Singapore, the Harrisburg Symphony in Pennsylvania and the Choral Arts Society of Washington. He was a Fellow at the Tanglewood Music Center in Lenox, Massachusetts, and attended the Aspen Music Festival. He has worked with conductors Seiji Ozawa, Leonard Slatkin, Osmo Vanska, John Williams and Bramwell Tovey.

Dedicated to education, Mergen currently serves as guest artist and applied faculty at the Penn State Honors Music Institute teaching trumpet. In addition, he has given numerous master classes at world-class institutions including The Juilliard School, University of Michigan, Eastman School of Music, University of Illinois and many others. He has brought his passion for music education to middle and high schools in the Washington D.C. area as part of the Marine Band’s “Music in the Schools Initiative,” formulating a rich program for brass quintets, which he has led in numerous performances. Mergen also maintains a studio of private trumpet students.

As an active soloist, Mergen’s solo performances include numerous appearances with the “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band and most recently with the Allentown Band, which was televised in Pennsylvania. He sounded Taps for the White House moment of silence in observance of 9/11 in 2018 and 2019 as well as the 2017 nationally televised Memorial Day Concert at the US Capitol. He also co-commissioned *Hanging by a Thread*, a four-movement work for solo trumpet and solo tuba with wind ensemble by James Stephenson and with his brother Paul gave the U.S. premiere with the DePauw University Concert Band in 2018. Recordings of his solo performances can be heard on both the “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band YouTube channel and website. Additional non-solo recordings include numerous volumes of the U.S. Marine Band’s annual recording as well as the Valor Brass recording *Inaugural*.

Michael Kralik is a saxophonist and music educator from Atlanta, Georgia. He holds a degree in music education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where he also studied saxophone from Steve Stusek. His guidance has led numerous students to achieve remarkable milestones, including earning coveted spots in honor bands, and all-state ensembles, and winning auditions for prestigious collegiate music programs. Michael recently completed a dual master’s program at the University of Cincinnati. He will now hold degrees in arts administration from CCM and business administration (MBA) from the Lindner College of Business. During his time at UC, Michael served as a graduate assistant in the CCM development office, and as the ensemble manager for the CCM Youth Wind Ensemble (CYWE). This summer, Michael will be joining the Brevard Summer Music Institute staff, where he will be involved in artistic operations for their summer season.

Taryn Rupp graduated from Ohio Northern University with a bachelor’s degree in music education in May of 2019 and began her teaching career as the Director of Bands at Paulding Exempted Village Schools. In August of 2022, she began graduate studies at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music where she also serves as a Graduate Teaching Assistant for the Music Education department. Taryn has served as the assistant conductor for the Jr. CCM Youth Wind Ensemble for the past year and plans to re-enter the instrumental music teaching profession full time following graduation this spring.

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Benjamin Wilcox is a graduate of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania where he graduated with his bachelor's in music education and his master's degree in wind conducting. Ben is currently pursuing a Doctoral of Musical Arts Degree in wind conducting at the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. He is currently the assistant conductor of the CCM Youth Wind Ensemble where he assists in administration and conducts. He is an active educator in Ohio and Pennsylvania where he frequently works with local marching bands where he arranges music and writes drill. He has also served as visual and brass caption heads for various high schools in western Pennsylvania. Ben is involved with several professional organizations such as Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, the College Band Directors National Association, the International Tuba and Euphonium Association, the National Association for Music Education, and the Pennsylvania Music Education Association.

Marie Conti is a percussionist and educator living in Cincinnati. She has played with several orchestras throughout Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky and frequently plays steel drums around Cincinnati. As a teacher, she has taught many different middle and high school percussion programs throughout Ohio. Marie is currently the percussion instructor for CCM Prep where she teaches all percussion lessons and assists the percussionists in Jr. CYWE. She is also the Percussion Caption Head at Walnut Hills High School. Marie received her Bachelor's degrees in Music Education and Percussion Performance from The University of Akron, her Master's degree in Percussion Performance from CCM, and is currently pursuing a Doctoral of Musical Arts degree at CCM.

Peter Loferski is an avid percussion performer and educator from Northeast Ohio. A versatile performer, he has participated in masterclasses with artists including Liam Teague, Victor Provost, Bernard Woma, Michael Spiro, Filippo Lattanzi, Ji Hye Jung, and Jason Treuting. He has also performed alongside Liam Teague, Robbie Greenidge, and Elliot Cole. As a participant at the Sö Percussion Summer Institute at Princeton, he premiered new works by Jason Treuting and Pascal Le Boeuf, and later collaborated with Sö Percussion and Sandbox Percussion for a large-scale premiere of a new work by Kendall Williams. He has also participated in the Modern Snare Drum Competition, and was the winner of the Tuesday Musical Associations scholarship for marimba and classical steel pan in 2018 and 2022.

As a chamber musician, Peter has performed with Sö Percussion Quartet and the Akron Percussion Collective, and is a founding member of the 4th Floor Percussion Quartet, which aims to bring variety to the concert hall from a diverse background of classical, contemporary, and world percussion. He is also a member of Pan Tropix, a small steel band that tours the Youngstown area. Peter earned his Bachelor's degrees at the University of Akron, and is currently pursuing his DMA at the University of Cincinnati.

Beatrice Aldrich is a third year music education major at the University of Cincinnati with a concentration in clarinet and instrumental music. She is involved with a number of organizations around campus, including the CCM Chapter of the Ohio Collegiate Music Education Association, UC Bearcat Bands, and UC LGBTQ Center. She is also a sister of the Theta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma, National Honorary Band Sorority, and is serving as Chapter President for the 24-25 school year. This summer, she will be performing with the Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps. Beatrice is from the Cincinnati area and has been involved with CCM prep since being a student. She has served as an intern for Jr. CYWE during the 23-24 school year.

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Maxwell T. Gibson is a fourth year Music Education student at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. As a trumpet student of Dr. Scott Belck, he has played lead and solo trumpet with ensembles such as the CCM Jazz Orchestra, Cincinnati Contemporary Jazz Orchestra, CCM Jazz Lab Band, CCM Brass Choir, OMEA Intercollegiate Jazz Ensemble, the Bluewater Kings wedding bands, and many more. He has shared the stage with artists like Jason Mraz, John Fedchock, the Accidentals, Bobby Sanabria, Tony Kadleck, Ari Hoenig and many other artists. As an educator, Max is currently an intern for the Jr. CCM Youth Wind Ensemble, a staff member and educator for the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp International Tour, and is highly involved in the educational planning for the Roberto Ocasio Foundation in Cleveland.

Travis Sandomierski is a third-year music education major at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music with a trumpet and instrumental music concentration. This year, he has been the music education intern and student conductor for the CCM Youth Wind Ensemble. As a dedicated music educator, he is a member of the National Association for Music Education and the Ohio Collegiate Music Education Association, serving as treasurer for UC's chapter. Within the Cincinnati community, he serves as an educational consultant year-round for local music stores, Willis Music and Buddy Rogers, aiding students in their selection of band instruments. This summer, Travis will be on staff at the Interlochen Arts Camp at the Interlochen Center for the Arts as a camp director.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS & DIRECTORS

JR. CYWE

Lakota Adena Elementary School- Stacy Pease
Ballyshannon Middle School- Alex McCoy
Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy- Andrew Hartman
Creekside Middle School- Maddie Wessel
Fairfield Crossroads Middle School- Steve Tumbleson
Gallatin County Middle School- John Cains
Gray Middle School- Jessie Gibbs
Indian Hill Middle School- Christopher Rotsching
Madeira Middle School- Lori Adams
Mason Middle School- Aaron Rex, Amanda Klingenberg, Michael Reese
Milford Junior High- Jodi Smith, Grayson Myers
Ockerman Middle School- Adam Proctor
The Seven Hills School- John Rising
Summit Country Day- Robert Browning
Sycamore Junior High- James Blankenship, Jordan VonWahlde, Ryan Lamb, Tim Gaulty
Walnut Hills High School- Richard Canter, Andrew Peoples, Ed LeBorgne
West Clermont Middle School- Aimee Schrameck, Zachary Poller
Wyoming Middle School- Paul Vickous

CYWE

Archbishop Moeller High School- Paul Kindt
Bishop Fenwick High School- Larry Mulligan
Campbell County HS- Steve Oakley
Covington Latin School
Deer Park High School- Patrick Bauer
East Central High School- Megan Gryspeerdt
Fairfield Freshman School- Darren Ling
Ignite Institute- Dan Barnhill
Indian Hill High School- Donald Barker
Kings High School- Brian McDonough
Lakota East High School- Rob Tanis
Lakota West High School- Andrew Carr
Larry A Ryle High School- Joe Craig
Lebanon High School- Andrew Sersion
Loveland High School- Goeffery Miller
Milford High School- Tim Dailey
Oak Hills High School- Kevin Sweatman
Oakwood High School- Adam Uhlenhake
Randall K. Cooper High School- Brad Stewart
Reading High School- Jera Cox
Ryle/Ignite- Craig Joseph
School for Creative and Performing Arts- Lee Black
Simon Kenton HD- Jason Milner
St. Xavier High School- Jodie Besse
Summit Country Day School- Robert Browning
Sycamore High School- Micah Ewig
The Seven Hills School- John Rising
The Summit Country Day School- Robert Browning
Walnut Hills HS- Rick Canter
West Clermont High School- Brian Fischer
William Mason High School- Avious Jackson
Wyoming High School- Paul Vickous
Dixie Heights High School- Sarah Shamblin

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