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Illinois State University
Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts
School of Music

Symphonic Band
and
Symphonic Winds

T.J. Mack, *Conductor*
Mack Wood, *Conductor*
Christopher Bulding, *Graduate Conductor*

Center for the Performing Arts
November 30, 2023
Thursday Evening
8:00 pm

This is the eighty-fifth program of the 2023-2024 season.

Program

Please silence all electronic devices for the duration of the concert. Thank you.

Symphonic Band

Toccata for Band

Frank Erickson
(1923-1996)

Christopher Bulding, *graduate conductor*

Melodius Thunk

David Biedenbender
(born 1984)

Shenandoah

Omar Thomas
(born 1982)

Chorale and Shaker Dance

John Zdechlik
(1937-2020)

Symphonic Winds

Un Cafecito

Dennis Llinas
(born 1980)

Italian Rhapsody

Julie Giroux
(born 1961)

Embers to Ash

Elena Specht
(born 1993)

Caribana

Omar Thomas
(born 1982)

Biographies

TJ Mack is the Assistant Director of Bands at Illinois State University where he directs the Symphonic Band, Pep Band, and teaches courses in Music Education. He also writes drill and assists with Big Red Marching Machine, with over 350 undergraduate students participating. TJ is currently the faculty advisor for United Sound, an organization that gives music lessons to adults with disabilities in Bloomington-Normal and is the director of the ISU Jr High/Sr High Band Camps. He is a co-developer of the Emile Rhythm app, an active drill writer for many high schools and universities, and also enjoys many opportunities to be a guest conductor, clinician, and adjudicator throughout Illinois.

Previously, TJ was a graduate teaching assistant at The Ohio State University while completing his Master of Music degree in Wind Conducting. While at Ohio State, he was awarded the Clare Grundman Scholarship Award and worked extensively with the concert bands, marching and athletic bands, and taught undergraduate conducting. A native of Illinois, he holds his Bachelor of Music Education degree from Wheaton College and taught 5th through 12th grade band for six years in Northwestern Illinois.

Dr. F. Mack Wood is in his fourth year as the Associate Director of Bands and Director of the Big Red Marching Machine at Illinois State University. Prior to his appointment at ISU, he was a graduate assistant and pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Wind Conducting at The University of Miami, Frost School of Music where he studied primarily with Dr. Robert M. Carnochan. Mack also had the great fortune to learn from Dr. J. Steven Moore, conductor of the Frost Symphonic Winds and Dean of Undergraduate Admissions, Professor Jay C. Rees, Director of Athletic Bands, and Professor Douglas McCullough, Assistant Director of Athletic Bands. At the Frost School of Music, Mack had the opportunity to assist and guest conduct the Frost Wind Ensemble, Frost Symphonic Winds, and co-conducted the University Band with his fellow graduate colleagues. Mack also had the opportunity to assist with all aspects of the Frost Band of the Hour marching band, including arranging some pep band charts.

Prior to his time at The University of Miami, Mack was a Graduate Assistant pursuing a Masters Degree at Louisiana State University where he studied Wind Conducting with Dr. Damon Talley, Dr. Dennis Llinás, and Dr. Kelvin Jones. He assisted with and guest conducted the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Winds, Symphonic Band, co-conducted the LSU Chamber Winds, worked with all aspects of The Golden Band from Tigerband marching band, and with the Bengal Brass athletic band. Mack had the great fortune and opportunity to arrange music and design drill for both Tigerband and the Bengal Brass.

Before attending graduate school, Mack was the Director of Bands at North Forney High School just east of Dallas, TX. He opened North Forney High School and created the band program in 2009 where he oversaw all operations of the high school bands and middle school feeder program. Opening a high school was a special opportunity for Mack to learn how to build a band from the ground up. While at North Forney High School, Mack's ensembles received numerous awards and accolades, but most importantly, many of his students continued to participate in music beyond high school.

Mack earned his undergraduate degree from The University of Texas at Austin in Music and Human Learning. While at UT, Mack served as the drum major of the Longhorn Band from 2003-2005 and as a trumpet section leader in 2002. Once Mack graduated from UT, he was an assistant director at Irving Nimitz High School in the DFW metroplex and then moved to be an assistant director at Forney High School just east of Dallas, TX. An active adjudicator, clinician, music arranger, and drill designer, Mack truly loves all aspects of the wind band world. In his spare time, Mack enjoys cooking and bar-b-que (they are very different according to him), playing golf, and spending time with his wife Rachel and daughter Imogen.

Christopher Bulding is a first-year graduate student at Illinois State University currently pursuing a Master of Music degree in Wind Conducting under Dr. Anthony Marinello and studying Flute under Dr. Kimberly Risinger. In addition to his studies, Christopher is also one of the three band graduate teaching assistants. His duties include assisting with the Big Red Marching Machine, Pep Band, assisting with undergraduate conducting courses, as well as guest conducting the Wind Symphony, Symphonic Winds, Symphonic Band, and University Band.

Illinois State University Symphonic Band

TJ Mack, *conductor*

Flute

Rebecca Colucci
Adrianna Giacomma*
Sam Kapus
Shannen McGinn
Jess Noga
Elizabeth Williams

Oboe

Kathryn Tepen

Bassoon

Samantha Skinner*
Lexie Spihlmann
Justice Tolan

Clarinet

Karen Bautista
Xavier Blanco
Carly Bridgewater
Anna Cagwin
Addie Cain
Casper Faltz
Peyton Fox
Anurag Kurumbail
Cian Martinez
Stacey Schroeder*
Aishwarya Sundar
Christian Wesselink

Saxophone

Quinn Barker
Caitlin Fallert
Nathan Johnson
Abe Kamm
David Lukaszczyk*
Kalli Reeves
Gunnar Tejas

Horn

Ryn Bradison
Frankin Daviau
Emily Heath*
Joe Sandy
Jessica Wenc
Sean Wright

Trumpet

Judah Crowder
William Greer
Maisy King
Grace Morris
Allison Schmuldt
Liam Tipple
Ezra Tirado*
Lauren Wallace
Matthew Weaver

Trombone

Iona Dillon
Jacob Ensor
Alyssa Greer
Michael Hammon
Joanie Hitt*
Riley Hobart
Noah Lampel
Graham Miller
Andrew Slayter
Colton Thies

Euphonium

Zander Cremer
Jei Jandura
Katie Klockow
Miles Maxwell
Colin Norsworthy
Alison Richards*

Tuba

Jennifer Gehrke
Matthew Sourwine*
Ryan White

Percussion

Brendan Boss
Caleb Buie
Jovana Emerick
Ben Haushalter*
Casey Judge
Carlos Montoya
Alex Sitko
Zach Tarcak

*Denotes Principal

Illinois State University Symphonic Winds

Mack Wood, *conductor*

Flute

Reese Amery
Alexandra Adrowski*
Breanna German
Sarah Huber
Melanie Parker

Oboe

Justine Ehee
Helen Jilek
Carson Mullins*

Bassoon

April Breede*
Quentin Shelato
Kirk Whitsitt

Clarinet

Olivia Ariza
Sam Berman
Mario Flores
Benito Huizar-Carillo
Jenna Klokkenga*
Hunter Kitterin
Charlie Miller
Kristen Ortiz
Sam Berman, bass

Saxophone

Seth Berkshier*
Jennifer Budlong-Brewer*
Megan Daniels
Chris Olson
Natalie Pearson
Frankie Scarpelli
Chloe West

Horn

Rhys Barlow
Kyle Gilles
Nick Proenza
Joanna Siczka*

Cyena Ulloa

Trumpet

Xavier Buford
Lauren Cancio*
Chloe Horn
Karsten Jeppesen
Charlie Machmaer
Kevin Riedl
Sam Roberts
Andrew Sniegowshi

Trombone

Grant Cermak
Joe Coombes
Peyton Gray
Michael Hammon
Ethan Machamer*
Nathan Nigus
Andrew Phillips
Arwen Townander
Nick Sisson, bass

Euphonium

Dyllan Bowering
Joseph Rhykerd*
Spencer Vang
Sara Zittler

Tuba

Jack Giroux
Anne Griffin*
Brady Parks

String Bass

Matthew Tutterow

Percussion

Jack Cacciabondo
Hannah Fedorchak*
Jon Frattini
Kye Johnson
Kirsten Kadow
Wyatt Mastin
Jacob Wolfmeyer

Piano

Peter Gao

*Denotes Principal or Co-Principal



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