

The Minnesota Band Directors Association proudly presents the...
2024 State Honor Bands Concert

featuring the

6-8 Honor Band

Mickey Smith Jr., conductor

9-10 Honor Band

Dr. Matthew Arau, conductor



Sunday, April 14th, 2024 at 2:00 PM

Edina High School - Fick Auditorium

6-8 Honor Band 2024

Mickey Smith Jr., conductor

PROGRAM

(To be selected from)

Terracotta Warriors.....	Scott Watson
The Blue Orchid.....	William Owens
Choose Joy.....	Randall Standridge
Pipe and Thistle.....	Carol Brittin Chambers
Future of Tomorrow.....	Benjamin Yeo

6-8 Honor Band Roster

Flute

Leo Sahlin
Nellie McCue (piccolo)
Akshara Kacholia
Clara Lohmeyer
Saira Kaka
Kinsley Christensen
Kate Frutiger
Lillian Maatman
Mythri Arunkumar
Hannah Afifi
Madelynn Rohs

Oboe

Delaney Bell

Bassoon

Christopher Wagner
Lucy Gorden Mercer

Clarinet

Evelyn Moren
Isaiah Rutten
Alex Ren
Mya Opsahl
Evan Guenther
Spencer Gan
Owen Ryan
Brielle Rinear
Seraphina Lohmar Exel
Ryan Cook

Bass Clarinet

Jonathan Bidler

Alto Sax

Eli Healy
Elijah Hayes
Lauren Chase
Austin Miller
Caden Gillitzer
Henry Wyman
Noah Gergen

Tenor Sax

Andrew Ogilvie
Veronica Ferdig

Bari Sax

Fisher DeCaro
Mike Conlee

Trumpet

Ronan Keel
Hope Webb
Evan Vecchio
Arianna Rinear
Ethan Abrahamson
Evan Mills
Ben Rice
Hazel Shuffelton

French Horn

Charlie Gustafson
Edward Griffiths
Noah Hildenbrand
Audrey Siefken
Nicholas Heller-Lopez

Trombone

Henry Sayers
Wyatt Kuepers
Layla Jensen
Bennett Lang
Ella Nordquist
Kieran Willenbring

Euphonium

Samantha Stoebner
Ariyana LaLonde
Evan Endres

Tuba

Caroline Fieberg
Wesley Odello

Percussion

Anders Lenhart
Lucas Ginskey
Henry Chapinski
Delaney Krueger
Griffin Glynn
Riley Vosooney

9-10 Honor Band 2024

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PROGRAM

(To be selected from)

¡Viva!.....Jack Wilds
Diamond Tide.....Viet Cuong
Albanian Dance.....arr. Shelley Hanson
Halcyon Hearts.....Katahj Copley
The All American Concert March.....Chris Sharp

9-10 Honor Band Roster

Flute

Kyle Garay
Kailee Kam
Genevieve Cadwell
Isaiah Hoilien
Quinn Strege
Olivia Wirtz-Diedrich
Ada Burns
Anna Cosby
Maggie Anderson
Leon Ma

Oboe

Joelle Tourdot
Leila Pratt

Bassoon

Micah DeCaro

Clarinet

James Jang
Rohan Nirmal
Ava Mattison
Caius Rusher
Samantha Chai
Audrey Feraru
John Ahlin
Emma Philippi
George Fisher
Matthew Neinstedt
Anushka Narielwala

Bass Clarinet

Oscar Melander
Eric Ethen

Alto Sax

Indira Sivaraj
Mason Ellingson
Jonathan Wu
McKenna Evans
Anna Boulka
Madeline Calvert

Tenor Sax

Austin Cleghorn
Amelia Chandler
Grant Wood

Bari Sax

Sophia Herber
Caleb Lefeber

Trumpet

Solanite Ketema
Liam Marte
Rupert Shackleton
Allison Richter
Sophie Nascene
Alex Thorp
Ethan Jordheim
Evan Buss
Macallen Smith
Isla Cosens
Michael Howard

French Horn

Keith Robertson
Amanda Arkell
Sebastian Vanderheiden
Avery Mauer
Emma Larson

Trombone

Reese Roberts
Miles Chiabotti
Henry Johnson
Thomas Quackenbush
Lucas Sanny

Euphonium

Matthew Wegener
Riley Watson
Prescott Romaine

Tuba

Ryan Vecchio
Avery Zick

String Bass

Brandon Araujo

Percussion

Gavin Sattler
Henry Terhorst
Quade Brown
Isaac Smith
Maya Roth
Jennie Odello

About the Conductors

Educator. Encourager.

Those are just two of the words that describe the Southwest Louisiana native **Mickey Smith Jr.** In the course of his career, Mickey has grown multiple band programs in Louisiana, Texas, and Florida by over 500%, encompassing over half of their school populations. Upon moving to Florida his program had 100% of the school population! Currently, Mickey teaches band to 4th through 8th grade students at The King's Academy. There the program has seen increased interest and growth with the new Beginning Band, Intermediate Band, Concert Band, and Jr. Jazz Band. Throughout his nearly two-decade career, he has developed and grown not only band programs, but most importantly, he has helped young people realize what they are capable of through music. This 7-time Teacher of the Year and GRAMMY Music Educator Award Recipient believes in promoting education and the educators across the globe who make it possible. Mickey Smith Jr. has shared his unique combination of message and music with

thousands of students as a teacher, all-state conductor, and clinician. In addition, he has taken his systems of joy for teaching to hundreds of educational conferences, school district meetings, and leadership development stages across North America sharing his "Keep On Going" approach. Mickey has extensive experience teaching in Title I, urban, suburban, rural, public, as well as private schools. Throughout the years, Mickey's classrooms have been filled with students from a variety of backgrounds. There are some who have experienced trauma and adverse circumstances, but they have all been provided with the opportunity to find greater meaning and purpose through music. Mickey's classroom experience encourages students to do more than make music, but also to "discover their personal sound." In addition to teaching, he empowers educators to build genuine relationships with students in order to discover the unique sound of every child in their class. Throughout Mickey's career, he has experienced firsthand that every child is just one sound away from achieving success. Mickey was that very student that benefited because someone believed in who he could be. He believes that modern day teaching is a relationship-based approach, and that more than ever teaching cannot simply be about the subject matter, but also about showing students that they matter. In Mickey Smith Jr.'s classroom, his mission is to engage, educate, and empower every learner to excellence through music, so that every child feels loved, valued, and wanted. Mickey enjoys being a part of the Palm Beach community. West Palm Beach is now home to Mickey, Eugenia, and their two children, William and Mikayla. You can learn more about Mickey Smith Jr. by visiting his website, mickeysmithjr.com.



Dr. Matthew Arau, author of *Upbeat! Mindset, Mindfulness, and Leadership in Music Education and Beyond* and founder of Upbeat Global, is an Associate Professor of Music and the Chair of the Music Education Department and Symphonic Band Conductor at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. Dr. Arau is also on the graduate music education faculty of VanderCook College of Music and the American Band College of Central Washington University. Dr. Arau serves as Leadership Editor for GIA Publications, Director of Community Engagement for SLAM (Servant Leadership Association for Music), and as a Conn-Selmer Education Clinician.



Dr. Arau has guest conducted, led professional development, and presented clinics on leadership, mindfulness, wellness, growth mindset, rehearsal techniques, and creating positive cultures in 38 states and 4 continents in person. He has presented and/or keynoted at the International Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic several times, the Western International Band Clinic, the NAFME (National Association for Music Education) National Conference, numerous State and Regional Music Education Association Conferences, the ACDA (American Choral Directors Association) Next Direction Conference and ACDA Leadership Conference, the ASTA (American String Teachers Association) Virtual String Teachers Summit, and the Conn-Selmer Institute. Thousands of high school students have attended his Upbeat Leadership Academies across the United States to develop their leadership skills and reach for their fullest potential. Dr. Arau believes in the power of positivity and joy to make meaningful, transformative change in individuals and organizations. In addition to being in demand as a keynote speaker, presenter, and professional development facilitator, Dr. Arau has conducted honor bands in Australia, Greece, Cyprus, and Malaysia, and All-State honor bands across the United States.

Dr. Arau draws on a deep reservoir of fifteen years of experience as a successful middle school and high school band director in Loveland, Colorado, where he led his bands at Walt Clark Middle School and Loveland High School to numerous honor performances and championships and pioneered the Leadership Symposium. He lives with his wife Merilee in Neenah, Wisconsin accompanied by their sugar glider, Flash, and two Dachshunds, Savannah and Eli. Dr. Arau's website is www.upbeatglobal.com. He can be followed on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

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Chaska Middle School West	Eric Songer	Pioneer Ridge Middle School	Scott Prescott
Chippewa Middle School	Paul Gronert	Princeton High School	Jim Baxter
Christ Lutheran North St. Paul	John Fenske	Prior Lake High School	Keith Koehlmoos
Delano High School	Jason Koets	Prior Lake High School	Justin Schramm
Dodge Middle School	Tara Michlitsch	Providence Academy	Thomas Jones
Eagan High School	Becca Shuman	Rockford High School	Jerald Ferdig
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