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A CONCERT FEATURING THE

KINGSLEY JUNIOR HIGH EIGHTH GRADE BAND

PARKSIDE JUNIOR HIGH EIGHTH GRADE BAND

NORMAL WEST HIGH SCHOOL WIND ENSEMBLE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5 | 6:00 PM

PROGRAM

THE PARKSIDE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL EIGHTH GRADE SYMPHONIC BAND

BYZANTINE DANCES BY CAROL BRITTIN CHAMBERS

CHASE MCCLINTOCK, ALTO SAXOPHONE SOLOIST

LOCH LOMOND ARRANGED BY JAROD HALL

JAYCI TOMERA, OBOE SOLOIST

THE KINGSLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL EIGHTH GRADE SYMPHONIC BAND

AMAZING GRACE ARRANGED BY RYAN NOWLIN

ARGENTUM BY RANDALL D. STANDRIDGE

THE NORMAL WEST HIGH SCHOOL WIND ENSEMBLE

JUBA DANCE BY FLORENCE PRICE

FROM SYMPHONY NO. 1 IN E MINOR | TRANSCRIBED BY JAY BOCOOK

CONTRE QUI, ROSE BY MORTEN LAURIDSEN

FROM LES CHANSONS DES ROSES | TRANSCRIBED BY H. ROBERT REYNOLDS

HAVANA NIGHTS BY RANDALL D. STANDRIDGE

FEATURING THE ALTO SAXOPHONE SECTION | PHIL BRANDON, HORN
ANDREW JOLLEY, TRUMPET | HOYT CARTER, ALTO SAXOPHONE

THE COMBINED ENSEMBLES

PIXAR MOVIE MAGIC

ARRANGED BY MICHAEL BROWN

THE MUSICIANS

Jax Abbott
Lucas Alcazar
Ana Almanza
Fernanda Almanza
Max Alpas
Grace Anderson
William Andrews
Nikita Barikumah
Payton Baugh
Jameson Berck
Olivia Bergfield
Patrick Bertsche
Annalisse Biddle
Christopher Bishop
Mateo Blanco Agulair
Otis Blick
Louis Bosola
Gabriela Bowers
Hawken Bragg
Jamie Brandon
Phil Brandon
Tyler Brutlag
Jack Burroughs
Guin Butler
Hoyt Carter
James Cherry
Ethan Claver
Eddie Cole
Chaz Crawford
Andreu Davis
Jess Davis
Keegan Davis
Miles Deacon
Jackson DeJaynes
Alice Denham
Giovani Diamonika
Calista Driskell
Alana Epsicokhan
Brock Fincham
Layah Gammons
Colton Garrett
Taylor Golden
Carson Gross
Carly Gulso
Derek Hansen
Anna Harmon
Logan Harms
Zoe Harris
Ruby Hartless
Hunter Haubner
Lilly Hellmer
Amelia Holmes
Parker Howard
Ellie Howe
Carter Janello
Cece Jennings
Andrew Jolley
Charlie Jones
Laniya Jordan
Alex Kastl
Garrison Kaufmann
Aidon Keller
Reid Kuethe
Jackson Kullman
Felicity Lawton
Calvin Leslie
King Lewis
Sophia Lieder
Sydney Lieder
Layne Lorscheider
Teresita Marquez Cabera
Clay Marshall
Eli Maulding
Marli Mayer
Nolan McCarthy
Chase McClintock
Lucas McClurg
Maddy McNicol
Mason Montgomery
Mykah Morris
Alex Mosher
Abel Nowack
Pierson Odland
Chase Orton
Luke Ostling
Gabriel Pabst
Maya Patterson
Artem Perestororin
Isaiah Perez
Sully Plath
Ava Rackauskas
Angela Rattan
Jon Razny
August Reblando
TJ Rick
Sophia Riisberg
Anna Lynn Ross
Anvi Rotkar
Ethan Rous
Katie Russell
Endia Sales
Heavenlei Satterfield
Devaj Shah
Shiven Sharma
Declan Singley
Amylah Smith
Marcel Stauch
Nadine Stauch
Jordan Stovall
Kenzie Strawser
Jacob Stromberger
Aria Swanson
Weber Sweeney
Belle Teufel
Addison Thacker
Jaxon Thomas
Caleb Thompson
Jayci Tomera
Asa Vangorder
Hayden Vargas
Kendall Walls
Savannah Weber
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Justice Williams
Isaiah Williamson
Josh Wilson
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ABOUT THE MUSIC

Welcome to *Beyond the Ordinary!* This evening's concert celebrates the extraordinary possibilities of music: its ability to spark imagination, inspire creativity, and transport us beyond the familiar. Through melody, rhythm, and harmony, we discover that music can transform the everyday into something truly remarkable.

Tonight's performance brings together students from Kingsley and Parkside Junior High Schools with the musicians of the Normal West Wind Ensemble. Each group contributes its own unique talents and perspectives to a shared musical experience that challenges expectations, explores new possibilities, and reminds us that extraordinary things can happen when we make music together.

BYZANTINE DANCES BY CAROL BRITTIN CHAMBERS

Inspired by the energetic style of Roma folk dances, *Byzantine Dances* combines driving rhythms, colorful melodies, and dramatic contrasts. Its lively character and spirited interplay between instruments create an exciting musical journey that captures the excitement and spontaneity of traditional dance.

LOCH LOMOND ARRANGED BY JAROD HALL

Inspired by the beloved Scottish folk song, *Loch Lomond* paints a musical portrait of the breathtaking landscape of the Scottish Highlands. Flowing melodies and rich harmonies capture both the beauty of the countryside and the bittersweet longing expressed in the song's traditional lyrics.

AMAZING GRACE ARRANGED BY RYAN NOWLIN

One of the world's most recognizable hymns receives a moving treatment in Ryan Nowlin's arrangement. The familiar melody emerges through increasingly expressive harmonies and powerful musical climaxes before returning to a quiet simplicity, reflecting the timeless themes of hope, gratitude, and grace.

ARGENTUM BY RANDALL STANDRIDGE

Latin for "silver," *Argentum* celebrates a band director's 25 years of teaching and musical leadership. Shifting meters, spirited dance rhythms, and a lyrical middle section create a musical tribute that balances youthful energy with heartfelt appreciation for the lasting influence of a dedicated teacher.

JUBA DANCE BY FLORENCE PRICE

Drawn from her groundbreaking First Symphony, *Juba Dance* celebrates the rhythmic traditions of African American folk music. Price combines playful syncopation and infectious dance rhythms in this symphonic composition.

CONTRE QUI, ROSE BY MORTEN LAURIDSEN

Originally composed for choir, *Contre qui, rose* sets French poetry by Rainer Maria Rilke, contemplating the delicate beauty of a rose and the thorns that protect it.

HAVANA NIGHTS BY RANDALL D. STANDRIDGE

Inspired by the vibrant mambo clubs of Havana, *Havana Nights* brings the excitement of Latin dance music to the concert stage. Infectious rhythms, colorful percussion, and bold brass and saxophone writing capture the energy of a bustling dance floor in this lively, theatrical musical adventure.

ABOUT THE FACULTY

RILEY ODEHNAL | PARKSIDE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Mr. Odehnal hails from Lockport, Illinois, where he was an active member of the Lockport Township High School band program. Mr. Odehnal received his Bachelors of Music Education, Magna Cum Laude, from VanderCook College of Music, where he closely studied with Professor Alexander Kaminsky. During his time in college, he developed a large private lesson studio, served as the President of the National Band Association (NBA) and Vice President of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) chapters at VanderCook, and closely worked with and served as Lockport's Masterclass Instructor and Brass and Visual Technician. Mr. Odehnal is pleased to contribute to the success of the Unit 5 music program.

TYLER HARR | KINGSLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Mr. Harr teaches 5th-8th grade band at Kingsley Jr. High School and is beginning his fifth year as part of the Unit 5 Music Program. At KJHS, Mr. Harr also directs extracurricular groups in jazz and chamber music programs. Throughout his teaching career, Mr. Harr has taught K-12 band, choir, and general music--but Jr. High band is the best! Mr. Harr grew up in the Bloomington-Normal Area and went through Unit 5 Schools. He has a bachelor's in Music Education from Eastern Illinois University and a masters in Curriculum and Instruction from Western Governors University. He hopes to bring a fast-paced, fun environment perfect for learning and growing--we will all make mistakes, but that is the best way to learn new things.

RYAN BUDZINSKI | NORMAL WEST HIGH SCHOOL



Ryan Budzinski is the Director of Bands at Normal West High School. He earned his Bachelor of Music Education degree at Illinois Wesleyan University and his Master of Music Education degree at Illinois State University. He also studied at the VanderCook College of Music, the Ohio State University, Carleton College, and The Juilliard School.

Mr. B joined the Unit 5 band faculty in 2006 and has been the building's music department chair since 2015. He has served as an adjudicator and clinician for a number of music education organizations, and he has served on the Illinois High School Association's Music Advisory Committee. He is President-Elect for District 3 of the Illinois Music Education Association. Mr. B was also recently elected into Pi Kappa Lambda (the national honor society for music) as well as the American School Band Directors' Association.

Mr. Budzinski is a recipient of the Normal West Teacher Honor Roll Award, the National Band Association Citation of Excellence and the Illinois State Board of Education's *Those Who Excel* Award of Excellence. The IHSA Music Advisory Committee selected Mr. B as the state's *Outstanding Music Educator* in 2024.

Outside the band room, Mr. B is an FAA-certified remote pilot, and he enjoys drone flight and photography. Most of all, he looks forward to seeing these eighth grade musicians participate in band at NCHS or Normal West next year!

ABOUT BAND IN HIGH SCHOOL

We hope the eighth grade musicians performing tonight will continue making music all the way through high school graduation! Normal West and Normal Community High Schools enjoy a rich history and longstanding tradition of excellence. The schools are home to a total of nine concert band classes, five extracurricular jazz bands, and a host of smaller chamber ensembles. The high schools collaborate to produce the Normal Marching Band, a three-time Class 6A Illinois State Marching Band Champion, and a Bands of America Class 4A Regional Champion. The NMB is also a multiple-time Grand Champion at the University of Illinois Marching Band Championships. The band performed in the 2025 London New Year's Day Parade and will help light up Chicago at the Magnificent Mile Lights Festival Parade on November 21. We have lots in store in the years ahead and hope you will consider taking part next year!

Placement in the High School band classes are based on students' skill levels, aiming to provide an exciting, challenging experience for everyone at a level where they achieve success. There are ways for everyone to continue playing—even if you have other academic and athletic interests! We hope that you will join us in the high school band Class of 2031! For additional information, visit nwbands.org, ironmenbands.org, or normalmb.org. Be sure to attend Freshman Orientation at the Unit 5 high schools on the evening of Wednesday, December 2--and stop by the band table! We can't wait to make music with you next year!

ABOUT THE WIND ENSEMBLE

The Wind Ensemble is Normal West's most advanced concert band. The group's performance credits include multiple appearances in Carnegie Hall (New York), Orchestra Hall (home of the Chicago Symphony), Walt Disney Concert Hall (home of the LA Phil), the Illinois Music Education Conference, and the elite Illinois SuperState Concert Band Festival. The band has also performed in the Sydney Opera House (Australia) and at the United States Capitol and Lincoln Monument (both in Washington, D.C.)

Members of the Wind Ensemble are enrolled in just about every course offering at Normal West, including the Education pathway, ADP/STEM program, and other Advanced Placement/Dual Credit offerings. Many of the Wind Ensemble musicians earn all-district and all-state recognition through the Illinois Music Education Association, and they represent all levels of Wildcat athletics, E-Sports, and activities. It is possible to participate in the band program and a wide variety of other school offerings. The Wind Ensemble performers encourage you to make the most of your time in the high school bands, either at NCWHS or at NCHS!

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

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