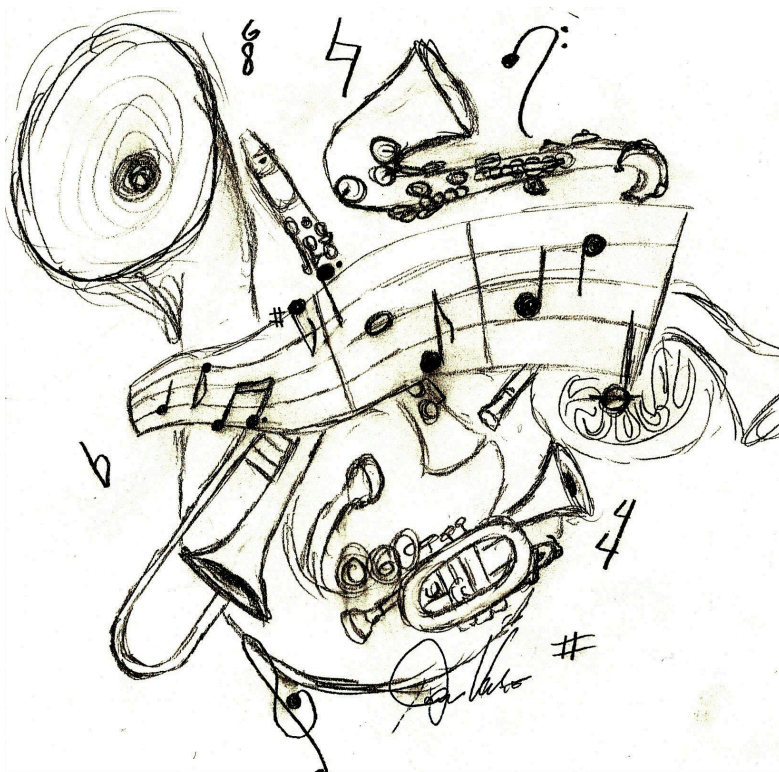


West Seneca West 2024 Band Festival



Dr. Ward Miller, Guest Conductor

West Seneca West Middle School
Symphonic Concert Band & Wind Symphony
West Seneca West High School
Concert Band & Wind Ensemble
Tuesday, March 19, 2024 – 7:00PM
West Seneca West HS Auditorium

Program Cover Design

Daniel Valvo, Trumpet, class of 2006

Program

West Middle Symphonic Concert Band, Meaghen Venitelli, Director

Stonehenge

Michael Story

Frogs

Randall D. Standridge

West Senior Concert Band, John Blickwedehl, Director

Park Street Celebration

James Swearingen

Nettleton

arr. Johnnie Vinson

Critical Mass

Todd Stalter

West Middle Wind Symphony, Meaghen Venitelli, Director

Black Forest Overture

Michael Sweeney

The Grid

Adrian B. Sims

West Senior Wind Ensemble, John Blickwedehl, Director

Pineville Celebration

Ward Miller

At Morning's First Light

David Gillingham

Rejouissance

James Curnow

Thank you!

To the Band Boosters for support of this concert and festival!

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West Middle Symphonic Concert Band

Meaghan Venitelli, Director

Flute

Troy Brock
Camryn George
Ashley Hiltz
Leigha Karyczak
Timothy Scheffler
Aubrey Valvo

Clarinet

Malianni Anderson
Jace Bak
Lilly Boody
Oliverio DeJesus
Donavin LaMarti
Zachary Lattimore
Lily Schnauer

Bass Clarinet

Keon Ruzbacki

Alto Saxophone

Sebastian Amoia
Grady McSweeney
Audriana Pearman
Brycen Perry

Trumpet

Baylie Breidenstein
Nolan Brese
Jackson George
Brayden Huffnagle
Dylan Lepsch
Luke Penrod
Matthew Muniza
Caleb Trapp

French Horn

Katherine Fannan
Gabriel Harding

Trombone

Dylan Barsalou
Jayden Jamieson
Jayden Massaro
Antonio Maybee
Jordan Ray
John Sabadasz
James Schueler

Baritone

James Fox
Carter Kawalec
Jayden Murrett
Weston Rutecki

Tuba

Connor Cox
Evan Paul

Percussion

Tyler Breidenstein
Joshua Chatham
Ethan Dove
Jake Drabik
Conor McCormick
Elliot Schultz
Matthew Stedman
La'ren Vass
Graham Vosseller
Vincent Zappia III

West Middle Wind Symphony

Meaghen Venitelli, Director

Flute

Ella Biegaj
Riley Gregoire
Genevive Krug
Lyla Kulinski
Emmeleia Majewski
Madison Waara

Oboe

Ani Dixon
Katherine Goodman

Clarinet

Sydney Casselberry
Annabella Faulds
Gabriel Gates
David Gilbert
Carlee Leydecker
Michael Lubacz
Landon Resch
Carson Shanahan
Kallie Zagorski
Hadassah Zephaniah

Alto Saxophone

Anthony Aguglia
Augustine Amoia
Cooper Bulas
Ariana Chodora
Connor Gebauer

Trumpet

Luke Doetterl
Macen Fontana
Emmaus Internicola
Henry O'Dell
Collin Pellerin
Joseph Randazzo

French Horn

Raegan Karmazyn

Trombone

Robert Daunce
Mason DiNardo
Roger Griffiths III

Baritone

Lucas Brill
Harrison Illig
Maxwell Matthews

Tuba

Ezekiel Rebmann
Benjamin Wood
Randy Zawadzki

Percussion

Amelia Anderson
Finn Crossan
Benjamin Kovach
Kane
Martinez-Bustamante
Harrison Mueckl
Amelia Penders
Thomas Schnauffer
Ashton Walker

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Guest Conductor, Dr. Ward Miller

Ward Miller (b. 1978) grew up in Loachapoka, a small farming community near the city of Auburn, Alabama. He earned his bachelors of music education from Auburn University in 2001, where he served as webmaster, arranger, and an undergraduate teaching assistant with the Auburn University Marching Band. He graduated from Arizona State University in 2003 with a masters in Trombone Performance. Dr. Miller graduated in 2011 from the University of Iowa with his D.M.A. in Band Conducting.

From 2008 through 2013, Dr. Miller was the Associate Director of Bands and Director of Athletic Bands at the University of South Alabama, in Mobile. While at South Alabama, Dr. Miller founded the 230-member Jaguar Marching Band, overseeing all recruiting, teaching, and writing for the band. Dr. Miller served as the Musical Arranger, Drill Writer, and Assistant Director of the Macy's Great American Marching Band in New York City from 2006 through 2018. From 2018-2023, Dr. Miller served as the Education Director for Youth in Music, a Minneapolis-based nonprofit organization that hosts marching band events and clinics throughout the upper Midwest.

From 2015 through 2019, Dr. Miller served as the Brass Caption Head for the World Class Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corps of La Crosse, WI. Dr. Miller has also served as the Brass Arranger and an instructional consultant for Minnesota Brass, the Louisiana Stars and the Govenaires. In addition to his writing and his many appearances across the country, Dr. Miller has ongoing educational consultancies with multiple college and high school programs throughout the United States. He currently resides in Minneapolis, MN where he lives a vibrant personal and professional life.

“I propose that the reading and understanding of music be taught to our children from the very beginning of their school life; that they learn to participate with enthusiasm in the study of music from kindergarten through high school. No child is tone deaf; every child has the natural ability and desire to assimilate musical ideas and comprehend their combinations into musical forms. Every child can be taught to read music as he or she is taught to read words; and there is no reason why both kinds of reading cannot be taught simultaneously.

...Children must receive musical instruction as naturally as food, and with as much pleasure as they derive from a baseball game. And this must happen from the beginning of their school lives.” - **Leonard Bernstein**, New York City, 1977, testimony before the House Subcommittee on Select Education regarding a bill calling for a White House Conference on the Arts.

West Senior Concert Band

John Blickwedehl, Director

Flute

Micah Daunce
Emma Dawson
Madilyn Deskiewicz
Isabella Moeller

Oboe

Xavier Vizcarrondo

Bassoon

Patrick Melohusky
Ilona Tikkanen

Clarinet

Grant Cohn
Ben Davis
Sonya Degolier
Victoria Litwin
Cristi Pirro

Bass Clarinet

Claire Scott

Alto Saxophone

Michael Avery
Brandon Christie
Caiden George
Andrew Hunneshagen
Nate Meier
Emily Rodriguez
Ethan Stedman
Ryan Steinwandel

Tenor Saxophone

Yunis Ali
Brady Baumgarten

Trumpet

Aiden Gregorczyk
Corey Staufenberg
Luke Wallace

French Horn

Audrey Guilford

Trombone

Griffin Brock
Denzel Cenatus
Ashton Hudson
Owen Regan

Tuba

Brady Januchowski

Percussion

Ethan Coates
Parker Marcynski
Carl Radtke

Thank you!

The West Seneca West Bands would like to thank the following for their help this week and in the planning of this festival:

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West Senior Wind Ensemble

John Blickwedehl, Director

Flute

Lillian Campbell
Allison Culliton
Sydney Dipirro
Alexandra Weaver

Oboe

Erin Hagler

Bassoon

Iona Tikkanen

Clarinet

Anna Blickwedehl
William Dove
Kathryn Gemza
Olivia Stoddard
Adria Zakowicz

Bass Clarinet

Damien Penrod

Alto Saxophone

Caleb Drapeau
Nicolas Gates
Jonah Higgins
Leo Mendel
Richard Schack

Tenor Saxophone

Anthony Howell
Jenna Litwin
Kylee Perry

Baritone Saxophone

Carter Sainsbury
Josh Wright

French Horn

Eric Majewski

Tuba

Lillian Adey

Trumpet

Cameron Blickwedehl
Ian Hand-Smith
Landon Hitt
Casey Palmer
Julianna Reidy
Tyler Sledz
Bradley Stone

Trombone

Lennon Morgan
Calista Robillard

Euphonium

Nathan Fish
Colin Rogowsky

Percussion

Aiden DiLucente
Andrew Nadler
Nicholas Perrelli
Peter Perrelli
Michael Zatlukal

Guests over the Years

- 2023 – Richard Saucedo, composer, conductor
- 2022 – Brian Balmages, composer, conductor
- 2019 – Beth Fabrizio, conductor
- 2018 – Chris Grifa, conductor
- 2017 – Dr. Beth Peterson, conductor
- 2016 – Dr. Ward Miller, composer, conductor
- 2015 – Richard Saucedo, composer, conductor
- 2014 – David Shaffer, composer, conductor
- 2010-2013 – West Middle 7th & 8th Grade Bands, John Hasselback, director
- 2009 – Dr. Paula Holcomb, Conductor – SUNY Fredonia
- 2008 – Clarence Barber, Composer - Ludwig Music Publishing
- 2006 – Tom Lukowicz, Tuba - Canton Symphony Orchestra
- 2005 – Dr. Rick Flemming, Buffalo State College
- 2004 – Kenmore East High School - Phil Agulia, director
- 2003 – Erie County Wind Ensemble - John Maguda, conductor

Marching Band

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Upcoming Events

West Senior Broadway Revue

Thursday, March 21 @ 7:00PM @ West Senior

District Jazz Festival

Wednesday, May 1 @ 7:00PM @ West Senior

Mothers Day Concert @ St. Joseph's Cathedral

Thursday, May 9 @ 7:00PM

District Budget Vote & School Board Elections

Tuesday, May 21 @ East Senior

West Middle Spring 7/8 Band Concert

Tuesday, May 28 @ 7:00PM

West Senior - Tribute to Seniors Concert

Thursday, June 6 @ 7:00PM

Thank you!

The West Seneca West Bands would like to thank the following for their time, energy and support of our music program!

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