

TAMPA CLARINET FESTIVAL 2025

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FEBRUARY 16-18, 2025





JULIAN BLISS | BIOGRAPHY

Julian Bliss is one of the world's finest clarinetists, excelling as a concerto soloist, chamber musician, recitalist, jazz artist, and masterclass leader. Julian started playing the clarinet aged four and went on to study in the United States at the University of Indiana and in Germany under Sabine Meyer.

In recital and chamber music he has played at the world's leading festivals and halls, including Gstaad, New York's Lincoln Center, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Verbier and London's Wigmore Hall. As a soloist, he has appeared with a wide range of international orchestras, including the Auckland Philharmonia, BBC Symphony, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, London Philharmonic, Chamber Orchestra of Paris, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Sao Paulo Symphony and the Queensland Symphony.

This season, Bliss performs Mozart's Clarinet Concerto with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. He visits New Zealand to participate in the At The World's Edge Festival and performs the world premiere of Ross Harris' Clarinet Concerto as well as Artie Shaw's Clarinet Concerto with the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra.

Bliss ended last season at the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Festival, followed by a return to the Mondsee Festival in Austria. Other highlights included a tour across the UK with Royal Northern Sinfonia and performances of a new concerto for Clarinet and Wind Orchestra, composed for him by John Mackey, which he premiered with the Dallas Winds; the album was released earlier this year. He appeared at various festivals worldwide, including returns to Risør, East Neuk, and the Australian Festival of Chamber Music. Throughout the season, Bliss performed numerous recitals and chamber music pieces with regular collaborators James Baillieu and the Carducci Quartet, as well as other esteemed colleagues. He was the first Artist in Residence at Yehudi Menuhin School, regularly working with the students there, and taking part in performances.

Excellent reviews, record of the week spots and media attention flow from his recording output. He adds to his discography in 2024 with the new Mackey concerto and a Schumann recital album. This follows previous releases on Signum Records in 2021 which included Brahms Clarinet Sonatas with pianist James Baillieu, and an EP of Julian's arrangements for clarinet of wind ensemble works by legends of the US band world John Mackey, Frank Ticheli and Eric Whitacre. Other recent albums include Mozart and Weber Quintets with the Carducci String Quartet; Schubert's Shepherd on the Rock with Ailish Tynan (soprano) and Christopher Glynn (piano); Steve Reich's New York Counterpoint; Mozart and Nielsen's Clarinet Concertos with the Royal Northern Sinfonia.

In 2010, Bliss established the Julian Bliss Septet, creating programmes inspired by the King of Swing, Benny Goodman, and a show built around the extraordinary musical output of George Gershwin. A recording of the Gershwin programme "I Got Rhythm" released in 2021 received rave reviews – "impressive recording by talented clarinetist Julian Bliss and his excellent Septet [...] Bliss's quick-fire clarinet starts weaving free-flowing improvisational lines around the tune from the very outset [...] jawdropping, side-stepping vibes solo [...] the whole ensemble is on fire" – Gramophone. The Septet has performed to packed houses across the US and in European festivals, at Ronnie Scott's (London) and Live from Dizzy's Club Coca Cola (Jazz at Lincoln Center, New York).

With the launch of Bliss Music in 2020, Julian's arrangements of a selection of pieces for clarinet and piano have been made available as sheet music. These include Rachmaninoff's Cello Sonata Op. 19, the third movement of which has been set as a Grade 6 piece on the new London College of Music clarinet syllabus. Julian is a Buffet Crampon and Vandoren performing Artist.

Divine Mischief



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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2025 | 7:30 PM

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Sickles High School

FOSTER RHAPSODY

ELIJI SUZUKI

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FRENCH SUITE

YVONNE DESPORTES

I. PRELUDE

II. SARABANDE

VI. GIGUE

USF Clarinet Choir

CHORALE AND DANZA

VACLAV NELHYBEL

I. CHORALE

II. DANZA

CLAREMONT SUITE

JONATHAN RUSSELL

III. LES ELEPHANTS DANGEREUSES

Community Clarinet Choir

CHILDREN'S MARCH

PERCY GRAINGER

ARR. MATT JOHNSTON

OBLIVION

ASTOR PIAZZOLLA

ARR. CHRISTOPHER T. GRECO

— INTERMISSION —

USF Wind Ensemble | Julian Bliss, Clarinet Soloist

DIVINE MISCHIEF

JOHN MACKEY

I. A STRANGER AND A GAME

II. DISAPPOINTMENT, REGRET, REGRESSIONS: A WALTZ

III. SPELLBOUND

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

INDOOR POPS
**LET'S
ROCK!**

THE FLORIDA
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SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025 | 6:00 PM
PALMA CEIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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The Florida Wind Band returns to Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church for our exciting Pops Series, "Let's Rock!" Get ready for a fun, genre-bending concert where we explore all kinds of "rock" — from *Third Rock from the Sun* to the *Rocky Mountains* and beyond. Rock and Roll is here to stay, and The Florida Wind Band is ready to bring the house down!



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CLARINET 1

Deana Bradham
 Jaythan Germano
 Chloe Kho

CLARINET 2

Daniel Alvarez
 Alejandro Dominguez
 Rhett Hardwick
 Johans Rincon
 Nguyen Ton

CLARINET 3

Ava Allen
 Ella Dominique
 Samantha Mann
 Karelys Sanchez
 Leniyah Simmons
 Shelby Thompson

BASS CLARINET

Kellen Jones

CLARINET 4

Kai Axelsen
 Rachel Castle
 Amanda Del Rio Figueroa
 Michael Jimenez-Contreras
 Colby Jones
 Clementine Najmy
 Alexia Salazar
 Colton Smith

CONTRA BASS CLARINET

Jakub Melia

H. B. Plant High School

BRIAN P. DELL, DIRECTOR OF BANDS
TONY NEGRON, CLARINET CLINICIAN AND CONDUCTOR

CLARINET 1

Varvara Artemeva
 Lindsay Paulson
 Elizabeth Pierson
 Sarah Watkins
 Georgia Woolson

CLARINET 2

Paige Golden
 Cameron Kellogg
 Matthew Shen
 Wren Wankelman

CLARINET 3

Jordyn Ingram
 Elizabeth Hero Messano
 Brielle Manis
 Aleta McQueen
 Lana Ristic
 Linatsly Vazquez

CLARINET 4

Salea Hodges
 Luke Katches
 Francesco Santos

BASS CLARINET

Olivia Milton
 Kent Ordal
 Declan Sheppard
 Addison Stone

USF Clarinet Choir

CALVIN FALWELL, CLARINET & BASS CLARINET, ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR
ASHER CARLSON, ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF MUSIC

E♭ CLARINET

Raul Marcano
 Nick Broadbent

CLARINET 1

Brendan Patterson
 Meredith Colbert-Cortright
 Thomas Heal
 Patrick Ramsey

CLARINET 2

Kaley Lewis
 Madisyn Welch
 Charles Garcia-Balletti
 Yair Escobar
 Risa Slepikas

CLARINET 3

Dylan Addonizio
 Brinx Colon
 Alex Darnow
 Jocelyn Folden
 Amanda Mederos

CLARINET 4

Abhay Satyajit
 Noelle Goble

ALTO CLARINET

Evan Lutz

BASS CLARINET

Sean McBride
 Jamie Dansby

CONTRA BASS CLARINET

Jamie Dansby

Community Clarinet Choir

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E♭ CLARINET

Chloe Kho, Sickles High School
Raul Marcano, University of South Florida

B♭ CLARINET

Daniel Alvarez, Sickles High School
Varvara Artemeva, H.B. Plant High School
Jordan Bacon Graveline, Anclote Symphonic Winds
& Richey Community Orchestra
Cindy Bartz, Clearwater Community Band &
Pinellas Clarinet Choir
Deana Bradham, Sickles High School
Nick Broadbent, University of South Florida
Evan Cano, Buchanan Middle School
Eric Cervantes, Plant City High School
Meredith Colbert-Cortright, University of South
Florida
Shamya Collins, Blake High School
Sabrina Colon, University of South Florida
Rachel Csonotos, Fanfare Concert Winds
Alexander Darnow, University of South Florida
Ella Dominique, Sickles High School
Miles Dyer, Anclote Symphonic Winds
Jocelyn Folden, University of South Florida
Charles Garcia-Balletti, University of South Florida
Noelle Goble, University of South Florida
Rhett Hardwick, Sickles High School
Noah Herdocia, Roland Park K-8
Kayla High, University of South Florida
Salea Hodges, H.B. Plant High School
Colby Jones, Sickles High School
Jennifer Kaiser, Pinellas Clarinet Choir
Luke Katches, H.B. Plant High School
Cameron Kellogg, H.B. Plant High School
Kaley Lewis, University of South Florida
Brielle Manis, H.B. Plant High School
Brad McDade, The Pops Orchestra of Bradenton &
Sarasota
Aly McQueen, H.B. Plant High School
Liam Moats, Wiregrass High School
Lillian Moon, University of Tampa
Pratik Mudireddy, Berkeley Preparatory School
Maya Murdock, Anclote High School
Tony Negron, Florida Wind Band &
Greenville Symphony
Yuki O'Brien, Wharton High School
Jorge Otoy, University of Tampa
Anastasia Palls, Pinellas Clarinet Choir &
Dunedin Music Society

B♭ CLARINET (CONTINUED)

Brendan Patterson, University of South Florida
Lindsay Paulson, H.B. Plant High School
Elizabeth Pierson, H.B. Plant High School
Margie Polen, Hernando Symphony Orchestra
Kathryn Rahimzadeh, Clearwater
Community Band
Lana Ristic, H.B. Plant High School
Matthew Ross, Berkeley Preparatory School
Karelys Sanchez, Sickles High School
Abhay Satyajit, University of South Florida
Mia Schlenker, Berkeley Preparatory School
Bryson Scionti, Cambridge Christian School
Matthew Shen, H.B. Plant High School
Risa Slepikas, University of South Florida
Evan Stepanek, King High School
Shelby Thompson, Sickles High School
Tashianna Torres, Florida Wind Band
Jaxson Tucker, Steinbrenner High School
Linatsly Vazquez, H.B. Plant High School
Wren Wankelman, H.B. Plant High School
Eleanora Watt, Coleman Middle School
Madisyn Welch, University of South Florida
Georgia Woolson, H.B. Plant High School

ALTO CLARINET

Evan Lutz, University of South Florida &
Florida Wind Band

BASS CLARINET

Jamie Dansby, University of South Florida
Kellen Jones, Sickles High School
Olivia Milton, H.B. Plant High School
Kent Ordal, H.B. Plant High School
Tiffany Perez, Anclote Symphonic Winds &
Hernando Symphony Orchestra
Dan Polen, Hernando Symphony Orchestra
Declan Sheppard, H.B. Plant High School

CONTRA BASS CLARINET

Evan Lutz, University of South Florida &
Florida Wind Band
Sean McBride, University of South Florida
Brian Panetta, Florida Wind Band &
Berkeley Preparatory School

PERCUSSION

Alec Anderson, University of South Florida
Daniel Greenwood, University of South Florida
Aleksso Rojas, University of South Florida

*Tony
Negron*

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FLUTE

Madison Hart, *piccolo*
Gino Rimanelli
Auryn Rayller
Tessa Becker
Ian Haugen
Marina Whitsell

OBOE

Khoury Youness-Collier
Kellie Ann McCann
Kassidy Negron, *English horn*

BASSOON

Brianna Pols
Hayden Cross

CLARINET

Brendan Patterson
Raul Marcano, *E♭*
Kaley Lewis
Sean McBride
Thomas Heal
Nick Broadbent

BASS CLARINET

Jamie Dansby
Jayme Dittberner
Evan Lutz

SOPRANO SAXOPHONE

Ryan Leigh

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Julian Thacker
Quintin Gegan

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Brooklyn Starz
Gabriella Setta

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Jacob Macht

TRUMPET

Brandon DeSoto
Alain Rodriguez
Joseph Marrone
Alexis Konieczny
Melissa Reeves

HORN

Haley Klouda
Devin DeDon
Lana DiBiase
Danny Marshall

TROMBONE

David Sardina
Barrett Ryder
Alex Cabral
Ryan Syafoek, *bass*

EUPHONIUM

Jack Rhoton
Sophie Worrell

TUBA

Aidan Crosson
Collin DePiro

PIANO

Luke Rutt

HARP

John McColley

DOUBLE BASS

Alex Braman

PERCUSSION

Alec Anderson
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EVENT SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

1:00 PM-6:30 PM: Visit Lisa's Clarinet Shop & Vandoren (USF Concert Hall Lobby)

1:30-2:30 PM: Community Clarinet Choir Rehearsal (USF Choral Rehearsal Hall)

3:00-4:30 PM: Julian Bliss rehearsal with USF Wind Ensemble (USF Concert Hall)
Open to the community.

5:00-6:00 PM: Q&A with Julian Bliss, moderated by Asher Carlson (USF Concert Hall)
Open to the community.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

12:30-1:45 PM: Julian Bliss Masterclass with USF Clarinet Studio (USF Barness Recital Hall)

4:00-5:30 PM: Rehearsal with the USF Wind Ensemble (USF Concert Hall)

6:00-7:00 PM: Julian Bliss Masterclass with High School Clarinet Choirs (USF Instrumental Rehearsal Hall)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:15 PM: Community Clarinet Ensemble Rehearsal (USF Instrumental Rehearsal Hall)

7:15 PM: Pre-Concert Chat with Tony Negron & Julian Bliss (USF Concert Hall)
Open to the community.

7:30 PM: Concert "*Divine Mischief*" (USF Concert Hall)
Open to the community.