

# FLORIDA WIND BAND



- SEASON 18 -  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

# MUSICIAN TALENT

## **Professional Excellence**

The Florida Wind Band is composed of 89 professional musicians, representing a high-level artistic workforce across education, performance, and professional sectors. The ensemble maintains consistently strong artistic standards across all programming.

## **Educational & Professional Backgrounds**

Musicians represent advanced training across major conservatories and universities, including a high concentration of Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music, with additional representation at the doctoral (DMA/PhD) level. Ensemble members include university faculty, public school educators, and active performing artists.

## **Cross-Industry Professional Representation**

In addition to music professionals, the ensemble includes musicians working in fields such as engineering, healthcare, business, technology, and public service, reflecting a uniquely diverse professional community united through performance.

## **Performance Model & Artistic Flexibility**

The Florida Wind Band continues to operate an efficient, high-level performance model that supports both large ensemble and chamber experiences. This structure enables rapid preparation while maintaining consistently high artistic outcomes and strong musician engagement.

**This professional model allows the organization to function as both a premier performance ensemble and a collaborative artistic network spanning multiple industries.**

# CONCERT OFFERINGS

## Wind Band Performances

Presented 7 high-impact concerts across the season, including masterworks, pops, rental-only music, and new commissions featuring core wind repertoire and milestone programming.

## Chamber Music Expansion

The “Lights Out” Chamber Series presented 3 distinct concert programs, totaling 8 performances. The series continued to emphasize immersive, narrative-driven programming integrating music, storytelling, and community collaboration.

## Expanded Reach Through Partnerships

- Launched partnership with Pasco-Hernando State College through a season kickoff performance.
- Continued community engagement with Congregation Schaarai Zedek, the Jewish Community Center, and East Lake Community Library through chamber ensemble appearances.
- Strengthened regional presence through new and developing institutional partnerships with Hillsborough College.

# AUDIENCE DEVELOPMENT

## Sustained Attendance Growth

- +16.5% growth for *Heroes & Harmony* (317 attendees)
- 346 attendees at *A Time for Joy* (record audience)
- +79.8% growth for *Bold, Brave & Beautiful* (293 attendees; 163 prior year)

## Pre-Concert Engagement

Pre-concert conversations engaged 100+ participants at select performances, strengthening audience connection and providing deeper insight into repertoire, mission, and artists.

## Expanded Audience Experience

From large-scale symphonic programs to intimate chamber storytelling, Season 18 offered diverse and engaging experiences that appeal to audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

## **COMMUNITY SUPPORT & VISIBILITY**

### **Sponsor & Donor Growth**

Season 18 saw continued momentum in philanthropic support, including multiple major gifts of \$5,000 and a successful \$20,000+ matching campaign. Concert-based giving and donor engagement events strengthened relationships and expanded our base of supporters.

### **Guest Artists & Narrators**

Season 18 featured distinguished guest artists, clinicians, and educators who enhanced performances and provided artistic leadership across programming. Contributors included nationally recognized music educators, university faculty, and professional performers who supported both Wind Band and chamber presentations.

### **Increased Visibility**

A feature in VoyageTampa, combined with targeted digital campaigns and direct mail marketing, significantly expanded brand awareness and positioned the Florida Wind Band as a leading cultural organization in Tampa Bay.

### **Sold-Out & High-Demand Performances**

Multiple performances this season approached or achieved capacity, including record-setting attendance at our holiday concert—demonstrating growing demand and community enthusiasm.

# EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

## Youth Ensemble Growth

BAY Winds programs (*Autumn Winds, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Winds, Summer Breeze*) served 250+ students annually through year-round ensemble experiences. Spring 2026 enrollment reached capacity, reflecting continued program demand and growth.

## Scholarships & Access

- 18 full scholarships awarded (fall cycle)
- 25 partial and full scholarships awarded (spring cycle)
- Expanded access to tuition-free and reduced-cost music education and mentorship

## Student Pathways

- BAY Winds students performed alongside professional musicians in select concerts
- Increased student attendance at Florida Wind Band performances
- 16 students participated in the annual concerto competition
  - Winner featured in 2 Season Finale performances
  - The Runner-up will be featured at the inaugural *Resonance Gala*
- BAY Winds alumni advanced into professional pipeline:
  - Several engaged as substitute musicians
  - 2 alumni appointed to core membership within the Florida Wind Band

## Collaborative Learning

New graduate assistantship relationship established with the University of South Florida which expanded mentorship and hands-on training opportunities across school and university partners.