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THE FLORIDA WIND BAND

MATTHEW MCCUTCHEN, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

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Our History

Wind bands are an integral part of American history and culture. From circuses to military ceremonies, concerts in the park to concerts in Carnegie Hall, bands have provided Americans with entertainment and artistic enlightenment for generations. From the great touring professional bands of the 19th and early 20th centuries to the outstanding high school and collegiate ensembles that have entertained the country since World War II, wind bands have long captured the hearts and imaginations of audiences across the county.

Outside of our country's wonderful military bands, there are currently no full-time professional wind bands in America, so when John Carmichael moved to Tampa in 2007 to become the Director of Bands at the University of South Florida, he came with the goal of rectifying that situation. He believed that the Tampa Bay area has the unique ability to support such an ensemble, and he spent the next 11 years until his retirement working tirelessly to bring this dream to fruition.

The **Florida Wind Band** is now Tampa's premier wind band, bringing entertaining and inspiring performances of high-quality music to our vibrant and engaging community. The ensemble is comprised of professional musicians which include K-12 teachers, college professors, and full-time performers who have a deep love for the eclectic repertoire ranging from Bach to contemporary composers. The band is led by USF's Director of Bands, Matthew McCutchen, who is dedicated to programming music that will make audiences laugh, cry, dance, and wonder.

Dr. McCutchen and the Florida Wind Band, Inc. founded **Bay Area Youth (BAY) Winds** in 2011 as Tampa Bay's premier outlet for middle and high school students to receive exceptional performance opportunities for intermediate and advanced musicians. Student participants come from all over the Tampa Bay Area including Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Hernando counties. A few years later with the excitement and opportunities provided through BAY Winds, **Summer Breeze** was founded and meets annually in the month of June to provide an opportunity for BAY Winds students and alumni to rehearse and perform in the summer. Summer Breeze regularly welcomes 60-80 musicians back to their joy of playing an instrument in a relaxed and enjoyable setting. This opportunity offers musicians the unique ability to rekindle old friendships, dust off their instruments, be surprised at how many fingerings they remember, and return to the joy of making music purely for fun, culminating in a joint performance with the Florida Wind Band on an annual Independence Day concert at Carrollwood Village Park.

Since its debut in 2008, the Florida Wind Band has entertained thousands of people, including prestigious performances for the American Bandmaster's Association, the College Band Directors National Association, and the Florida Music Educators Association Convention. We look forward to many more years of inspired music-making and hope you will join us in these endeavors.

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JOHN WASSON (b. 1956)

FESTIVAL FANFARE FOR CHRISTMAS

LEROY ANDERSON (1908—1975)

SLEIGH RIDE

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

Our Musicians

The Florida Wind Band is comprised of many of the finest wind and percussion musicians in the Tampa Bay Area. All of our members have music degrees, and the vast majority of our musicians work as full time musicians either teaching in the area's public and private schools and universities, or as freelance performers throughout Florida. The musicians volunteer their time and accomplished talents to our organization for their love of wind band repertoire, live performances, and the camaraderie that comes along with making music at the highest level for our community.

FLUTE

Robert Neale*
Sarah Logan Smith
Anne Wall, *piccolo*

OBOE

Kathryn Jurado*
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BASSOON

Javi Rodriguez*
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SAXOPHONE

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Kathryn Baker*, *piano*
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Kelsey Synnett, *bass*
Ashley Huffman, *contra*

TRUMPET

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PERCUSSION

Nick Gigante*
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Michael Davis
Mike Garcia
Tyler Carr
Gabriel Travieso
Brian Dell
Elise Prather

*Denotes Principal Player

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Our Mission & Vision

The mission of the Florida Wind Band is to entertain and inspire the community through live performances of high-quality wind band music, while providing enhanced youth performance opportunities.

As a non-profit organization, The Florida Wind Band encompasses adult and youth wind ensembles aimed at providing talented local musicians of all ages a musical outlet for performance. In addition to our primary adult wind ensemble comprised of the area's top professional musicians, the Florida Wind Band is the parent organization to Bay Area Youth (BAY) Winds. BAY Winds is Tampa Bay's premier outlet for outstanding students to perform in high-caliber wind ensembles aimed at providing additional performance opportunities for the area's top middle and high school students.

Our vision is to be the premier, professional wind band in the Tampa Bay Area. Our ensemble continues to grow and thrive by the selfless work of our volunteers and generous support from donations and sponsorships within the community. There are many ways you can make a contribution to support our mission and vision. You can become a monthly donor or make a one-time tax-exempt donation at www.floridawindband.org. Tiered sponsorships are also available for corporations, individuals, and families.

Bay Area Youth Winds Enrollment

Tampa Bay's premier outlet for outstanding middle and high school students.



Audition Today!

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

All students must submit an audition video for successful selection and assignment into an ability-based, tiered ensemble.

- Grades 5 - 12
- Private, public, and home-schooled students
- At least one year of experience playing and performing on your instrument.
- Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Hernando Counties

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

- Literature Performance
- Chromatic Scale
- Three Major Scales



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Ways to Support the Band

There are many ways that you can support the Florida Wind Band. You can make a one-time donation or choose a tiered sponsorship that supports our organization all season long. Tax-deductible sponsorships are available for corporations, businesses, individuals, and families. Community members also enjoy getting involved and being a part of the magic that is bringing the music to life. Join our Volunteer Guild or consider joining our Board of Directors. Scan the QR codes to be directed to an area that solicits your desired way of giving and support.



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Mail A Check

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Giving Season 2023

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we sincerely appreciate your attendance at our concerts, loyal patronage, and generous giving. Thank you for your continued support in bringing high-quality wind band music to the Tampa Bay community.

We are excited that you are joining us in our mission to entertain and inspire the community through live performances of high-quality wind band music. Our annual Giving Season campaign is here and will be wrapping up on December 31st, 2023. Help support our mission and fundraising goal of \$15,000. Your contributions during this campaign will allow us to provide:



The Florida Wind Band continues its concerted efforts to perform in venues throughout Tampa Bay. As a 501c3 non-profit organization, our operations require funding for facility fees, transportation costs, music expenses, insurance payments, and the many other expenditures associated with delivering entertaining concerts and educational outreach, averaging \$3,500 per concert production. There are many ways you can make a contribution to support our mission and our goals during our annual Giving Season campaign. You can become a season or concert sponsor, monthly donor, or make a one-time tax-exempt donation by visiting our website at www.floridawindband.org or by scanning the QR code below. Thank you for joining us in our mission to entertain and inspire the community through live performances of high-quality wind band music.



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The Florida Wind Band is grateful for the support of our volunteers, donors, sponsors, and community!

Upcoming Events

Band Classics

Concert Sponsor: Phi Beta Mu | International Bandmasters Fraternity
Saturday, January 20th at 2:30 pm
USF School of Music Concert Hall | 3755 USF Holly Drive

The Wonder of Williams

Saturday, April 6th at 2:00 pm (Outdoors)
Water Works Park | 1701 N. Highland Avenue
Sunday, April 7th at 6:00 pm (Indoors)
Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church | 3501 W. San Juan Street

Masterworks

Sunday, May 19th, 2024 at 4:00 pm
USF School of Music Concert Hall | 3755 USF Holly Drive

Bay Area Youth Winds

BAY Winds allows students the opportunity to explore exciting band pieces for intermediate and advanced students in middle school and high school. Students audition and are placed into an ability-based ensemble.

Learn more about enrollment and auditions by visiting
www.bayareayouthwinds.org