



CATAWBA RIVER WINDS

WINTER CONCERT

CONNIE A. GRANTHAM

RYAN W. TINKER

CONDUCTORS

INTRODUCING



CATAWBA RIVER WINDS
— HONOR BAND —

MEKEL ROGERS

CLINICIAN/CONDUCTOR

DECEMBER 15, 2023

CRW MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR BAND

6:30 PM

CATAWBA RIVER WINDS

7:00 PM

NATION FORD HIGH SCHOOL

AUDITORIUM

FORT MILL, SC

CONDUCTORS



Mrs. Connie A. Grantham retired in June 2021 after 34 years of teaching middle and high school band in South Carolina. Her teaching career includes York School District, Spartanburg District 7, and Fort Mill Schools. While in Fort Mill, Mrs. Grantham was the band director at Fort Mill Middle School and worked with the band staff of Fort Mill/Nation Ford High School for over 20 years.

Bands under Mrs. Grantham's direction have performed twice at the South Carolina Music Educators Association conference, was a featured performing group at the Coastal Carolina University Band Clinic, and the SC Middle School Conference. Mrs. Grantham's bands earned consistently superior ratings at state and regional concert festivals and the SC Outstanding Performance Award over 30 times. She is the recipient of the National Band Association Citation of Excellence, the Women's Band Director Scroll Of Excellence, and has served as SC state chair to the National Band Association. Mrs. Grantham is a Past President of the South Carolina Band Directors Association and was inducted into the SC Band Directors Association Hall of Fame in 2016 and the Theta Chapter of Phi Beta Mu Hall of Fame in 2023. Her professional affiliations include NAFME, SCMEA, SCBDA, Phi Beta Mu, National Band Association, Tau Beta Sigma, Delta Omicron, and American School Band Directors Association (ASBDA).

Mrs. Grantham currently serves as the Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the South Carolina Band Directors Association. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education with a minor in Accounting and is a National Board Certified Teacher. She resides in Rock Hill, SC, with her husband, Randy. Connie and Randy, both, are retired band directors and remain active with bands as adjudicators, clinicians, consultants, and mentors.

The Granthams have two adult children, Dottie (Andrew) Davis and Will Grantham; they are looking forward to their first grandchild in June 2024!



Before entering the private sector to pursue a career in information technology, **Ryan W. Tinker** served as the Associate Director of Bands at Northwestern High School in Rock Hill, SC, from 2014 to 2020. During his tenure at Northwestern, the bands under his direction received consistently superior ratings and culminated in two appearances at the SCBDA State Concert Festival in 2026 and 2018. Mr. Tinker continues to serve as a part-time consultant and instructional instrumental coach for the program.

Before his appointment at Northwestern, Mr. Tinker served as the Director of Bands at Charlotte Catholic High School from 2012-2014 and Assistant Director of Bands at York Comprehensive High School from 2010-2012. He received a Master of Music in Instrumental Conducting from the University of South Florida, where he served as a graduate assistant for the USF Bands. At USF, Mr. Tinker studied conducting with Dr. John C. Carmichael and Dr. William Wiedrich and trombone performance with Mr. Tom Brantley.

Mr. Tinker received his Bachelor of Music with Emphasis in Music Education and Trombone Performance from the University of South Carolina. While at USC, he studied trombone with Dr. Brad Edwards and conducting with Dr. Rebecca Phillips, Dr. Andrew Gowan, Dr. David O'Shields, and Mr. James Copenhaver. Mr. Tinker received the Robert Van Doren Award (2008) and the Cantey Award of Excellence (2007), the two highest and most prestigious awards from the USC School of Music to an undergraduate with outstanding musical, academic, and leadership skills.

Mr. Tinker was a Cadets Drum and Bugle Corps member from 2005-2008, playing euphonium and serving as horn sergeant and section leader. His professional memberships include NAFME, Pi Kappa Lambda, Kappa Kappa Psi, the National Band Association, and Phi Beta Mu. Mr. Tinker serves as information technology chair for the South Carolina Band Directors Association and the South Carolina Music Educators Association. Mr. Tinker lives in Rock Hill, SC, with his wife, Katie, a math teacher at Northwestern High School, and their son, Callan.



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HONOR BAND

THE PROGRAM WILL BE SELECTED FROM THE FOLLOWING

CAROL OF THE KINGS

CELTIC AIR AND DANCE

DESTINY FANFARE

DR. ROCKENSTEIN

MARCH TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE

MASTERS OF THE SYMPHONY

WOODLAND ODYSSEY

MEKEL ROGERS

MICHAEL SWEENEY

MEKEL ROGERS

STEVE HODGES

MEKEL ROGERS

MEKEL ROGERS

MICHAEL SWEENEY



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TOCCATA

*GASPAR CASSADÓ / ATTRIB. GIROLAMO FRESCOBALDI
ARR. EARL SLOCUM*

OVERTURE ON AN EARLY AMERICAN FOLK HYMN

CLAUDE T. SMITH

IRISH TUNE FROM COUNTY DERRY

*PERCY ALDRIDGE GRAINGER
ED. MARK ROGERS*

THE DIPLOMAT

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

CONCERT SUITE FROM THE POLAR EXPRESS

*ALAN SILVERSTRI & GLEN BALLARD
ARR. JERRY BRUBAKER*

JINGLE THEM BELLS

JULIE GIROUX

A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

LEROY ANDERSON



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HONOR BAND

FLUTE

Rebecca Bankston, Indian Land
Alexa Corona, Pleasant Knoll
Jordan Davis, JT Williams
Loveth Uduefe, Springfield
Amoolya Vikas, Springfield

OBOE

McKenzi Cragg, Saluda Trail
Luke Stone, Gold Hill
Kuhu Mahajan, Community House
Rylee Gouker, Forest Creek
Hannah Schwartz, Fort Mill
Agnes Zilinskaite, Gold Hill

BASSOON

Celine Johnson, JT Williams
Samuel Neu, Gold Hill
Sanmay Rathi, Community House

CLARINET

Gracen Baylor, Indian Land
Priyanshi Biswas, Gold Hill
Siri Channad, Community House
Addison Curry Grant, JT Williams
Addison Griffin, Banks Trail
Kaitlyn Hall, Banks Trail
Lydia Holman, Springfield
Lucas Judy, Pleasant Knoll
Phoebe Macchi, Forest Creek
Ruby Micci, Indian Land
Landon Oosterman, Fort Mill
Vishal Rao, Community House
Leah Rodriguez, Banks Trail
Jaida Tillman, Saluda Trail
Morgan Townsend, Pleasant Knoll

BASS CLARINET

Manav Pillai, Community House
Prasanthi Veluri, Community House

CONTRABASS CLARINET

Aaron Welch, Gold Hill

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Knox Alexander, Gold Hill
Emily Bugge, Sedgfield
Daniel Hiatt, Springfield
Katarina Katarinic, Springfield
Grayson Sipe, Pleasant Knoll
Thomas Torres, Forest Creek

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Everett Gordan, Forest Creek
Tucker Miller, Saluda Trail

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Evan Eckert, Forest Creek
Simon Franke, Pleasant Knoll

TRUMPET

Emily Burns, Fort Mill
Connor Hennessey, Gold Hill
Blake Jordan, Indian Land
Ryan Marsh, Pleasant Knoll
Cole McCants, Indian Land
Rohan Palavanchu, Community House
Isabella Ramirez, Forest Creek
Aidan Rohlfing, Indian Land
Alex Royall, Fort Mill
Ben Shaw, Saluda Trail
Lillian Swanson, Sedgfield
Quillen Thomissser, Sedgfield
Andrew Waller, Sedgfield
Brady White, Banks Trail

FRENCH HORN

Amaya Brito Pena, Springfield
Russell Cato, Banks Trail
Bryan Edwards, Springfield
Samantha Filippone, Indian Land
Seth Nordgren, Pleasant Knoll
David Ogden, Banks Trail
Anindita Rajkumar, Gold Hill
Lizzy Turner, Saluda Trail

EUPHONIUM

Sarah Benvenuto, Gold Hill
Tyler Coyne, Banks Trail
Jacob Langley, Banks Trail
Emily Li, Fort Mill
Landon Parrish, Banks Trail
Garrett Vaughn, Pleasant Knoll

TROMBONE

Derrick Derrill, Fort Mill
Mason Harrison, Saluda Trail
William Lanier, Community House
Karalynn Marsh, Springfield
Quentin McCarter, Forest Creek
Alex Mouille, Saluda Trail
John David Pilarczyk, Gold Hill
Ian Savoy, Forest Creek
Cole Thompson, Indian Land
Madeline Vilag, Pleasant Knoll

TUBA

Ishaan Bhandarkar, Pleasant Knoll
Nathan Lazarus, Pleasant Knoll
Charlotte Walker, Springfield
Sahana Sivashankar, Springfield

PERCUSSION

Connor Anderson, Gold Hill
Noah Bosch, Indian Land
Carter Beauchamp, Springfield
Graham Giavendoni, Forest Creek
Maeve Hardy, Fort Mill
Thomas Kunzweiler, Community House
Jadyn Maxwell, Fort Mill
Caiya Mercer, Saluda Trail
Jamiya Phillips, Pleasant Knoll

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS AND DIRECTORS

Banks Trail MS (SC)

Scot Mitchell

Community House MS (NC)

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Jocquin Fuller

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Indian Land MS (SC)

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Michael Sanders

Pleasant Knoll MS (SC)

Alex Dudek & James Roddy

Saluda Trail MS (SC)

Heather Turner

Sedgfield MS (NC)

Demeka Kimpson

Springfield MS (SC)

Dustin Hoke & Jeremy Wall



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FLUTE

Alicia Cook, Music Therapist
Hope Dover, Homeschool Mom
Nena Harris, Nurse/Educator
Amanda Meranto, Educator
Chelsea Minnihan, Student
Kristen Packard, Pharmacist
Tracy Schwartz, Music Studio Owner
Donna Stevenson, Pharm. Research
Ashley Sullins, Software Developer
Maggie Taylor, Public Accountant

OBOE

Andrew Krieger, Band Director
Donna Swahlan, Occupational Therapist

BASSOON

Jennifer Isenhour, Band Director
Kristen Wright, Orchestra Director

CLARINET

Shelby Black, Pastry Chef
Tish Bradshaw, Paralegal (Ret.)
David Blumberg, Clarinetist (Prof.)
John Clawson, Business Analyst
Sue Gullede, School Counselor (Ret.)
Kaelin King, Student
Jordan Laird, Band Director
Diana Leaver, Music/Preschool Teacher
Ann Miller, Plant Nursery Buyer
Jenna Thrasher, Admin. Services Manager
Katie Tinker, Educator
Jennifer Waters, Stay-at-Home Mom

BASS CLARINET

John Dando, GIS Lead
Ken Herring, Educator
Amanda Rawls, CPS Social Worker

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Ryan Foltz, Radio Operator
Aimee Peterson, Occupational Therapist
Dennis Howren, Music Dealer (Ret.)
Rebekah Schwartz, Student

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Josh Bouldin, Development Officer
Abbygail Thomas, Student

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Gabe Pullen, Student

TRUMPET

Chris Clinebelle, Software Developer
Madelyn Corcoran, Server
Charles Cullen, College Student
Will Ellison, Band Director
Randy Grantham, Band Director (ret.)
Joe Gullede III, Taphouse Owner
David Hodges, Private Teacher
Alyssa Kennedy, Band Director
Eve Kmiecik, Student
Steven Meade, IT Technician
Crystal Nodes, Cosmetologist
Ken Nodes, Logistics
Mike Packard, Band Director
Heather Turner, Band Director
Mark Yost, Music Educator

FRENCH HORN

Gail Clarke, Industrial Engineer (Ret.)
Brandt Conley, Investment Banker
Kerrie Efird, Dental Hygienist
James Hawkins, Risk Consultant
James Roddy, Band Director
Jake Shu, Cyber Security Analyst
John Snelson, Attorney
Carena Tollefson, Student
Michael Thomas, Duke Energy

TROMBONE

Paul Guzewicz, Band Director
Connor King, Student
Justin Lyons, Educator
Matthew Query, Home Inspector
Chase Turner, Student

BASS TROMBONE

Erick Fischer, Student

EUPHONIUM

Ryan Anderson, Software Sales
Keith Paulus, Registered Nurse
Andrew Pritchard, Student
Sam Rawls, Police Officer
Kati Shives, Band Director

TUBA

Brad Berry, Occupational Therapist
Martin Dickey, Band Director (Ret.)
Connor Hassing, HS Band Staff Tech
Sara Howarth, Educator
Alex Lazarus, Student
Josh Pritchard, Student
Brad Pritchard, IT Architect
James Turner, Band Director

PERCUSSION

Danielle Benham, Homeschool Educator
Tim Brochin, York County Detective
Connie Kiser, Christian Educator
Tristan Lamb, Inside Sales Rep.
Matt Mallery, Asst. Principal
Angela Meade, Accounting



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HONOR BAND

GUEST CLINICIAN

MEKEL ROGERS



Mekel Rogers has been involved in music education as a middle school band director and orchestra conductor since 1995. He is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Appalachian State University, a charter member of the Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps, and the founding conductor of the Union Symphony Youth Orchestra. Mekel is also active as a frequent guest clinician and adjudicator for both concert band and orchestral events.

The FJH Music Company and Alfred Music Publishing publish Mekel's music for concert bands. Mekel's music for string orchestra is published by Grand Mesa Strings and TUX People's Music. Mekel's concert band and string orchestra compositions have received several Editors Choice Awards from the J. W. Pepper Music Company. Mekel's works have been performed at various district and state honor band events, music educator association conferences, adjudicated festivals, and the Midwest Clinic in Chicago. International performances include concert festivals in Canada, Japan, Australia, and the United Kingdom and world premieres in London, England, and Paris, France.

Mekel was inducted into the American School Band Directors Association (ASBDA) in 2008 and is a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP).

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