



CATAWBA
RIVER WINDS

WINTER CONCERT

CONNIE A. GRANTHAM

RYAN W. TINKER

CONDUCTORS

FEATURING THE



CATAWBA RIVER WINDS
— HONOR BAND —

MAGGIE WALTERS

CLINICIAN/CONDUCTOR

DECEMBER 12, 2025

CRW MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR BAND

6:30 PM

CATAWBA RIVER WINDS

7:00 PM

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, and welcomed their first grandchild this past summer!



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.



CATAWBA RIVER WINDS

HONOR BAND

THE PROGRAM WILL BE SELECTED FROM THE FOLLOWING

A CARTOON CHRISTMAS

ARR. MICHAEL STORY

ABOVE THE WORLD

ROB GRICE

BYZANTINE DANCES

CAROL BRITTIN CHAMBERS

RAZZMATAZZ

MATTHEW R. PUTNAM

WILD BLUE

TYLER S. GRANT



CATAWBA RIVER WINDS

INFINITY

KATAJ COPLEY

SECOND SUITE IN F

GUSTAV HOLST

MVT. 1 – MARCH

MVT. 2 – SONG WITHOUT WORDS

MVT. 3 – SONG OF THE BLACKSMITH

MVT. 4 – FANTASIA ON THE 'DARGASON'

IN MY PERFECT PLACE

LESLIE GILREATH

A HOME ALONE CHRISTMAS

ARR. PAUL LAVENDER

A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

LEROY ANDERSON



CATAWBA RIVER WINDS

HONOR BAND

FLUTE

Kate Pauling, Piedmont MA
Hallie Shute, Pleasant Knoll MS
Ella Kutters, Forest Creek MS
Eva Novinskaya, Community House MS
Smayan Porandla, Springfield MS
Mercy Fuller, Piedmont MA
Cameron Jones, Saluda Trail MS
Chloe Bae, Banks Trail MS
Daniella Avila, Rawlinson Road MS
Emma Darcy, Sedgfield MS
Katia Portales Cavazos, Rawlinson Road MS
Avery Watson, Sedgfield MS

OBOE

Nustalyia Goodman, Saluda Trail MS
Alexi Taft, Riverwalk Academy
Rishav Kunwor, Community House MS
Alyssa Bible, Fort Mill MS

BASSOON

Sarosh Dasari, Pleasant Knoll MS
Connor Murphy, Pleasant Knoll MS
Delories Huffman, Fort Mill MS
Millie Oglesby, Banks Trails MS

CLARINET

Varna Chandramohan, Fort Mill MS
Ezabella Fonseca, Forest Creek MS
Andrew Purvis, Fort Mill MS
Noah Mohlmaster, Forest Creek MS
Alyson Tuley, Fort Mill MS
Carter Leaver, Pleasant Knoll MS
Sadie Fishman, Pleasant Knoll MS
Gianna Haney, Piedmont MA
Anna Willis, Andrew Jackson MS
Georgia Goodman, Saluda Trail MS
Harshita Katiyar, Springfield MS
Hadley Rissel, Clover MS
Eriana Currence, Riverwalk Academy
Hana Elzienny, Banks Trail MS
Suman Siripurapu, Community House MS
Bryson Atiase, Clover MS
Remington Bunn, Rawlinson Road MS
Richard Bustamante, Rawlinson Road MS
Victoria Gordils, JT Williams MS
Hendrix Redfean, JT Williams MS
Margaret Upchurch, Sedgfield MS

BASS CLARINET

Alexis Goodman, Saluda Trail MS
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ALTO SAXOPHONE

Muyi Ding, Community House MS
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TENOR SAXOPHONE

Victoria Reyna-Sifuentes, Clover MS

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Reese Jordan, Clover MS
Anderson Lowe, JT Williams MS

TRUMPET

Siddharth Gullena, Fort Mill MS
TJ Boling, Pleasant Knoll MS
Lola Haney, Forest Creek MS
Julianna Levan, Forest Creek MS
Andrew Ceravino, Clover MS
Elizabeth Pavlik, Banks Trail MS
Jenson Parks, Springfield MS
Eli Fox, Banks Trail MS
Jaxon Baker, JT Williams MS
Makena Collins, Piedmont MA
Carter Massey, JT Williams MS
Josh McGee, Sedgfield MS

FRENCH HORN

Malachi Soto, Riverwalk Academy
Sophia Pruitt, Pleasant Knoll MS
Manuella Gimenes Carminholi, Springfield MS
Caleb Johnson, JT Williams MS

TROMBONE

Elizabeth Hurley, Forest Creek MS
Sahasra Madichetty, Springfield MS
Ava Lee, Riverwalk Academy
Clara Dawson, Piedmont MA
Bashor Ellington, Sedgfield MS
Timothy Keen, Piedmont MA

EUPHONIUM

Mahkai Tyler, Fort Mill MS
DeAsia Danzy, Andrew Jackson MS
Zahir Guido karry, Clover MS
Suri Hicks, JT Williams MS

TUBA

Benjamin Rumberger, Pleasant Knoll MS
Mia Baumer, Banks Trail MS
Arth Kolorwar, Forest Creek MS
Brayden Waggle, Rawlinson Road MS
Adhrit Bashetty, Community House MS
Amiracle Harris, Fort Mill MS
Jackson Linn, JT Williams MS

PERCUSSION

Sophia Birgbauer, Saluda Trail MS
Harrison Berry, Andrew Jackson MS
Bernadette Plesca, Forest Creek MS
Lucie Jacobs, Pleasant Knoll MS
London Smith, Forest Creek MS
Matthew Duncan, Piedmont MA
Edward Lim, Banks Trail MS
Hayden Wilson, Fort Mill MS
Anna Bethala, Community House MS
Sanai Slayton, Springfield MS
Aidan Minchew, Riverwalk Academy

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS & DIRECTORS

Andrew Jackson MS
Michelle Brown

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CATAWBA RIVER WINDS

PICCOLO

Amanda Meranto, Teacher

FLUTE

Hannah Barnes, Teacher
Alicia Cook, Music Therapist
Hope Dover, Author & Publishing Director
Nena Harris, Nurse Practitioner
Stephanie Hood, Educator
Sara Lee, Mom
Winnie Moore, Student
Kate Sautler, Commission Analyst
Laura Singleton, Dental Hygienist
Katie Tobik, Genetic Counselor

OBOE

Donna Swahlan, Occupational Therapist

BASSOON

Jennifer Isenhour, Band Director
Hilary Yost, Retired Band Director

CLARINET

Brandon Armstrong, Band Director
Reece Bostic, Teacher
Tish Bradshaw, Retired Paralegal
John Clawson, Business Analyst
Mary Gaissert, Student
Sue Gulledege, Retired Counselor
Ben Hipp, Business Owner
Sophia Kieffer, Psychotherapist
Diana Leaver, Pre-School Director
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Anton Quilala, Financial Services
D'arce Reid, Software Developer
Hannah Ross, Physician Assistant
Katie Beth Tinker, Educator
Jennifer Waters, Substitute Teacher

BASS CLARINET

Ken Herring, Educator
Luciana Preswood, Student
Jennie Rothman, Student
Mak Smith, Student

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Josh Bouldin, Development Officer
Ryan Foltz, Photographer
Dustin Hoke, Band Director
Dennis Howren, Professional Musician

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Paddy Flynn, US Navy Retired
Colin McBride, Outdoor Rec. Specialist
Gabe Pullen, Student

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Simon Franke, Student

TRUMPET

Madelyn Brannan, Marketing Coordinator
Michelle Brown, Band Director
Christian Casey, Student
Alexa Cibbarelli, Firefighter
Christopher Clinebelle, Software Developer
Carrie Gordon, Accreditation Manager
Randy Grantham, Retired Band Director
Joe Gulledege, Retired Band Director
Alyssa Kennedy, Inst. Ensemble Director
Nathan Martinez, Student
Alexander Munro, Student
Ken Nodes, Assistant Band Director
Mike Packard, Retired Band Director
Andrew Sokolowski, Band Director
Mark Yost, Band Director

FRENCH HORN

Melissa Burroughs, Music Educator
Kerrie Efird, Dental Hygienist
Laura Jones, Travel Concierge
Amaya Pena, Student
Michael Thomas, Duke Energy

TROMBONE

Erick Fischer, National Guard
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Connor King, Student
Matthew Query, SC Residential Contractor
Darsh Yadav, Student

BASS TROMBONE

Jordan Crimminger, Contract Educator

EUPHONIUM

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Philip Loftis, Educator
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Sam Rawls, Police Officer

TUBA

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Brad Berry, Occupational Therapist
Jacob Daniel, Private Lesson Teacher
Topher Irish, AR Specialist
Ray Linkous, Band Director

PERCUSSION

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Tim Brochin, York County Detective
Peyton Douglas, Student
Quincy Goode, Banker
Jennifer Hughes, Teacher
Connie Kiser, Christian Ed. Director
Tristan Lamb, Risk Advisor



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HONOR BAND

GUEST CLINICIAN

MAGGIE WALTERS

Maggie Walters is currently in her second year as Associate Director of Bands at D.W. Daniel High School and R.C. Edwards Middle School in Central, SC. Her teaching responsibilities include conducting the DW Daniel Symphonic Band, assisting with the wind ensemble, and co-directing the Lion's Pride Marching Band. At RC Edwards she serves as a woodwind specialist and oversees the chamber ensemble program. Ms. Walters also serves as an adjunct clarinet professor at Anderson University and has her own private lesson studio.



Currently in her twenty-ninth year as an educator, Maggie previously taught band at Riverside Middle School in Anderson School District Four and at T.E. Mabry Middle School in Spartanburg School District One. She holds a Bachelors of Music Education degree from Furman University and a Masters of Education degree from Southern Wesleyan University.

Professional affiliations include: National Association for Music Education (NAfME), South Carolina Music Educators Association (SCMEA), South Carolina Band Directors Association (SCBDA), Phi Beta Mu, National Band Association (NBA), and the International Clarinet Association (ICA). Maggie has served on the SCBDA Concert committee and is currently serving on the SCBDA All State and By Laws committees. She also currently serves as the SCBDA Master Recital Chair.

In addition to her teaching and conducting responsibilities Maggie is an active performer and enjoys playing clarinet as often as possible. She is a member of the Poinsett Wind Symphony, the Palmetto Concert Band, and the Anderson University Wind Symphony. When not teaching or performing, Ms. Walters loves spending time outdoors on her farm with her family and friends, horses, and her rambunctious (but absolutely adorable) dog Lasso.

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