

COLUMBIA COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

William J. Brazier, Jr., Conductor

Celebrating 43 Years of Making Music in the Midlands!

Sounds of Music in the Air!

April 28, 2024

4:00 PM

Airport High School Auditorium

Fugue on Yankee Doodle John Philip Sousa, arr. Keith Brion & Loras Schissel
The Star-Spangled Banner Francis Scott Key, arr. John Stafford Smith
Procession of Nobles Nicholas Rimsky-Korsakov, arr. Eric Leidzen
Danny Boy arr. Warren Barker
Country Gardens Percy Grainger, arr. John Philp Sousa, Keith Brion & Loras Schissel
Mannin Veen Haydn Wood
His Honor Henry Fillmore, ed. Frederick Fennell

- INTERMISSION (10 MINUTES) -

Esprit de Corps Robert Jager
The Genius of Ray Charles arr. Michael Brown
The Sound of Music Richard Rodgers, arr. Robert Russell Bennett

The band is grateful to the administration of Lexington County School District Two and the administration, faculty, staff, and students of Airport High School - particularly Robert Spitler, band director, Amanda Wrona, choral director, Collin Richardson, orchestra director, and Caitlin White, theater teacher - for their assistance and use of their facilities and equipment. Special thanks to all who volunteer their time, talents, and resources to make the band possible.

The Columbia Community Concert Band, founded in 1981, is a member of the Association of Concert Bands, Inc., and is a 501(c) (3) non-profit corporation. Donations to the band are welcomed and appreciated and are fully tax deductible. The band's mailing address is PO Box 1154, Irmo, SC 29063. Thank you for your continued support.

Please join us for our next concert at 3 pm on Memorial Day, May 27, 2024, at Hampton Park, Charleston, SC, with the Charleston Concert Band.

PERSONNEL

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Flute

Julia Begeman - West Columbia - DNA Technician
Cecilia Black - Lexington - Author
Lawrence Garnes - Lexington - Retired US Army
Elizabeth Herring - Lexington - Retired US Air Force
Elsa Hope - Pomaria - Retired
Lynn Martin - West Columbia - Retired - State Government
Myrna Mattos - Columbia - Research Nurse
Nicole Stoudemire - Lexington - Stay-at-Home Mom
Irma Van Scoy - Gaston - Retired Education Professor
Valerie Ward - Columbia - High School Math Teacher

Oboe/Percussion

William Ackerman - Columbia - Retired Band Director

Oboe/English Horn

William Campbell - Columbia - Retired US Army

Clarinet

Christina Arp - West Columbia - Social Worker
Jennifer Bartman - Columbia - Scientist
Franklin Buie - Columbia - Retired Pastor
Matt Helms - Columbia - Public Awareness Liaison
Dan Kienker - Blythewood - Attorney/Retired US Air Force
Norma Kirkland - Columbia - Retired Band Director/Music
Education Professor
Melissa Manning - Columbia - Attorney
Sherry Moncer - Lexington - Accounts Manager
Dennis Pinnell - Lexington - Executive Assistant
Amanda Simmons - Lexington - Information Technology
Analyst
Gayle Sims - Columbia - Retired Elementary Teacher /
Education Supervisor
Kristin Smith - Lexington - Chemical Engineer

Alto Clarinet

Edward King - Columbia - Director of Music

Bass Clarinet

Lester Franzen - Columbia - Self Employed
Patricia Frye - Orangeburg - Retired Professor

Bassoon

Amy Dupont-Kennedy - Columbia - Account Manager

Alto Saxophone

David Hancock - West Columbia - Design Engineer
Gary Hodo - Columbia - Psychologist
Tito Tomei - Orangeburg - Biologist
John Traegler - Lexington - Retired Payroll Benefits Manager

Tenor Saxophone

Deborah Fisher - West Columbia - Life Engagement Specialist
/ Pianist
Alison Westmoreland - Lexington - High School Spanish
Teacher

Baritone Saxophone

Russell Chambers - Salem - Retired Audit Manager

Trumpet

Stephanie Bergeron - Columbia - Audiologist
Wayne Gourdine - Columbia - Retired Planner
Bucky Martin - Lexington - Store Manager
Eugenia Matthews - West Columbia - Home Health Nurse
Gene Moncer - Lexington - Programmer Analyst
Evan Reed - Lexington - Marketing Agent
Donald Schmotzer - West Columbia - Retired Telephone
Technician
Candace True - Columbia - Social Worker

Horn

Theresa Bundrick - Lexington - Customer Relations Specialist
Doug Grover - Cayce - US Army Musician
Nell Mauney - Columbia - Retired Law Enforcement
Brandi Schermbeck - Columbia - Nanny
Lisa Stone - Columbia - Data Entry

Trombone

Ken Adams - Columbia - Retired Electrical Engineer
David Appleby - Columbia - Retired Music Teacher
Alexis Hay - Cayce - Music Teacher
Robert Knox - Columbia - Retired Communications Tech.
Steve Wilson - Columbia - Retired US Air Force
Kyle Wisnewski - Columbia - Program Technical Coordinator
(IT)

Euphonium

Allen Archer - Lexington - Retired Accountant
Nathan Brown - Columbia - Office Manager
Cara Edwards - Columbia - Retired Teacher/School
Administrator
Alex Hay - West Columbia - Information Technology
Consultant

Tuba

Tally Bovender - Rural Hall, NC - Student
Ed Brown - West Columbia - Forensic Psychologist
Maggie Malick - Chapin - Retired Aerospace Engineer
John Motto - Columbia - Retired Physician
Payne Seal - West Columbia - Software Developer

Percussion

Nick Hammond - Columbia - Manager of Operations
Angela Ward - West Columbia - Referral Specialist
Michael Ward - West Columbia - Commercial Graphics
Calvin Yates - Columbia - System Analyst

Piano

Deborah Fisher - on "Country Gardens"
Kristin Smith - on "Procession of Nobles"

William E. Ackerman was born in Florence, S.C., on February 23, 1944. He lived in Bishopville, SC, before moving to Columbia at age six. He attended Taylor Elementary School, Wardlaw Junior High School, and Columbia High School. Mr. Ackerman started playing clarinet in the beginner band during the summer between 6th and 7th grades, then switched to the oboe in the 7th grade. He learned percussion as a marching instrument in high school. Mr. Ackerman's first band director was Heyward Moore, followed by Robert Maddox. During his senior year, he served as band captain and vice-president of the Columbia High School Student Council. He was voted the "Most Dependable" Senior Superlative in the class of 1962 and was a member of the Key Club.

Mr. Ackerman received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a Major in Music Education from the University of South Carolina in 1967 and a Masters in Music Education from USC in 1973. During his undergraduate years, he served two years as band president and two years as President of the Delta Sigma chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. He was a student assistant in band director James D. Pritchard's office and drove the band equipment truck. During his freshman year, Mr. Ackerman started playing oboe with the Columbia Symphony Orchestra (now the South Carolina Philharmonic Orchestra). He continued to play in the orchestra for 17 years under conductors Arthur Fraser and Arpad Darazs.

In 1967, after completing his student teaching under Tom Isbell at Brookland-Cayce High School and receiving his Bachelor's degree, he was hired as band director at Fulmer Middle School in Lexington County School District Two. During 30 years of teaching in Lexington District Two, Mr. Ackerman served as band director at Fulmer, Busbee, and Pine Ridge Middle Schools for 12 years, and at Airport High School for 18 years. He left teaching in 1978 to become a fundraiser for Henco, Inc., realized teaching was where his heart was, and returned to band directing at Fulmer Middle School in 1980, where in 1988, he was elected Teacher of the Year. He retired from the classroom in 1999 and continued to serve Lexington School District Two as a full-time Coordinator for Fine Arts until his retirement as a public school educator in 2001.

During his teaching career and beyond, Mr. Ackerman served in leadership positions for many professional organizations and continues to hold memberships:

- South Carolina Band Directors Association: President (1972-75); member of the Concert, Solo and Ensemble, All-State, Handbook and Bylaw Committees; Central Region Chairman; Parliamentarian. As handbook chair, reorganized the handbook into chapter outline format; first transcribed the handbook onto the computer disk in the late 1980's.
- South Carolina Music Educators Association: President-elect (1993-95), President (1995-97), Vice President (1997-99); In-service Conference Chair for four years.
- In the early 2000s, he served on the steering committee of the Arts in the Basic Curriculum project, on the board of the S.C. Alliance for Arts Education, and as chair of the S.C. Coalition for Music Education.
- Other professional organizations: American School Band Directors Association (State chair, 1991-95); Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Professional Music Fraternity; Phi Beta Mu Professional Bandmasters Fraternity; and Pi Kappa Lambda Honorary Fraternity.

Mr. Ackerman's professional awards include the following:

- University of South Carolina School of Music's Alumni Certificate of Achievement (1995).
- National Band Association's Citation of Excellence (1997).
- Induction into the South Carolina Band Directors Hall of Fame (2000).
- Induction into the South Carolina Music Educators Hall of Fame (2001).
- Induction into the Phi Beta Mu Hall of Fame (2005).

Mr. Ackerman was the founding conductor of the Columbia Community Concert Band from 1981 until he retired from that position in 2023, after 42 years. Since his retirement as conductor, he has been playing oboe with the group, and assists with percussion when needed.

Since his retirement from public school teaching in 2001, Mr. Ackerman has been an adjunct student teacher supervisor for the USC School of Music. This position has provided him an opportunity to continue using his knowledge and experience to further the cause of music education.

From 2004 through 2022, Mr. Ackerman held the position of Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the South Carolina Band Directors Association, where he was able to continue providing support for the organization in his retirement years.

Mr. Ackerman is married to Joy Pettigrew Ackerman, having met her when both were music students at USC. This June, they will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary. They have two children, daughter Amy Ackerman Cartin and son Clay Ackerman, and one grandchild, Amy's son Benjamin (age 14). Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman have been active members of McGregor Presbyterian Church since the early 1980's. Mr. Ackerman has been a member of the Irmo Optimist Club since 2008 and served as President in 2011-12.

Personnel

Flute

Julia Begeman- 1, 16
Cecilia Black- 1, 32
Lawrence Garnes- <1, 30+
Elizabeth Herring- 23.5, 57
Elsa Hope- 13, 25
Lynn Martin- 10, 16
Myrna Mattos- 8, 53
Nicole Stoudemire- 10, 16
Irma Van Scoy- 5, 62
Valerie Ward- 22, 33

Oboe

William Ackerman- 43, 68

English Horn

William Campbell- 11, 64

Clarinet

Christina Arp- 3, 20
Jennifer Bartman- 11, 25
Franklin Buie- 42, 50
Matt Helms- 4, 27
Dan Kienker- 16,
Norma Kirkland- 1, 50
Melissa Manning- <1, 33
Sherry Moncer- 20, 50
Dennis Pinnell- <1, 12
Amanda Simmons- 15, 49
Gayle Sims- 43, 67
Kristin Smith- 1, 17

Alto Clarinet

Edward King- 14, 61

Bass Clarinet

Lester Franzen- 6, 47
Patricia Frye- 25, 56

Bassoon

Amy Dupont-Kennedy- 6, 26

Alto Saxophone

David Hancock- 11, 15
Gary Hodo- 41, 55
Tito Tomei- 1, 14
John Traegler- 2, 45

Tenor Saxophone

Deborah Fisher- 29, 20
Alison Westmoreland- 2.5, 19

Baritone Saxophone

Russell Chambers- 29, 55

Trumpet

Stephanie Bergeron- 8, 23
Wayne Gourdine- 23, 25
Bucky Martin- <1, 43
Eugenia Matthews- <1, 53
Gene Moncer- 15, 58
Evan Reed- 1.5, 40+
Donald Schmotzer- 2, 62
Candace True- 18, 46

French Horn

Theresa Bundrick- 12, 16
Doug Grover- 1, 42
Nell Mauney- 12, 55
Brandi Schermbeck- 6, 16
Lisa Stone- 8, 33

Trombone

Ken Adams- <1, 72
David Appleby- 22, 53
Alexis Hay- 5, 18
Robert Knox- 21, 72
Steve Wilson- 2, 43
Kyle Wisnewski- 1, 15

Euphonium

Allen Archer- 4.5, 60
Nathan Brown- 12, 20+
Cara Edwards- 10, 30
Alex Hay- 13, 40+

Tuba

Tally Bovender- 1, 5.5
Ed Brown- 5, 10
Maggie Malick- 1, 48
John Motto- 1, 50
Payne Seal- 25, 37

Percussion

Nick Hammond- <1, 19
Angela Ward- 15, 26
Michael Ward- 22, 31
Calvin Yates- <1, 54

1st number- years a member of the band

2nd number- years playing their instrument