

*The Minnesota Band Directors Association proudly presents the...*  
**2025 State Honor Bands Concert**

*featuring the*

***6-8 Honor Band***

*Carol Brittin Chambers, conductor*

***9-10 Honor Band***

*Alexander Kaminsky, conductor*



*Sunday, April 13th, 2025 at 2:00 PM*

*Owatonna High School*

*Wenger Performing Arts Center Auditorium*

# 6-8 Honor Band 2025

Carol Brittin Chambers, conductor

## PROGRAM

*(To be selected from)*

Flashpoint.....	Tyler Arcari
Fleet Street March.....	Laura Estes
Fearless.....	Carol Brittin Chambers
Spit-Fire.....	William Owens
Alegria.....	Carol Brittin Chambers
Down on the Delta.....	Carol Brittin Chambers
Squirrel Chase.....	Carol Brittin Chambers

## Roster

### Flute

Lillian Maatman  
 Rosie Meh  
 Grace Jang  
 Emma Grush  
 Miya Jager  
 Marin Bencoter  
 Abigail Young  
 Elizabeth Dehn  
 Hazel Koetter  
 Lauren Gallucci

### Oboe

Savannah Barlow  
 Evelyn Hansen

### Bassoon

Jacob Dassou

### Clarinet

Owen Ryan  
 Tamina Reynoso-Lopez  
 Seraphina Lohmar Exel  
 Brielle Rinear  
 Ryan Cook  
 Evan Guenther  
 Ben Scholtes  
 Cooper Thone  
 Allison Stuart  
 Elsie Forbes

### Bass Clarinet

Autumn Schultz

### Alto Sax

Henry Wyman  
 Sophia Jeronimus  
 Gracelyn DeWenter  
 Caroline Ogilvie  
 Penni Moore  
 Lucy Carlson

### Tenor Sax

Nick Mersch  
 Elijah Van Norman

### Bari Sax

Sam Borgerding  
 Malcolm Hagness Duren

### Trumpet

Ethan Abrahamson  
 Lucas Benson  
 Andrew Liebsch  
 Will Vincelli  
 Kyler Kastner  
 Shaela Karlen  
 Nolan Kothe  
 Landon Trierweiler

### French Horn

Henry Young  
 Eleanor Dauenhauer  
 Elijah Vincelli  
 Nicholas Heller Lopez

### Trombone

Abbey Douglas  
 Evan Brandt  
 Berk Benson  
 Jaelyn Leitschuh  
 Elliot Jencks

### Euphonium

William Speake  
 Evan Endres

### Tuba

Wesley Odello  
 Melanie Weseman  
 Emma Hess

### Percussion

Anders Lenhart  
 Mya Klein  
 Austin Stime  
 Brendan Kiel  
 Olivia Nelson  
 Luke Beckler

# 9-10 Honor Band 2025

Alexander Kaminsky, conductor

## PROGRAM

*(To be selected from)*

Carnegie Anthem.....	William Owens
Our Cast Aways.....	Julie Giroux
Undertow.....	John Mackey
Chant and Jubilo.....	Francis McBeth
Above the Line (Galop).....	Bryce Newton

## 9-10 Honor Band Roster

### Flute

Akshara Kacholia  
Leonna Breun  
Harriet Presly  
Luca Corneille  
Kailee Kam  
Leo Sahlin  
Ada Burns  
Saira Kaka  
Cecilia Ruesga  
Nellie McCue  
Anna Migliori

### Oboe

Leila Pratt  
Savannah Kamp

### Bassoon

Gavin Sattler  
Austin Cleghorn

### Clarinet

Audrey Feraru  
Janae Rupert  
Spencer Gan  
Daisy Hennington-Hoff  
Caius Rusher  
Isaiah Rutten  
Kayla Olson  
Donovan Goldie  
Mya Opsahl  
Alaithia Leffin  
Silas Pavlik

### Bass Clarinet

Haarika Mendu  
Austin Miller

### Alto Sax

Eli Chen  
Mason Ellingson  
Sophia Herber  
Eli Healy  
McKenna Evans  
Natalie Zick

### Tenor Sax

Eduardo Velazquez  
Damien Blair

### Bari Sax

Torsten Herfindahl-Quint

### Trumpet

Jackson Vigiletti  
Isla Cosens  
Ronan Keel  
Asher Kauffman  
Jack Boruta  
Alexander Thorp  
Evan Mills  
Hazel Shuffleton  
Evan Buss  
Bazel Standfuss

### String Bass

Brandon Araujo

### French Horn

Sebastian Vanderheiden  
Anna Aman  
Elisabeth Schmidt  
Kaylee Hawks  
Noah Hildenbrand

### Trombone

Henry Johnson  
Isaac Jackson  
William Nowak  
Wyatt Kuepers  
Griffin Boehmer

### Euphonium

Andrew Verplank  
Owen Jeremiason

### Tuba

Alexander Saint-Hilaire  
Patrick Carroll  
Connor Gallart

### Percussion

Tianxi Yu  
Nathan Soliday-Foster  
Evelyn Ewing  
Andrew Borden  
Cooper Graves  
Andrew Coleman  
Jennie Odello

## About the Conductors

**Carol Brittin Chambers** is currently the composer and owner of Aspenwood Music, [aspenwoodmusic.com](http://aspenwoodmusic.com). She lives in San Antonio, Texas, where she is also on the music faculty at Texas Lutheran University, teaching composition and serving as Composer in Residence.

Chambers is commissioned each year to compose and arrange works for concert band, marching band, orchestra, and various other ensembles. Her concert works have been selected to the J.W. Pepper Editor's Choice List and the Bandworld Top 100 and have been performed at state educator conferences across the country, the Midwest Clinic in Chicago, and other international events. She was named the winner of the 2019 WBDI (Women Band Directors International) Composition Competition and has arranged and orchestrated marching shows for multitudes of high school bands nationwide, as well as The Crossmen Drum Corps. Chambers is an active, highly sought-after clinician, traveling coast-to-coast to conduct various music ensembles, and she has now joined the Conn Selmer Educational Team as an Educational Clinician.

Before teaching at TLU, Chambers taught middle school and high school band for many years in the North East Independent School District, San Antonio, TX. She also taught private lessons in NEISD.

Chambers received a Master of Music in Trumpet Performance from Northwestern University and a Bachelor of Music Education from Texas Tech University.

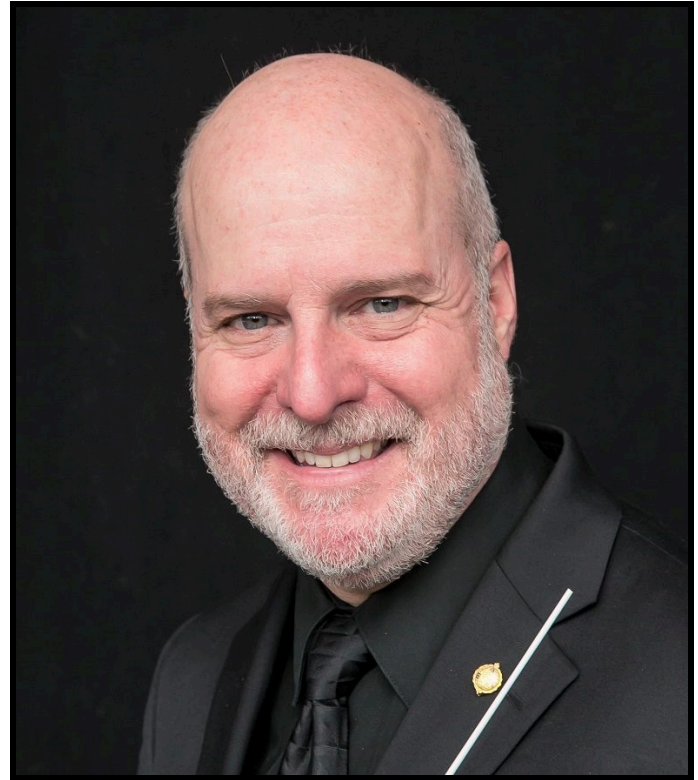


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**Alexander Kaminsky** was appointed Director of Bands and Associate Professor of Music at VanderCook College of Music in 2019 after a highly successful tenure at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL. Previous to that, Kaminsky led the band programs at Buchholz High School, Lincoln High School, Auburndale High School, and Cocoa Beach Jr/Sr High School, all of which excelled under his direction. He holds degrees from the University of Florida and Indiana University, is active as an adjudicator, and is in demand as a guest conductor/clinician across the country.

Throughout his 30-year career as a high school band director, Kaminsky's ensembles consistently earned Superior ratings at all levels of evaluation. In addition to earning straight Superior ratings at the Florida Bandmasters Association (FBA) State Concert Band Assessment for an unprecedented 21 years (the last 11 years with both his first and second bands), he is the only director in the history of the FBA to have had three concert bands from one school earn straight Superior ratings at State, and he achieved this three times (2009, 2018, and 2019).



Kaminsky's high school bands performed at the Midwest Clinic (2005, 2009, 2014, and 2018), ABA National Convention (2014), CBDNA/NBA Southern Division Conference (2004 and 2014), FMEA State Conference (2014), Music for All National Concert Band Festival (2002 and 2012), and the National Wind Band Festival at Carnegie Hall (2009 and 2018). In 2018, the Stoneman Douglas Wind Symphony was named a Mark of Excellence National Wind Band Honors winner as one of only ten 6A bands in the nation. His marching bands consistently placed in the Florida Marching Band State Championship Finals, winning several FMBC State Championships (including 4 of his last 6 years as a high school band director), as well as being named a finalist band at BOA regional competitions.

Kaminsky has presented his clinic "How Can I Get My Band to Sound Like That" at various conferences and workshops, and his hands-on rehearsal demonstrations for the annual "How To Fix It" series at the FMEA Professional Development Conference received high acclaim with over 900 attendees in 2019. Most recently, he presented "The Kaminsky Method" at the 2024 Midwest Clinic to a standing-room-only crowd. He has been awarded the National Band Association's Citation of Excellence numerous times and has been recognized with several achievement awards for education including Florida's 2019 FMEA Secondary Music Educator of the Year Award, FBA Oliver Hobbs Award, FBA Andrew J. Crew Award, National Honor Roll's Outstanding American Teacher, Nobel Educator of Distinction, Teacher of the Year, and is listed in Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

Kaminsky is a Conn-Selmer Educational Clinician, an elected member of the prestigious American Bandmasters Association and the American School Band Directors' Association, and also holds memberships in CBDNA, NBA, and Phi Beta Mu. He has served on many state and national committees, currently serving on the ABA Sousa/Ostwald Award Committee and the ABA School Bands Task Force, and is the NBA National Student Chapters Advisor. Kaminsky is a National Board Certified Teacher and has been featured in several publications including *The Instrumentalist*, *Teaching Music*, *Halftime Magazine*, *School Band & Orchestra Magazine's "50 Directors Who Make A Difference,"* *Home Magazine's "12 Exceptional Educators,"* and most recently, *Inspiring a Love of Music* published by GIA Publications.

# Acknowledgements

## Participating Directors

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Christopher Fogderud	Brainerd	Ethan Freier	Northfield MS
Scott Rabehl	Buffalo High School	Joe Zastrow	Owatonna MS
Steve Lyons	Champlin Park	Peter Guenther	Owatonna HS
Paul Swanson	Chanhassen HS	John Cook	Park Rapids Area
Eric Songer	Chaska MS West	Joe Churchich	Parkview Center School
Paul Gronert	Chippewa MS	Scott Prescott	Pioneer Ridge MS
Jason Koets	Delano	Keith Koehlmoos	Prior Lake
Brent Comeau	East Ridge HS	Thomas Jones	Providence Academy
Ben Harloff	Eastview, Apple Valley	Jerald Ferdig	Rockford
Nathan Blinn	Edgewood MS	Scott Palmer	Rosemount
Andy Richter	Edina	Casey Clementson	Rosemount MS
Geneva Fitzsimonds	Edina	Dave Lumley	Sartell-St. Stephen
Paul Kile	Edina	Marya Haugland	South View MS
Ethan Wightkin	Ellis Middle School	Kyle Pagel	Spring Lake Park
Pat Bents	Falcon Ridge MS	Chris Ravndal	St. Anthony MS
Bradley Mariska	Farmington	Andy Erickson	St. Anthony Village
Duane Oldham	Hastings Middle School	Jill Westermeyer	St. Anthony Village
Phill Erickson	Highview MS	John Fenske	St. Croix Lutheran
Amy Comp	Hills-Beaver Creek	Sean Jacobson	St. Johns Prep
Kelli Heckman	Hopkins North Jr. High	Jacqueline Jordheim	STMA MS West
Josh Jacobo	John Adams MS	Randall Reid	St. Paul Academy & Summit
Anthony Boldt	Kasson-Mantorville	Matthew Oyen	St. Paul Central
Sarah Vinzant	Kasson-Mantorville	Tark Katzenmeyer	Stillwater Area
Liz Harwood	Kasson-Mantorville	Jennifer Gere	Sunrise Park MS
Matthew Wanken	Lakeville North	David T. Miller	Valley Middle School
Todd Peterson	Little Falls	Melody Snyder	Valley View MS
James Jarvie	Luverne	Donald Krubsack	Wayzata
Brady Krusemark	Mankato West	Elijah Wallace	West Central Area HS
Joshua Tonkin	Maple River, Mapleton	Shannon Anderson	White Bear Lake Area
Warren Starr	Maternity of Mary – St. Andrew	Todd Blaser	Willmar High School
Heidi Bunde	Minnetonka MS West	Shannon Curtis	Zimmerman

### State Honor Band Section Coaches

Flute - Danielle Boor	French Horn - Emily Borra
Oboe - Mickaela Pasch	Trombone - Megan Palmer
Oboe - Carrie Vechione	Tuba/Euphonium - Mike Odello
Clarinet - Holly Guenther	Tuba/Euphonium - Jason Tanksley
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Alto Sax - Michael Bartunek	Percussion - Justin Schramm
Trumpet - John Pohland	

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