

FORBES CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY®

School of Music

presents

Bright Star

Wind Symphony & Symphonic Band

Christopher M. Cicconi, *conductor*

Chris DeVona, *conductor*

Stephen P. Bolstad, *guest conductor*

Matthew Maslanka, *guest composer*

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

7:30 pm

Concert Hall



There will be one 15-minute intermission.

Program

JMU Symphonic Band

On This Bright Morning (2013)

David Maslanka
(1943–2017)

Hope (2019)

Stijn Aertgeerts
(b. 1992)

Everglow (2024)

Katahji Copley
(b. 1998)

15-Minute Intermission

JMU Wind Symphony

Bright Star (2025)

Matthew Maslanka
(b. 1982)

World Premiere Performance, Dedicated to Dr. Stephen P. Bolstad

Symphony No. 8 (2008)

David Maslanka
(1943–2017)

- I. Moderate – Very fast
- II. Moderate
- III. Moderate – Very fast – Moderate – Very fast

Program Notes and Biographies



Symphonic Band Personnel

Flute/Piccolo

Vanessa Britton | Madison
Gabriel Bryson | Salem
Emily Hughes | Honolulu, HI
*Emma Lisson | Bethlehem, PA

Oboe

*Jasper Dirks | Fredericksburg

Bassoon

*Hannah Gerick | Virginia Beach
Miguel Resendiz-Perez | Elkton

Clarinet

*Jona Benson | Stephens City
Maxwell Cooper | Charlottesville
Samuel Sheehan | Round Hill
Grey Simpson | Fredericksburg
Jack Steisslinger | Culpeper

Bass Clarinet/Contra

Delaney Starkey | Fredericksburg

Alto Saxophone

*Tyler Huffstetler | Weyers Cave
Jaylen Swafford | Virginia Beach

Tenor Saxophone

Luke Lerner | Virginia Beach

Baritone Saxophone

Iris Leffler | Mechanicsville

Trumpet

*Chris Atkinson | Charlottesville
Charlotte Connolly | Sykesville, MD
Nathan Domine | Round Hill
Connor Fink | Ashburn
Daniel Huggins | Mechanicsville
Liam Meadows | Henrico
*Max Parrish | Woodbridge

Horn

Ethan Boswell | Herndon
*Kendall Hicks | New Kent
Jake Hix | Fredericksburg
James Carsner | Burke

Trombone

*Gabriel Caballero | Winchester
Thomas Murphy | Hanover
Eli Marshall | Williamsburg
William Shanahan | Warrenton

Bass Trombone

Gavin Torrence | Forest

Euphonium

*#Hannah Caraker | Tampa, FL
Andrew Donaldson | South Riding
Zachary Kovats | Stafford

Tuba

Zikeria Gray | Richmond
*Jackson Lee | Waynesboro
Ian Wallace | Annandale

String Bass

Grey Sheridan | Houston, TX

Piano

#Shkurte Gashi | Prishtina, Kosovo

Percussion

Benjamin Domanski | Stroudsburg
Logan Douglas | Tucson, AZ
Andrew Harper | Aldie
Rowan Lane | Williamsburg
Levi Rosenberry | Front Royal
*Ryan Secrist | Harrisonburg

*denotes principal/co-principal

#denotes graduate student

Wind Symphony Personnel

Flute/Piccolo

Mihir Borah | Woodbridge
Michael Discenza | Arlington
MaryKate Mandeville | Henrico
*#Rebecca Needham | Palm Bay, FL
#Isabelle Pearson | Bozeman, MT

Oboe/English Horn

*Will Slopnick | Norfolk
Azaleigh Smith | Spotsylvania

Bassoon

Charlie Andress | Ashburn
Hannah Gerick | Virginia Beach
*David Kang | Chantilly

Clarinet

Valerie Alvarado | Culpepper
Robert Christianson | Stafford
Kelsey Davis | Harrisonburg
Jeanette Gilson | Chesapeake
Ian Graff | Virginia Beach
Clara Jacob | Fredericksburg
*#Geneva Maldonado | Bushkill, PA

Bass Clarinet/Contra

Preston Davis | Henrico
Cami Holmes | Alexandria

Alto Saxophone

+Tyler Huffstetler | Weyers Cave
Tyrique Payne | Colonial Heights
*Dylan Royal | Martinsville

Tenor Saxophone

Adam Army | Millbury, MA

Baritone Saxophone

Sean Wyatt | Stuarts Draft

Bass Saxophone

+Alexander Lau | Colorado Spring, CO

*denotes principal/co-principal

#denotes graduate student

+denotes guest player/reserve

Trumpet

*Owen Brown | Charlottesville
Olivia Ellsworth | Richmond
Ryan Johnson | Centreville
Finn Marks | McLean
Jocelyn Moyer | Front Royal
#Peyton Phaller | Zephyrhills, FL

Horn

Alex Childs | Springfield
Will Rapp | Virginia Beach
*#Gray Smiley | Greenville, NC
*Jacob Taylor | South Riding

Trombone

CJ Brown | Fredericksburg
Bradley Fuller | Gate City
Quin Robinson | Warrenton
*Jack Waters | Forest

Bass Trombone

Teague Jenkins | Hanover
+Gavin Torrence | Forest

Euphonium

#Jennifer Carden | Buffalo, NY
*Ben Fuller | Ashburn

Tuba

Kit Gardner | Ashburn
*Andy Helvey | Alexandria
Bill Swatman | Winchester

String Bass

Jack Choi | Nokesville

Piano

#Aleksandra Velgosha | Moscow, Russia

Percussion

#Richard Collister III | Springfield, MO
Zane Johnson | Lovettsville
Brian McDermott | Brookings, SD
*Olivia Miller | Proctor, WV
Jonathan Ramirez | Manassas
Emily Stevens | Fluvanna