

FORBES CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY®

School of Music

presents the

JMU Symphonic Band

and the

JMU Concert Band

Chris DeVona, *Symphonic Band Conductor*

Amy Birdsong, *Concert Band Conductor*

Joshua Holsinger, *Graduate Conductor*

Katie Berlin, *Graduate Conductor*

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

7:30 pm

Concert Hall



There will be one 15-minute intermission.

JMU Symphonic Band Program

Armenian Dances, Part 1 (1972)

Alfred Reed
(1921-2005)

Australian Up-Country Tune (1930/1970)

Percy Grainger
(1882-1961)

Joshua Holsinger, *Graduate Conductor*

Mock Morris (1910/1991)

Percy Grainger
(1882-1961)

Katie Berlin, *Graduate Conductor*

Epinicion (1975)

John Paulson
(b.1948)

John and Jim (2024)

Viet Cuong
(b.1990)

15-Minute Intermission

To fully encapsulate the program notes and biographies for both ensembles, we are excited to offer a digital extension to our program! Please use the QR code below to take a closer look at our performance!



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**A Hero’s Journey: A collaborative concert reading of
*The Seventh Age of the Lord of the Rings***

Aamirah McDonald.....*Director*
Brandon Stees.....*Playwright*
Alex Rakowski.....*Digital Media/Videography*

Cast

Brandon Stees.....*Brandon*
Jacob Wunderler.....*Nathan*
Tyruss McDaniel.....*Chiron*
Anika Trost.....*Anika*
Neev Poran.....*Finn*

JMU Concert Band Program

Valor (2002)	James Barnes (b. 1949)
<i>Selections from</i> Commando March (1943)	Samuel Barber (1910-1981)
Othello II. Aubade, “Cypress” (1977)	Alfred Reed (1921-2005)
Vanishing Point (2020)	Randall Standridge (b.1976)
Of Myth and Monster (2024)	Daniel Huggins (b.2003)

World Premiere

Symphonic Band Personnel

Chris DeVona, *Director*

Joshua Holsinger, *Graduate Assistant*

Katie Berlin, *Graduate Assistant*

FLUTE

Gaby Bryson | Salem

*Michael Discenza | Arlington

Emily Hughes | Honolulu, HI

Addison Lewallen | Strasburg

OBOE

*Kayn Goetz | Great Falls

Orion Mathews | Midlothian

BASSOON

Sam Beall | Fredericksburg

*Miguel Resendiz-Perez | McGaheysville

CLARINET

*Jona Benson | Stephens City

Breanna Boyd | Bassett

Jacob Schenkein | Glen Allen

Samuel Sheehan | Round Hill

Grey Simpson | Fredericksburg

Liam Wagner | Rockville, MD

BASS CLARINET

Delaney Starkey | Fredericksburg

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Connor Dunford | Hardy

*Luke Lerner | Virginia Beach

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Joshua Wiseman | Chester

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Jaylen Swafford | Virginia Beach

TRUMPET

Victoria Buhl | Timberville

Emerson Camat | Ashburn

Nathan Domine | Round Hill

*Nessa Malone | Bristow

*Natasha Myers | Chesterfield

Leah Petronella | Belle Mead, NJ

HORN

*#Katie Berlin | Erie, PA

*Ethan Boswell | Herndon

Cheyenne Bragg | Chatham

Kendall Hicks | New Kent

Riley Truong | Locust Grove

TROMBONE

Jack Birdsong | Rockingham

Brett Eye | Bridgewater

Jackson Frease | Weyers Cave

Orion Guerra | Winchester

BASS TROMBONE

Aiden Williams | Selma

EUPHONIUM

*Andrew Donaldson | Chantilly

Devin Hubbard | Woodbridge

Zachary Kovats | Stafford

TUBA

*Jackson Lee | Waynesboro

Ryan Payne | Gainesville

William Swatman | Winchester

DOUBLE BASS

Kiki Protosaltis | Goshen

PIANO

#Ying Zhang | Changchun, China

PERCUSSION

Tommy Crossley | Virginia Beach

Benjamin Domanski | Stroudsburg, PA

Andrew Harper | Aldie

Levi Rosenberry | Front Royal

Wright Stokes | Fredericksburg

Kayden Taliaferro | Midlothian

*Brian Willey | Fairfa

Concert Band Personnel

Dr. Amy Birdsong, *Director*

Hannah Caraker, *Graduate Assistant*

FLUTE/PICCOLO

Haley Breazzeal | Smithfield
Janna Maninang | Virginia Beach
*Brooke Schuster | Charlottesville
Emily Sierra | Newport News
Lauren Waters | Fredericksburg

OBOE

*Brittany Ernest | Yorktown
Sami Lashua | Milford, NH

BASSOON

Kaylee McIsaac | Emporium, PA
*Olivia Plimpton | Arlington

CLARINET

Alisa Billups | Owings, MD
Via Chapin | Herndon
Jake Dinh | Sterling
Ella Fretz | Chesterfield
Mai Hoang | Yorktown
Julia Hoovler | Fredericksburg
*Dasean McLendon | Virginia Beach
#Billy Moncure | Chantilly
Alex Rakowski | Virginia Beach
Camila Rios | Leesburg
Osvaldo San Juan Vasquez | Weyers Cave
Jack Steisslinger | Culpeper

BASS CLARINET/CONTRA

Michael Corej | South Riding
Isabel Costa | Stafford
Sophia Lo Bue | Hazlet, NJ

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Aidan Bain | Alexandria
Conner Byers | Stuarts Draft
*Tatum Jepson | Roanoke
Matthew Mandeville | Henrico
Rachael Meador | Roanoke
Gabe Mellinger | Fredericksburg
Brad Mitchel | Newport News
Luke Renninger | Suffolk

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Nic Cicchi | Stafford
Robin Ernest | Yorktown
Niko Francis | Fairfax
Landon Maney | Alexandria
Bella Seminario | Virginia Beach
*Hunter Stokes | Fredericksburg

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Luke Stearns | Richmond

TRUMPET

Max Gonzales | Sterling
Felix Llera-Jones | London, Eng
Will Peters | Virginia Beach
Adrian Rodas | Leesburg
Leanne Rogers | Sterling
Constantine Soukas | Fair Lawn, NJ
*Jacob Wildermann | Charlottesville

HORN

Eunice Bosire | Woodbridge
*Autumn Hall | Walkersville, MD
Olen Staggs | Glen Allen

TROMBONE

Mick Carter | Woodbridge
Joshua Evans | Pittstown, NJ
Matthew Gehley | Ashburn
Ben Horn | Hanover, PA
Marbella Moron | Spotsylvania
*Riley Rockett | Evansville, IN

BASS TROMBONE

Ivy Lawrence | Spotsylvania

EUPHONIUM

Lina Bamrni | Fairfax
*Aiden Bohannon | Fredericksburg
Benjamin Creasy | Waynesboro
Bobby Galitz | Pearisburg
Camden Lovings | Henrico
Brandon Stees | Harrisonburg
Izabel Thompson | Floyd County

TUBA

Pheobe Cahoon | Prince George
Jack Camp | Forest
Zach Faneuf | Round Hill
*Alex Khem | Bristow
Meghan Weaver | Stuarts Draft

DOUBLE BASS

Katy Hoagland | Chester

PIANO

Brad Mitchel | Newport News

PERCUSSION

Jocelyn Arias | Virginia Beach
Noah Brewer | Virginia Beach
Robert Cahill | Spotsylvania
Alyssa Courchesne | Belchertown, MA
Thomas Fowler | Woodbridge
Max Goldring | Bristow
Eva Johnson | Henrico
Alice Joss | Henrico
Hope Lewis | Stafford
Rhys Milam | Rappahannock
Levi Rosenberry | Front Royal
Aidan Steinke | Charlottesville
Brendan Swiderski | Woodcliff Lake, NJ

***Denotes principal/co-principal**

#Denotes graduate student

All performers are listed in alphabetical order

Woodwind, Brass, & Percussion Faculty

Beth Chandler Cahill	Flute
Jeanette Zyko	Oboe
Sarunas Jankauskas	Clarinet
Sue Barber	Bassoon
David Pope	Saxophone
Chris Carrillo	Trumpet
John Abbracciamento	Trumpet
Ian Zook	Horn
Andrew Lankford	Trombone
Kevin J. Stees	Euphonium/Tuba
Casey Cangelosi	Percussion
Aaron Trumbore	Percussion

JMU Band Program Personnel

Chris Cicconi	Director of Bands
Scott D. Ridders	Director of Marching Royal Dukes/ Associate Director of Bands
Chris DeVona	Assistant Director of Bands/ Director of Pep Band
Amy Birdsong.....	Lecturer
Kirk Weaver	Administrative Assistant
Katie Berlin.....	Graduate Assistant
Hannah Caraker.....	Graduate Assistant
Josh Holsinger.....	Graduate Assistant
Josh Sheppard	Graduate Assistant

School of Music Staff

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Dr. William Dabback	Director of Graduate Studies
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