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Foellinger Great Hall

Saturday, January 20, 2024
3:00pm

ALL-ILLINOIS Junior Band



Wendy Higdon Rice is the Director of Bands and Performing Arts Department Chair at Creekside Middle School in Carmel, Indiana. Under her direction, the Creekside Wind Symphony was honored to perform at The Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in 2013. Her band has also been a featured performer at the Indiana Music Education Association Conference.

Mrs. Higdon Rice is in frequent demand as an adjudicator, clinician, guest conductor and speaker around the country. She was recognized as the Outstanding Bandmaster in 2020 by Phi Beta Mu, Gamma Chapter. She is also a past recipient of the "Fifty Directors Who Make a Difference" Award from *School Band and Orchestra Magazine*. She is a contributing author for *Foundations: The Fundamental Elements for Building a Successful Middle School Band Program*. Her articles have appeared in *The Instrumentalist Magazine*, as well as being published by the National Association for Music Education (NAME), D'Addario Education Collective, and Music for All, among others. She regularly speaks about important topics in music education, and has presented sessions at several national conferences including The Midwest Clinic, Conn Selmer Institute, The National Association of School Music Dealers Conference, and the Australian National Band and Orchestra Association Conference in Brisbane, where she was a keynote presenter.

Mrs. Higdon Rice earned her degree in music education from Ball State University Honors College, graduating *summa cum laude*. She also holds two Masters degrees from Butler University, one in clarinet performance and the second in education administration. She has served as the North Central Division Representative on the National Council for Band Music Education, and as a board member for the Indiana Music Education Association. She recently completed a two year stint as co-editor of the Indiana MEA Magazine, *INForm*. She is a member of Phi Beta Mu International, Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society, the National Association for Music Education, the Indiana Music Education Association and the Indiana Bandmasters Association.

2024 All-Indiana Junior Band

FLUTE

Charlotte Daly - F.E. Peacock Middle School
Katie Lee - Wilmette Jr. High School
Alexa Obra - McCracken Middle School
Jay Pahn - Plum Grove Junior High School
Lillian Pearson - Liberty Junior High School
Maggie Reckamp - Prairie Grove Junior High
Caitlynn Sanders - Monticello Middle School
*Amy Yang - Barrington Middle School-Station Campus

OBOE

*Norbert Huelke - Northbrook Junior High
Lettie Samuel - McCracken Middle School

BASSOON

Ian McShane - Geneseo Middle School
*Ariana Thorarinson - Wilmette Jr. High School

CLARINET

Ava Barakat - Prairie View & Grissom M.S.
*Ella Salas - Traugher JHS
Emily Johns - Rockford Christian Schools
Alex Lee - Field Middle School
Jeremiah LeVoy - Springfield Christian School
Patryk Maz - Field Middle School
Addison McSparin - Geneseo Middle School
Kedus Melaku - Thomas Middle School
Natalie Moon - Fremont Middle School
Adam Park - Attea Middle School
Andrew Rice - Thomas Middle School
Rohan Singh - Murphy Jr. High School
Audrey Storck - McCracken Middle School
Cayden Szeto - Wood Oaks Junior High School
Josie Wright - Good Shepherd Lutheran Collinsville

BASS CLARINET

*Cadee Click - Prairie Grove Junior High School
Yuri Garibashvily - Wood Oaks Junior High School
Elijah Wilson - Marion Jr High School

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Julia Anders - Bednarck Junior High School
Dylan Hagensee - Glenn Westlake Middle School
*Kyle Lin - Butler Junior High School
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Eden Lowery - Lincoln Junior High School
Theo Miller - McCracken Middle School
Ian Moseman - Marion Jr High School
Owen Myers - Chiddix Junior High School
Tate Vandelinde - Fulton Junior High School
*Nick Wilhelm - Cartersville Junior High School

FRENCH HORN

Fritz Boime - Geneseo Middle School
Brendan Chew - Troy Middle School
Ashton Fair - Westview Hills Middle School
Elijah Fior - Fulton Junior High School
Sebastian Rodriguez - Westview Hills Middle School
*Bella Vo - McCracken Middle School

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Simon Myers - Trinity Lutheran School
Aaryn Reyes - Troy Middle School
Josh Samuelson - Prairie Grove Junior High
Zander Tallman - Marion Jr High School
Sa Vo - McCracken Middle School

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*Teagan Boros - Prairie Grove Junior High School
Brandon Gelfner - Thomas Middle School
Sebastian Gonzalez - McCracken Middle School
Landon Rice - Thomas Middle School

TUBA

Harrison Conley - Geneseo Middle School
*Max Gardiner - Oak Grove School
Gabriela Gomez - McCracken Middle School
Drew Ryan - McCracken Middle School

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Spencer Hile joined the Hersey band program in 2021. At Hersey, Mr. Hile teaches Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble 1, and the Marching Huskies. Mr. Hile also coordinates all aspects of the Band Program and the annual Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival. He also is the founder and conductor of the Encore Wind Symphony which is a summer youth honor band composed of students from across McHenry County.

Mr. Hile's interest in music began when he was required to join the band for his freshman year at Highland Park High School by his high school band director, Dr. Jim Hile. After the kicking and screaming subsided he discovered a deep appreciation for the most important instrument... Euphonium. In 2016, he graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with a degree in Instrumental Music Education.

Outside of teaching and music, he is training to run his sixth marathon, trying out new recipes, obsessing over Apple products, and questioning why he ever became a Chicago Bears fan.

The **Hersey Band** program has a strong history of excellence dating back to when the school opened in 1968. The John Hersey Band program has received countless awards and accolades throughout a colorful history, including performances, under Mr. Don Caneva and Scott Casagrande's direction, at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic, the Midwest Convention, the Rose Bowl Parade and the Orange Bowl Parade. The John Hersey Symphonic Band has been accepted to perform at the Illinois Superstate Concert Band Festival every year since 2001, and they have also performed at the 2004 and 2007 National Concert Band Festival. In 2007-2008, the Hersey band program received international acclaim in their performance at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic and they received the Sudler Flag of Honor given to bands of "particular national excellence" by the John Philip Sousa Foundation.

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Ally Park
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