

# ***THE BEARCAT BANDS***

- proudly present the -

***SPRING 2025***

***Concert Band &  
Wind Ensemble***

Christopher Nichter, director

- with special guests -

***Kings High School  
Symphonic Band***

Brian McDonough, director

**Wednesday, 30 April 2025 | 7:30 PM**

UC College-Conservatory of Music | Corbett Auditorium

A Free Performance | Admission Is Not Ticketed

# PROGRAM

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## Kings High School Symphonic Band Kings Mills, OH

**Mother Earth** (2003)  
A Fanfare

DAVID MASLANKA  
(1943-2017)  
4'

**Gum-Suckers March** (1914)

PERCY ALDRIDGE GRAINGER  
(1882-1961)  
4'

**Wayfaring Stranger** (2014)

CHRISTOPHER M. NELSON  
(b. 1987)  
6'

**Mambo Perro Loco** (2008)

JULIE GIROUX  
(b. 1961)  
4'

**King Cotton March** (1895)

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA  
(1854-1932)  
3'

**- BRIEF INTERMISSION 1 of 2 -**

## A Bearcat Percussion Feature

**Girlfriends Medley** (1987)

G.H. GREEN  
(1893-1970)  
Arranged by BOB BECKER  
(b. 1947)  
5'

Robby Strang, xylophone  
Evan Boehm, Alex Funk, Andrew Geyer, & Luke Schambow, marimba

# Bearcat Concert Band

**Westfort Overture** (1995)

JACOB DE HAAN  
(b. 1959)  
5'

Alex Beltran, conductor

**Prairie Songs** (1998)

PIERRE LAPLANTE  
(1943-2024)  
5'

**The Phantom of the Opera Medley** (1986; this version 1989)

Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER  
(b. 1948)  
Arranged for band by JOHNNIE VINSON  
(b. 1944)  
7'

**- BRIEF INTERMISSION 2 of 2 -**

## Bearcat Wind Ensemble

**Lincolnshire Posy** (1937)

- I. Lisbon (Sailor's Song)
- II. Horkstow Grange (The Miser and his Man: A local Tragedy)
- III. Rufford Park Poachers (Poaching Song)
- IV. The Brisk Young Sailor (who returned to wed his True Love)
- V. Lord Melbourne (War Song)
- VI. The Lost Lady Found (Dance Song)

PERCY ALDRIDGE GRAINGER  
(1882-1961)  
Edited by FREDERICK FENNELL  
(1914-2004)  
17'

**Raise the Roof** (2003; band version 2007)

MICHAEL DAUGHERTY  
(b. 1954)  
15'

Luke Schambow, timpani

**Rondo** (1967)

Movement III from *Third Suite*

ROBERT JAGER  
(b. 1939)  
3'

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**Thank you for attending this evening's performance!**

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# THE SPRING 2025 BEARCAT CONCERT BAND

## PERSONNEL

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### Flutes \* = Piccolo

**May Castray** - Dublin, OH - Psychology & Social Work  
**Abigail Dunn** - New Albany, OH - Biochemistry  
♦ **Faith Hall** - Troy, OH - Criminal Justice  
**Sharon Fang** - Cincinnati, OH - Biomedical Engineering  
**Alexis Lawrenz** - Columbus, OH - Chemical Engineering  
**Poppy Magill\*** - Cincinnati, OH - Pre-Health Professions  
**Ella Manolio** - Cleveland, OH - Biomedical Engineering  
**Lily McMinn** - Mishawaka, IN - Nursing  
♦ **Kristen Tucker** - Magnolia, TX - Astrophysics/Physics

### Oboe

**Victoria Riddle** - Dublin, OH - Biomedical Engineering

### Bassoons

**Michael Armbruster** - North Royalton, OH - Electrical Engineering  
**ZuZu Delamater** - Indianapolis, IN - Marketing

### Soprano Clarinets

**Steven Bidleman** - Cincinnati, OH - Biomedical Engineering  
**Ella Ground** - Corydon, IN - Public Relations w/ Sports Administration Minor  
♦ **Keith Herman** - Lancaster, OH - Communications w/ Deaf Studies Certificate  
**Logan Swinerton** - Cleveland, OH - Marketing & Finance  
**Brianna Watkins** - Marysville, OH - Architecture

### Bass Clarinets

♦ **Eliza Angelo** - Homewood, AL - MS Business Analytics  
**Miah Bey** - Columbus, OH - Aerospace Engineering

### Alto Saxophones

**Alex Bunch** - Indianapolis, IN - Music Education  
**Gabe Faul** - Beavercreek, OH - Mechanical Engineering

### Tenor Saxophones

♦ **Pierce Amrhein** - Cincinnati, OH - Psychology  
**Remington Fry** - Cincinnati, OH - Biological Sciences  
♦ **Thomas Strefelt** - Reynoldsburg, OH - Political Science, International Affairs, and Interdisciplinary Studies: Law and Society w/ Certificates in International Human Rights & War, Peace, and Security

### Baritone Saxophones

**Egan Healey** - Cincinnati, OH - Mechanical Engineering  
♦ **Sierra Jacobsmeyer** - Columbus, OH - Biomedical Engineering

### Trumpets

**Brianna Couvillion** - Prospect, KY - Chemical Engineering  
**Brigid Fraser** - Strongsville, OH - Environmental Studies  
**Jaydon Glover** - Columbus, OH - Aerospace Engineering  
**Amelia Harris** - Hilliard, OH - Interdisciplinary Studies: Law and Society w/ Psychology Minor  
**Michael Lerner** - Solon, OH - Civil Engineering  
**Garrett Nolte** - Wadsworth, OH - Biology & Environmental Studies  
**Ryan Poulson** - Westerville, OH - Health Sciences/Pre-Med  
**Meredith Rulo** - Alton, IL - Psychology  
**Seth Scott** - Lockbourne, OH - Health Sciences  
**Matthew Squires** - Liberty Township, OH - Secondary Education w/ Social Studies focus  
**Jena Williams** - Clarksville, TN - Media Production

### Horns

**Evan Jeunelot** - Westerville, OH - Aerospace Engineering  
**Emily Mangold** - Dayton, OH - Information Systems  
**Bailey Schumacher** - Lancaster, OH - Biomedical Engineering

### Tenor Trombones

**Aron Berger** - Columbus, OH - Electrical Engineering  
**Seth Jolly** - Louisville, KY - Mechanical Engineering  
**Preston Passamonti** - Clarksville, MD - Marketing  
**Mason Risser** - Findlay, OH - Biomedical Engineering  
**Jacob Scott** - Lockbourne, OH - Secondary Education  
**Paxson Toth** - Westerville, OH - Mechanical Engineering

### Bass Trombone

**Chris Spry** - Medina, OH - Mechanical Engineering

### Euphoniums

**Colin Middendorf** - Dublin, OH - Aerospace Engineering  
**Chloe Parent** - Lima, OH - Psychology w/ Deaf Studies Certificate  
**Talan Saucedo-Lovejoy** - Middletown, OH - Mechanical Engineering Technology

### Tubas

**Nova Bell** - Hamilton, OH - Astrophysics/Physics  
**Casma Mussi** - Columbus, OH - Aerospace Engineering

### Percussion

**Evan Boehm** - Toledo, OH - Commercial Music Production  
**Zoe Burgess** - Cincinnati, OH - Marketing  
**Kel Durig** - West Chester, PA - Nursing  
**Chase Hamm** - Cincinnati, OH - Criminal Justice  
**Jordan Walker** - Reynoldsburg, OH - Industrial Design  
**Micheal Waters II** - Cleveland, OH - Mechanical Engineering  
**Ella Webb** - Zionsville, IN - Mechanical Engineering

# THE SPRING 2025 BEARCAT WIND ENSEMBLE

## PERSONNEL

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### Flutes \* = Piccolo

**John Jones** - Portsmouth, OH - Medical Sciences

♣ **Shaelyn O'Brien\*** - Gahanna, OH - Architectural Engineering

**Christopher Valaski** - West Chester, OH - Political Science & Music Minor

### Oboe

**Michiko Russell-Wood** - Fairfield, OH - Asian Studies & Entrepreneurship

### Bassoons

**Eric Atkins** - Hilliard, OH - Information Technology

♣ **Courtney Ferris** - Elburn, IL - Psychology & Criminal Justice

### Soprano Clarinets \* = E-flat

**McKenna Martin** - Fairfield, OH - Psychology

**Shelby Miller** - Uniontown, OH - Criminal Justice

**Jonathan Niese** - Cincinnati, OH - Chemical Engineering

**Benjamin Norris** - Dublin, OH - Music Education

**Savannah Ritter** - East Sparta, OH - Creative Writing

**Nathan St. Yves** - Naperville, IL - Aerospace Engineering

**Maddie Wielinga\*** - Mason, OH - Communication Design

### Bass Clarinets \* = Contralto

**Madison Kohler\*** - Warsaw, IN - Interior Design

**Emily Weigel** - Louisville, KY - Statistics

♣ **Samantha Zagar** - Mentor, OH - Middle Childhood Education & Music Minor

### Alto Saxophones \* = Soprano

♣ **Gabe Paynter** - Hilliard, OH - Astrophysics/Physics

♣ **Collin Thomas\*** - Dayton, OH - Mechanical Engineering

**Alex Wislocki** - North Royalton, OH - Computer Engineering

### Tenor Saxophones \* = Alto Clarinet

♣ **Matt Cronin\*** - Loveland, OH - Finance & Business Economics

**Austin Staniszewski** - Cincinnati, OH - Chemical Engineering

### Baritone Saxophone \* = Bass

♣ **Sierra Jacobsmeyer** - Columbus, OH - Biomedical Engineering

**Zander Pimenidis\*** - Cincinnati, OH - Environmental Engineering

### Trumpets

**Luke Grochocki** - Avon, OH - Computer Engineering

♣ **Meghan Kennedy** - Beavercreek, OH - Biological Sciences

♣ **Jacob Lesick** - Rossford, OH - Political Science

**Jake Ottenweller** - Dublin, OH - Accounting

**Kyle Russell** - Plain City, OH - Computer Science

**Elliott Slayton** - Fishers, IN - Electrical Engineering

**Joel Van Gorder** - Lima, OH - Environmental Engineering

### Horns

♣ **Sarah Bowman** - Mason, OH - Exercise Science

♣ **Hannah Hawryluk** - Sugar Land, TX - Creative Writing

♣ **Kennedy Nevil** - Gurnee, IL - Creative Writing

**Karr Stump** - Arcanum, OH - Computer Engineering

### Trombones \* = Bass

**Aidan Deutsch\*** - West Chester, OH - Pharmacy

**Clayton Sanderson** - Beavercreek, OH - Electrical Engineering

**Jacob Scott** - Lockbourne, OH - Secondary Education

### Euphoniums

♣ **Seth Ablordeppey** - Mason, OH - Business Analytics & Operations Management

**Ben Krietemeyer** - Cincinnati, OH - Classics & Classical Civilization

♣ **Gabe Patrick** - Cincinnati, OH - Chemistry

### Tubas

**Ethan Donaghey** - Cincinnati, OH - Exploratory

**Ethan Sutton** - Beavercreek, OH - Cybersecurity Engineering

### Percussion \* = Piano

**Evan Boehm\*** - Toledo, OH - Commercial Music Production

**Alex Funk** - Grove City, OH - Computer Science

**Andrew Geyer** - West Jefferson, OH - Electrical Engineering Technology

**Jake Higley** - Dublin, OH - Sports Administration w/ Business & Marketing Minor

**Isabel Lewis** - Walton, KY - Biological Sciences (Biology of Animals)

**Emily Reichard** - Dublin, OH - Biomedical Engineering

♣ **Luke Schambow** - West Chester, OH - Medical Sciences

♣ **Nicholas Smith** - Mentor, OH - Music Education

♣ **Robby Strang** - Grove City, OH - Construction Management

### String Bass

♣ **Jason Meusel** - South Orange, NJ - Music Performance: String Bass

# BEARCAT BANDS CONDUCTORS

## **Christopher J. Nichter**

*14<sup>th</sup> Director of Bearcat Bands*

Christopher J. Nichter (b. 1980) is the fourteenth Director of Bearcat Bands at the University of Cincinnati. He possesses a Master of Music in Conducting degree (2009) and a Bachelor of Music in Education degree (2003) *magna cum laude*, both from West Virginia University.

Mr. Nichter was appointed for ten academic years (2008-2017) to the WVU School of Music as Assistant Director of Bands serving as Assistant Director of the Sudler Award-winning "Pride of West Virginia," the Mountaineer Marching Band and Basketball Pep Band; Conductor of the Concert Band; Assistant Conductor of the Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band; and a coordinator of the annual High School Honor Bands while also instructing music arranging, conducting, and band repertory courses. He founded and directed the summer Mountaineer Music Leadership Academy (2015 & 2016) providing immersive training for high school drum majors and section leaders.

Prior to graduate study, Mr. Nichter served as Director of Bands and Instrumental Music at Fort Hill High School in Cumberland, Maryland (2004-2005). His professional affiliations include the College Band Directors National Association, National Association for Music Education, and Ohio Music Educators Association.

He is an honorary brother of *Kappa Kappa Psi* (Omicron 2007), *Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia* (Epsilon Sigma 2013, Province 39 Governor 2016-2017, Province 3 Governor 2018-2019), and *Phi Beta Mu* (Tau 2016).

## **Alex S. Beltran**

*Interim Associate Director of Bearcat Bands & Head of Percussion*

Alex Beltran is an active writer, teacher, performer, and clinician from New England, now based in Southwest Ohio. He holds a Masters Degree in Music History from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst where he also received an Undergraduate Degree in Percussion Performance studying under Ayano Kataoka and Thom Hannum.

While at UMass, Alex was a member of the UMass Minuteman Marching Band Drumline from 2010 through 2013. He was also a member of The Cadets Drum and Bugle Corps from 2011 through 2014, where he won the DCI World Championship in 2011 and the Fred Sanford High Percussion Award while serving as battery section leader in 2013. Following his age out from The Cadets, he transitioned to the battery staff as the main quad technician for the 2015 and 2016 seasons before joining the percussion staff at the Boston Crusaders in 2017 where he continues to serve as the Battery Caption Manager.

During his graduate studies, Alex served as Teaching Assistant to Thom Hannum from 2014 to 2016, working primarily with the front ensemble. From 2016 through 2019, Alex worked as the primary instructor for the UMass Drumline, where he arranged for the battery alongside Thom Hannum and Colin McNutt, and facilitated daily rehearsals for the entire percussion section. Currently, Alex is also the Director and Battery Arranger for United Percussion, a WGI Independent World Percussion Ensemble based in Camden County, New Jersey and the Interim Associate Director for the University of Cincinnati Bearcat Bands program.

Alex proudly endorses Vic Firth Sticks and Mallets, Zildjian Cymbals, and Pearl Adams Instruments.

# ABOUT THE BEARCAT BANDS

**“ TUCBIDG: The U.C. Band Is Damn Good ”**

The Bearcat Bands are a comprehensive campus band program providing educational opportunities, artistic expression, and leadership development programs to students through music.

Ensembles of the Bearcat Bands include the spirit band program (Marching Band and multiple Basketball Bands), multiple Concert Bands, Jazz Ensembles, various Brass, Woodwind, and Percussion Ensembles, and various educational clinics. Our Marching Band integrates a contemporary Color Guard and Twirlers. We achieve tradition through innovation and are passionate about our band, campus, and city. Our membership is open to every enrolled student at the University of Cincinnati, including all satellite campuses, as well as students attending Greater Cincinnati Collegiate Connection schools. Participation in the program is by placement audition. We have opportunities along the entire spectrum of musical experience.

## MISSION

The Bearcat Bands provide access to musical excellence and create an educated, informed citizenry deeply connected to their humanity.

## VISION

For the University of Cincinnati to be the most musical campus in the United States.

## CORE VALUES

We value pedagogy because we welcome all students with a desire to be taught according to educational best practices in an innovative environment.

We value integrity because we welcome all students that are morally, ethically, and legally upright.

We value accuracy-precision because our mutual success is considerably determined by how well each individual prepares and performs.

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**Ms. Alicja Lipsky, Program Manager**

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