

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC, THEATRE, AND DANCE

PRESENTS THE

UNK WIND ENSEMBLE

DR. DUANE BIERMAN, DIRECTOR

AND THE

UNK SYMPHONIC BAND

DR. BRIAN ALBER, DIRECTOR

Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 7:30 p.m.

UNK FINE ARTS RECITAL HALL

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PROGRAM
UNK Wind Ensemble

Rising Remixed (2019).....Tom Davoren (b. 1986)

A Movement for Rosa (1992).....Mark Camhouse (b. 1954)

Lincolnshire Posy (1937/1987).....*Percy Aldridge Grainger* (1882-1961)
Ed. Frederick Fennell

1. *Lisbon*
2. *Horkstow Grange*
6. *The Lost Lady Found*

UNK Symphonic Band

Toccata for Band (1957).....Frank Erickson (1923-1996)

Nostalgia (2017).....Rossano Galante (b. 1967)

Brazilian Folk Dance Suite (1986)..arr. William E. Rhoads (1918-1990)
I. *The Painter of Cannahay* (Bossa Nova)
II. *A Picture to Remember* (Beguine)
III. *Fiesta Quickstep!* (March)

Balatro (2024).....Minoo Dixon (b. 1999)

UNK WIND ENSEMBLE

¥ denotes member of Kappa Kappa Psi - ⊖ denotes member of Tau Beta Sigma

FLUTE/PICCOLO

Isabella Cabalceta, Santo Domingo, Costa Rica,
Psychology and Music

Kaia Johnson, Ravenna, *Music Education*

⊖Lana Novotny, Cheyenne, WY,

Music BA and Psychology BA

⊖Sierra Sheil, Lincoln, *Psychology*

Claire Vincent, Gothenburg, *Exercise Science*

OBOE

⊖Sidney Gawrych, St. Paul, *Biochemistry*

CLARINET

Douglas Davidchik, Columbus, *Physics and Math*

⊖Maria Moseman, Belgrade, *Music Education*

⊖Emily Schwaiger, Cheyenne, WY, *Music Education*

⊖Kaitlyn Obrecht, La Vista, *Music Education*

Jamie Vaughn, Gretna, *Political Science*

BASS CLARINET

⊖Kylie Mendiola-Ozuna, Hemingford, *Music Education*

ALTO SAXOPHONE

¥Rebecca Hoffman, Columbus, *Music Education*

¥Molly Graybill, Grand Island, *Music Education*

Alana Posvar, Kearney, *Music Education*

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Elena Paltz, St. Helena, *Music Composition*

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Michael Sambula-Monzalvo, Grand Island,
Biology

BASSOON PART (SAXOPHONE)

Olivia Kohmetscher, Doniphan, *Music Education*

⊖Cole Russell, Loup City, *Music Education*

HORN

⊖Daniela Becker, Athens, TX, *Music Education*

Samantha Bursaw, Ravenna, *Chemistry Comprehensive*

Cameron Grafel, Broken Bow, *Music Education*

TRUMPET

Andrew Bartling, Kearney, *Music Education*

Micah Feddersen, Kearney, *Music Education*

Adrienne Parker, Ewing, *Music Education*

Lucas Ratliff, North Platte, *Journalism and Music*

¥Ike Smith, Kearney, *Music Education*

Abigail Trantham, Beatrice, *Secondary Language Arts Education*

TROMBONE

¥Emma Franklund, Auburn, *Music Education*

Jesus Gomez, Wallace, *Accounting*

Asher Jensen, Broken Bow, *Music Education*

Benjamin Prentice, Wray, CO, *Music Education*

¥Ben Thurston, Grand Island, *Industrial Distribution*

EUPHONIUM

Chloe Harms, Elm Creek, *Music Education*

TUBA

Dave Martin, Kearney, *Music Education*

¥Avery Reitz, Kearney, *Music Education*

¥Daniel Shipley, Fremont, *Music Education*

STRING BASS

¥Avery Reitz, Kearney, *Music Education*

PERCUSSION

Shannon Armstrong, Hastings, *Music Education*

⊖Ally Gaver, Columbus, *Pre-Respiratory Therapy*

⊖Jaydn Jackman, Kenesaw, *Music Education*

⊖Meagan Konz, Lincoln, *Music Education*

⊖Evan Porter, Minden,

Music Education and Music Composition

Cole Waterhouse, Broken Bow, *Business Administration*

Aiden Zaro, Alliance, *Music Education*

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Isabella Cabalceta, San Pablo, Costa Rica, *Music and Psychobiology*
Alyanna Gonzales, Scottsbluff, *Social Work*
JainaLynn Sharkey, Minden, *Music Education*

OBOE

θ Sidney Gawrych, St. Paul, *Psychology*
¥ Raegen Hillman, Grand Island, *Music Education*

B-FLAT CLARINET

Brennalyn Carlson, Scottsbluff, *Elem. Education*
Douglas Davidchik, Columbus, *Physics and Math*
Kenden Henk, Columbus, *Cybersecurity*
θ Maria Moseman, Belgrade, *Music Education*

BASSOON

θ Jaydn Jackman, Kenesaw, *Music Education*
θ Kaitlyn Obrecht, La Vista, *Music Education*

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Avery Hoard, Ravenna, *History Education 7-12*
Cherish Moore, Columbus, *Business Administration*
Elena Paltz, St. Helena, *Music Composition*

TENOR SAXOPHONE

¥ Isaiah Henderson, Gering, *Behavioral and Mental Health*

FRENCH HORN

Kaia Johnson, Ravenna, *Music Education*

TRUMPET

Andrew Bartling, Kearney, *Music Education*
Cove Engleman, Cairo, *Music*
Trey Hackett, Columbus, *Elementary Education*
Nathan Hoss, Kearney, *Business Administration*
Lucas Ratliff, North Platte, *Music and Journalism*
Riley Riessland, Amherst, *Math*
Jordan Vitales, Kearney, *Computer Science Comp.*

TROMBONE

¥ Emma Franklund, Auburn, *Music Education*
¥ Rebecca Hoffman, Columbus, *Music Education*
θ Jaydn Jackman, Kenesaw, *Music Education*
θ Meagan Konz, Lincoln, *Music Education*
Capria Rogers, Scottsbluff, *Math Education*
¥ Benjamin Thurston, Grand Island, *Industrial Distribution*

TUBA

Ashley Janise, Norfolk, *Social Studies Education*
¥ Avery Reitz, Kearney, *Music Education*

PERCUSSION

Shannon Armstrong, Hastings, *Music Education*
Aubree Branson, Mitchell, *Communication Disorders*
Alexis Gill, Holdrege, *Political Science*
¥ Rebecca Hoffman, Columbus, *Music Education*
¥ Alena Hruska, Columbus, *7-12 Biology Education*
θ Jaydn Jackman, Kenesaw, *Music Education*
θ Meagan Konz, Lincoln, *Music Education*
θ Lorenzo Levario, Cozad, *Construction Management*
Riley Murphy, Mitchell, *History Education*
Olivia Sheldon, Minden, *Veterinary Medicine*

BANDS AT UNK

UNK offers several diverse opportunities for participation in large instrumental ensembles; our bands are the Wind Ensemble, the Symphonic Band, the *Pride of the Plains* Marching Band, and the Jazz/Rock Ensemble. Membership in the Wind Ensemble and the Jazz/Rock Ensemble are by audition only. The Wind Ensemble has toured in Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa, and Minnesota within the last four years, and performed behind four nationally known soloists for the 2013 Great Plains Regional Tuba and Euphonium Conference. The Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Jazz/Rock Ensemble have been performers for the Nebraska Music Educators Association Conferences and the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association Conventions, and the *Pride of the Plains* Marching Band has performed in Ireland (2019 and 2023), Norway (2015), and three times for the Rome New Year's Day Parade (2006, 2009, and 2012), and for President Bill Clinton in 1998. The *Pride of the Plains* will be returning to Rome to perform in the 2027 New Year's Day Parade.

UNK WIND AND PERCUSSION FACULTY

Dr. Duane Bierman, Director of Bands, percussion
Dr. Brian Alber, Assistant Director of Bands, music education
Dr. Tim Farrell, Jazz/Rock Ensemble, trumpet, French horn
Erin Beave, Kearney Symphony Orchestra
Dr. David Nabb, saxophone, clarinet, double reeds
Dr. Robert Benton, low brass
Franziska Brech, flute

DR. BRIAN ALBER

Dr. Brian Alber is an Associate Professor of Music at UNK. He currently serves as the Assistant Director of Bands where his chief responsibilities include directing the *Pride of the Plains* Marching Band and Symphonic Band. Along with his ensemble responsibilities, Dr. Alber teaches courses in Secondary Music Methods, Music Fundamentals, and student teacher supervision. An alumnus of UNK where he completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education, Dr. Alber has also completed a Master of Music degree in Wind Conducting at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and a Doctor of Arts degree in Wind Band Conducting at the University of Northern Colorado. His teaching experience includes serving as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at both UNL and UNC and teaching high school band for seven years. Aside from teaching and conducting, he has also contributed two articles to the widely successful *Teaching Music Through Performance in Band* series.

DR. DUANE BIERMAN

Dr. Duane Bierman is Professor of Music at UNK, where he was appointed Director of Bands in 2010. He conducts the Wind Ensemble, assists with the *Pride of the Plains* Marching Band, directs the UNK Drumline, teaches the percussion studio, and teaches courses in conducting and ensemble techniques. Dr. Bierman holds the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Instrumental Conducting from North Dakota State University, a Master of Music degree in Music Theory and Composition from the University of Northern Colorado, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from Wartburg College. He also taught instrumental music at Allen County Community College in Iola, Kansas for five years.

UPCOMING UNK EVENTS

March 3, 7:30 pm, Kearney Symphony Orchestra Concert
March 8, 3:00 pm, Senior composition Recital: Elena Paltz
March 9, 7:30 pm, UNK Music Faculty Showcase
March 10, 7:30 pm, UNK Choir Concert
March 26, 7:30 pm, UNK Choir Concert
April 9, 7:30 pm, Senior Recital: Sayo Kajiyama
April 10, 7:30 pm, New Music Ensemble Concert
April 11, 3:00 pm, Collaboration Recital
April 11, 7:30 pm, Senior Recital: Lucas Ratliff
April 12, 3:00 pm, Senior Recital: Noah Reimer
April 15, 7:30 pm, Senior Recital: Mio Momosaki
April 15, 7:30 pm, Kearney Area Percussion Ensemble Concert
April 19, 7:30 pm, Senior Recital: Rebecca Hoffman
April 20, 7:30 pm, Jazz Rock/Combo Concert

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