

Mt. Lebanon High School Bands

*Senior Recognition
Concert*



*High School Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and
Student Soloists*

*Tuesday, May 21, 2024
Mt. Lebanon High School Auditorium
7:30 PM*

Program

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Jason L. Cheskawich ~ Director

Concert Band

Of Dark Lords and Ancient Kings

Roland Barrett

Georgian Suite

Samuel R. Hazo

1. Our Kingsland Spring

2. Rivers

3. Ascend

Tiptoe Through the Tubas Music by Joe Burke/Arranged by Jerry Brubaker
Featuring low woodwinds and low brass instruments in grades 7-12

Student Soloists

Air and Bourree

Johann Sebastian Bach/Arr. Wm. J. Bell

Carson Cheskawich, tuba

Mr. Ethan LaPlaca, accompanist

Oboe Concerto in C Major K.314

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

I. Allegro aperto

Hudson Hackley, oboe

Alex Fu, accompanist

Morceau Symphonique

Alexandre Guilmant

AJ Strom, euphonium

Mr. Ethan LaPlaca, accompanist

Wind Ensemble

Landscapes

Rossano Galante

Second Suite in F

Gustav Holst/Revised by Colin Matthews

1. March

4. Fantasia on the 'Dargason'

See Rock City

Brant Karrick

Tonight's concert is being digitally recorded.

To ensure a noise-free recording, please turn off all electronic devices and keep extra noise to a minimum.

Concert Band Personnel

FLUTE

Claire Connolly
Hannah Garn
Elise Pisani
Lucy Wang

OBOE

Lia Petrillo

CLARINET

Sarah Geyer
Peter Goslin
Lucy Hackworth

Elizabeth McKenna

Leah Werzyn
Amelie Williamson

ALTO SAX

Justin Williams

TENOR SAX

Ethan Karavias

BARITONE SAX

Devon Williams

TRUMPET

Ari Broverman
Elise Marven
Madeline McDonald
Alex Neergaard
Madelyn Sacco
Michael Sutter

HORN

Daniel Davies
Finn Thompson

TROMBONE

Alexander Murray

EUPHONIUM

Sullivan Kaweck
James Quisenberry
AJ Strom

TUBA

Katrielle Nicholson

PERCUSSION

Patrick Brown
Madeleine Horgan
Joshua Talarico
Elliott Zeff

Wind Ensemble Personnel

FLUTE

Serena Cheng
Elizabeth Divine
Lucy Gulish
Aika Kitani²
Henry Nowatzki

OBOE

Hudson Hackley^{1,2,3,5}

BASSOON

Anderson Lee^{1,2,3,4}

CLARINET

Sofia Canovic
Melia Rick
Eduardo Toledo
Kaden Unice

BASS CLARINET

Dominic Deniziuk

ALTO SAX

Lukas Campbell
Alexander Thompson

TENOR SAX

Jack Werzyn

BARITONE SAX

Thomas Ranney

TRUMPET

Parker Boyce
Sawyer Delehanty^{1,2,3}
Wesley Duncan^{1,2,3,5}

Isaac Ober

JP Quebral
Alejandro Voisin
Puglielli

HORN

Adam Burich
Eric Drozda
Aanche Libai
Natalie Nevius^{1,2}

TROMBONE

Lena Feng
Kianna Patrick
Kate Warren

EUPHONIUM

Robert Kennedy
AJ Strom^{1,2,3,4}

TUBA

Carson Cheskawich^{1,2}

DOUBLE BASS

Owen Yeager

PERCUSSION

Brennan Cleary
Lucy Hernandez
Tiernan Jenkins²
Jenna Moini
Elora Tighe
Gavin Weber

¹ PMEA District 1 Honors Band ² PMEA District 1 Band West

³ PMEA Region 1 Band

⁴ PMEA All-State Band

⁵ PMEA All-State Orchestra

About the Mt. Lebanon Band Program

The Mt. Lebanon School District offers instruction on band instruments beginning in fourth grade. Students are given small group instruction and ensemble experience at the elementary level, then move on to the middle and high school programs where their ensemble education continues. The eighth-grade bands participate in an annual adjudication festival and are rated according to national and state standards in music education, where they have consistently received Superior ratings. Senior High students participate in Pennsylvania Music Educators Association festivals, such as District, Region, State, and Honors Ensembles. Mt. Lebanon Students have also performed in the NAFME All-Eastern Festival, Bands of America Honor Band, and the Music for All Honor Band of America.

The Mt. Lebanon High School Wind Ensemble performed during the 2024 PMEA Conference in Erie. The Wind Ensemble also performed at the 2019 PMEA/NAfME Eastern Division Conference in Pittsburgh. In 2018 the Wind Ensemble performed at the PMEA Annual In-Service Conference in Lancaster. Additional performances include the 2017 and 2012 Music For All National Festival in Indianapolis, Carnegie Hall in New York City in 2015, and the 2013 PMEA Annual In-Service Conference in Erie. In honor of Music in Our Schools Month, the Wind Ensemble was invited to perform at the Pennsylvania State Capitol in Harrisburg in 2023.

Proud of their long-standing tradition of marching and musical excellence, the Mt. Lebanon “Blue Devil” Marching Band is the largest co-curricular activity in the Mt. Lebanon School District. The Marching Band is a seasoned traveler and has appeared in many televised events, such as the New York City St. Patrick’s Day Parade, San Diego Big Bay Balloon Parade, Chicago St. Patrick’s Day Parade, and multiple BCS Bowl Games. They are also a repeat performer at Walt Disney World’s Magic Kingdom. Locally, the Blue Devils have performed for the Pittsburgh Penguins, Pittsburgh Steelers, Pittsburgh Light-Up Night, Mt. Lebanon Light-Up Night, Mt. Lebanon Pumpkin Patch Parade, Bloomfield Citizen’s Council Halloween Parade, Kennywood Fall Fantasy Parade, and the South Hills Memorial Day Parade. In addition, the band participated in both the 2016 and 2017 Pittsburgh Penguins Stanley Cup Parades. The Blue Devil Marching Band performed at Walt Disney World in the spring of 2022 and at the Bands of America Mid-Atlantic Regional and Lincoln Memorial in the fall of 2022. In the fall of 2023, they performed at the Bands of America Toledo Regional and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The Blue Devils also placed first in Class AAA at the 2023 PIMBA Championships. This was achieved in their third year of participation in the local competitive circuit. In addition, they most recently added a Pep Band to further support our varsity athletic teams throughout the school year.

Our sincere hope and goal is that upon graduation all Mt. Lebanon students take with them a lifelong appreciation of music. Many of our band alumni continue using their musical talents by participating in college ensembles and then as members of community bands and orchestras. Still, others go on to be outstanding music educators, technicians, and performers in the field, thus passing our mission on to future generations of musicians.

Student Soloists



Carson Cheskawich is honored to be part of the Mt. Lebanon High School Wind Ensemble and to be playing a solo! He has been the Principal Tuba for the High School Wind Ensemble and Orchestra for the past three years. He was Low Brass Co-Section Leader this past school year. Carson has been studying tuba privately with Mr. Ron Spang for the past year. Some of Carson's musical accomplishments include earning positions in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District One Honors Band (Grades 9 & 11), District Band (Grades 10 & 11), and Region Band (Grade 10). Carson's favorite moment while with the Wind Ensemble has been performing at this year's PMEA All-State Conference. He would like to thank his friends and family for their continuous support, and also his teachers, Ms. Marino, Mr. Reichenfeld, Mr. Spang, and Mr. Cheskawich, for their dedication and inspiration.



Hudson Hackley is a current junior at Mt. Lebanon High School. He was a member of the marching band as a clarinet player for two years and played clarinet in concert band freshman year. He has since played oboe in the wind ensemble for two years as principal. He is also the principal oboist of Three River's Young People's Orchestras and Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra and has played as a member of multiple PMEA ensembles including Honors Band, District Band, District Orchestra, Region Band, Region Orchestra, and All-State Orchestra. He is thankful to have worked with his current oboe teacher, the Associate Principal Oboist of the Pittsburgh Symphony, Max Blair. He is also thankful to have worked with Mr. Cheskawich, Mr. Richenfeld, and Ms. Marino in the Mt. Lebanon Music program. He plans on going into music to study oboe performance.



AJ Strom is honored to be a part of the Mt. Lebanon High School Wind Ensemble for all four years of high school and to be playing a solo. He served as the Principal Euphonium his junior and senior years. He was the Drum Major for the Marching Band his senior year. He studies privately with Ryan Smith, an elementary school music teacher and freelance musician. AJ has been a member of the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Honors, District, Region, and All-State Band his junior and senior years. His passion lies in the fact that each day he gets to play with the most talented musicians around him. He will fondly remember the shenanigans they got up to. AJ is attending Penn State University for Music Education and Performance. He would like to thank his music teachers for their tireless dedication and unwavering support throughout his musical journey: Mr. Cheskawich, Mr. Reichenfeld, Mr. Spang, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Wagner, and Dr. Tabler.

Program Accomplishments

Vivace Leadership Workshop with Student Leaders
Hosted Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps
Attended DCI Pittsburgh Show

Marching Band performances at BOA Toledo Regional and Rock and Roll HOF
Hosted the “Presidents Own” United States Marine Band
Marching Band won PIMBA Class AAA at Championships
Seven students qualified by live audition for PMEA District 1 Honors Band
Nine students participated in PMEA District 1 Band West
Five students qualified by live audition for PMEA Region 1 Band
Two students qualified by live audition for PMEA All-State Concert Band
Two students qualified by live audition for PMEA All-State Orchestra

October “Bands in Review” concert (Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Marching Band, and Grade 5 & 8 Bands)
December concert (Concert Band, Wind Ensemble & Jazz Ensemble)
January Small Ensemble Concert
February Wind Ensemble performance at North Hills MS with Bethel Park & North Hills High School Bands
March concert (Concert Band & Wind Ensemble)
April jazz concert (Jazz Ensemble & MMS Jazz Bands)

April Wind Ensemble performance at Seton Hill University with Westmoreland Symphonic Winds
Wind Ensemble acceptance and performance at the PMEA Annual In-Service in Erie Spaghetti Dinner (Jazz Ensemble)
May concert (Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Student Soloists & guest middle school students)

Acknowledgments

Miss Louise Marino ~ *Mellon Middle School Band Director*
Ms. Krista Wagner ~ *Jefferson Middle School Band Director*
 Mr. Ryan Smith ~ *Elementary Band Director*
 Dr. Roger Tabler ~ *Elementary Band Director*
 Mrs. Kara Wockley ~ *Elementary Band Director*
 Mr. Jeremy DeLuca ~ *Director of Percussion*
 Mr. Ron LoVerde ~ *Assistant Marching Band Director*
 Mr. Brendan Higgins ~ *Assistant Marching Band Director*
 Mrs. Stephanie Enedy ~ *Assistant Marching Band Director*
Mrs. Wendy Kumer, Mrs. Elisabeth Charles, Mr. George Furlow, Mr. Robert Lauver, Mr. Ron LoVerde, Mr. Ron Spang & Mr. Subha Das ~ *Sectional Coaches*
 Mr. Doug Reichenfeld ~ *High School Orchestra Director*
 Mr. Ethan LaPlaca ~ *High School Choir Director*
Mrs. Jennifer Rodriguez ~ *Chair of Secondary Fine Arts Department*
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