Joe Hermann, Guest Conductor

Joe Hermann is the Director of Bands Emeritus at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Tennessee, where he served for 28 years. Under his leadership the Tennessee Tech Bands grew to a level of national prominence, over 25 new pieces were premiered, and the wind and percussion program became an influential force for bands in the Southeast.

Before his appointment at Tennessee Tech in 1989, Dr. Hermann was a director at the University of Arizona, Indiana University, and East Tennessee State University. His secondary school teaching includes directing the Dowling High School Band, West Des Moines, Iowa, and supervising the Des Moines Catholic Instrumental Music Program. In addition, he served briefly as the Educational Director for Bands of America and McCormick's Enterprises, a music corporation, in Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Hermann is sought after as a conductor, adjudicator, and speaker and has presented clinics, workshops, and conducted in over thirty states, in Canada, and throughout Japan. His symphonic bands have been featured ensembles at state, regional and national conventions; his interpretations have been broadcast on National Public Radio, and recordings of his ensembles have been issued as reference for music educators nationwide through music publishers and on commercial labels. He is a proponent of new music for the winds, has premiered many works for band and remains an active advocate for commissioning projects.

Dr. Hermann has been a career-long member of CBDNA, NAFME, NBA, the Tennessee Bandmasters Association, has served as the editor for the New Music Reviews for the Tennessee Musician, and is a past board member of the Tennessee Music Educators Association. In 1996, Dr. Hermann was elected to the prestigious American Bandmasters Association and was inducted into the Tennessee Bandmasters Hall of Fame in 2015. Dr. Hermann is affiliated as an Artist/Conductor/Clinician with Jupiter Band Instruments, Inc., manufacturers of band and orchestra instruments located in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee. He has been married to his wife, Kay, for 48 years, and they have two daughters and five grandchildren.

Jimmy Bowland, Guest Soloist

Jimmy Bowland is a freelance woodwind doubler proficient on saxophones, flute, piccolo and clarinets. He has made Nashville TN his home for the last twenty five years where he has been able to enjoy the full diversity Music City has to offer. He performs regularly with the Nashville Symphony on both classical and pops series concerts, tours nationally and internationally with artists such as Brenda Lee, Jamey Johnson, The Mavericks, Kirk Franklin, Yolanda Adams and many others.

Jimmy also has enjoyed a busy studio career playing on countless projects including major video game releases and artists such as Cat Stevens, Rascal Flatts, Shania Twain, Garth Brooks and CeCe Winans.

Mr. Bowland has also had an active career as an educator/clinician. He has taught privately for over twenty years, was on faculty at Tennessee State University for eleven years and has conducted clinics in the Nashville area and internationally in Costa Rica and China.

Rick DeJonge, Guest Composer

Rick DeJonge is a graduate of the Scoring for Motion Pictures and Television Program from USC and holds a Master's of Art and Bachelor's of Music from Western Michigan University. As a film composer, Mr. DeJonge has worked on several films and with great composers such as Christopher Young, David Spear, Jack Smalley, and Pete Anthony. As an orchestrator, Rick worked with composers on television promos including shows like "Beautiful People", "Lost", "The West Wing" and "CSI Miami". As a conductor, Rick has conducted his own scores at Paramount Studios, Fox Studios, and Firehouse Studios in Pasadena, California. Mr. DeJonge's score for the action film "Fighting With Anger" contained a song by the composer which won Best Original Song at the New York Independent Film Festival and was recorded by Willie Nelson. As a composer and conductor for film music, Rick was featured in an article of scoring for films in Life Magazine and just recently scored 3 cues for a new cartoon ad for Fiat. Mr. DeJonge has been writing music for orchestra and wind ensemble for over 25 years. You can hear his symphonic works on Summit Records. Rick has been the official arranger/composer for Walt Disney World's Thanksgiving Day Parade since 1996. Rick is a member of ASCAP along with his music publishing company, Dream Notes Music. As Artist Relations Manager for KHS America, Rick composes and arranges music for several of the endorsing artists.

Upcoming Concert

Sunday, April 28 | Friends of the Greenway Concert at Old Fort Park

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About the Ensemble
Tennessee Valley Winds, originally the Murfreesboro Community Concert Band, is a non-profit, volunteer wind ensemble dedicated to providing quality musical performances in Middle Tennessee since 1984. Composed of amateur and professional musicians alike, Tennessee Valley Winds offers a unique atmosphere for musicians of every age to develop their craft and play cooperatively.

Erich Zimmerman, Music Director
Erich Zimmerman has recently retired from his 28-year career as a music educator in Middle Tennessee. Prior to entering the classroom, Mr. Zimmerman performed with the United States Navy Band in Washington, D.C., on his primary instrument - trumpet. Mr. Zimmerman earned his Bachelor of Music in Education from Tennessee Tech University, a Master of Music in Trumpet Performance from the University of Texas, and a Master +30 certificate from Middle Tennessee State University in Administration and Supervision. Mr. Zimmerman is now an Education Road Representative for The Music Stop.