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Upcoming Concerts for Tennessee Valley Winds

Spring Concert at Old Fort Park

May 4, 2025, at 3:00 pm

Concert on the Lawn at Oakland's Mansion

May 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm

WINTER CONCERT

FEBRUARY 21, 2025 7:00 PM



Guest Conductor
Dr. Brad Snow



Concerto Winner
Ellie Grossman

Concert is sponsored by



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Tennessee Valley Winds History

The Murfreesboro Community Concert Band (MCCB) was a dream of Mr. Joseph T. Smith, then-current band director of the MTSU Band of Blue. MCCB gave its first concert in December 1984. In 1985 the band was a featured performance at the first MTSU Wind Band Conference, offering the band the privilege to study and perform with world-renowned guest composers and artists, each of the 36 years it was held.

As the MCCB gained recognition as an outstanding performance group, the name changed to the Tennessee Valley Winds. The TVW was honored to be able to perform at the Mid-West International Convention in Chicago and the London International Convention in England.

As Mr. Smith entered retirement, Mr. Terry Jolley took over as the group's conductor. The TVW offered free clinics and mock auditions for middle and high school students as they prepared for honor band auditions. A few years later, Mr. Erich Zimmerman accepted the position as TVW's conductor. The TVW performed at the Rising Stars Band Camp for and alongside beginner band students, offering them a glimpse of what continued playing can look like decades later, and showing them that music doesn't have to stop at graduation.

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Concerto Competition Winner Ellie Grossman is in the graduating class of 2025 at Mt. Juliet High School. Beginning her musical journey at age four with Michelle Browne, she built a strong foundation and appreciation for music. She currently hones her skills studying privately with Beth Davis while developing a clear goal of building a professional career in flute performance. Ellie has achieved numerous accolades, including first place in the Flute Society of Kentucky High School Soloist Competition in February 2024, performing in the Tennessee Bandmasters Association Allstate Honors Recital in April 2024, and performances with the Curb Youth Symphony and Nashville Flute Choir. She was honored to attend the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts in the summer of 2024. Ellie has earned positions in the TN Mid-State bands since seventh grade and was selected for the TN All-State Band in 2023. She pursues professional performances regularly and shares her love of music by teaching young flute students as well as pursuing musical opportunities that give back to the community. Ellie plans to pursue music as a career in both performance and education.

Music Director of the Tennessee Valley Winds - Mr. Erich Zimmerman was a music educator in Middle Tennessee for 27 years. He began his teaching career as the Director of Bands at Westmoreland High School in Sumner County. He then spent 10 years teaching in the Nashville Metropolitan School System, instructing at McGavock High School, J.T. Moore Middle School, and Martin Luther King Magnet School. He then moved to Rutherford County, where he directed bands at Rock Springs and Christiana Middle Schools, and then Thurman-Francis Arts Academy. His teaching career ended with retirement after serving as assistant director of bands at Blackman High School in Murfreesboro from 2014 to 2018. He currently serves as an Educational Representative for The Music Stop in Murfreesboro. Prior to teaching, Mr. Zimmerman was a trumpet instrumentalist with the United States Navy Band, Washington D.C., where he served in concert and ceremonial capacities. His Navy tour of duty included a 1998 national tour, weekly concerts in and around the nation's capitol, and numerous ceremonial duties for the Naval District Washington. He was also an active freelance musician in the Washington D.C. area. Mr. Zimmerman's education includes receiving his Masters +30 certification from MTSU in Administration and Supervision, a Master of Music Degree in Trumpet Performance from the University of Texas at Austin in Austin, TX, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Music Education from Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville.

Mr. Zimmerman is a member of the Music Educator's National Conference, the TN Music Education Association, and the Middle Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association. As a member of TMEA, he served on the Board of Directors as State Band Chair. As a member of MTSBOA, he served as President-Elect, President, and Past-President. He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha, a professional music fraternity, and Phi Beta Mu, an honorary Band Director's fraternity.

Guest Conductor

Dr. Brad Snow (DMA, University of Southern Mississippi, MM, University of Southern Mississippi, BSEd, University of Missouri) is the Director of Bands at Missouri State University, where he conducts the MSU Wind Ensemble, directs the PRIDE Marching Band, leads the graduate wind band conducting program, instructs various graduate-level courses, and administers all aspects of the band program.

Prior to his appointment at Missouri State, Dr. Snow served as Director of Bands at the University of Missouri, Associate Director of Bands at Oklahoma State University, and Assistant Director of Bands at the University of Southern Mississippi. As a collegiate band director, Dr. Snow has taken bands to over a dozen bowl and championship games, as well as three international tours and countless tournaments.

Dr. Snow has served our country as a member of the United States Marine Band at Quantico, Virginia, where he led the Marine Corps' premier brass quintet and served as assistant conductor of the concert and ceremonial bands. Dr. Snow was the recipient of numerous military honors and awards, including a finalist for the Marine Corps Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year award and a two-time recipient of the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Dr. Snow has also enjoyed success as a public school band director. Under his direction, his high school bands received superior ratings at the local, state, and national levels. Dr. Snow is in demand as a guest conductor, clinician, and adjudicator throughout the United States. Notable achievements have included leading performances in Northern Ireland that aired live over the BBC, performing as part of the opening ceremonies of the International Trumpet Guild conference in Manchester, England, guest conducting La banda dell'esercito, the Italian Army Band, in Rome, Italy, and guest conducting the Italian town bands of Sacrofano, Matera, and Trecastagni, Sicily.

Dr. Snow has also served as the executive administrator of the National Band Association (NBA), the world's largest organization for bands, where he was responsible for the daily operation of the national office. Dr. Snow currently serves as the State Chair of the NBA and was previously Chair of the NBA's Southwest Division. His professional memberships include the National Association for Music Education, College Band Directors National Association, National Band Association, Missouri Bandmasters Association, Phi Beta Mu, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, with honorary memberships in Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma and induction into the Pi Kappa Lambda and Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Societies. Dr. Snow has been married to his wife LeAnne for 17 years and has two children, Brett (seventh grade) and Caroline (fifth grade).

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*+Larissa Caprio
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Flute:

*+Larissa Caprio
+Shirley Gauthier
Betsy Kelley
+Heather Martin
Peggy Naifeh
Deb Norris
Joanna Riggs
Bonnie Ward
Sarah Wiggers

Oboe/English Horn:

*Katie Frazier
Stacey Helmbrecht

Bassoon:

Victor Evans
Wilson Sharpe

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Laura Marulanda

B♭ Clarinet:

Paul Aviles
*+Amy Cooper-Crumley
+Amy Curtis
Sam Davis
Kendra Estes
Gary Heagren
Laura Marulanda
Marybeth Miller
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Jen Pilat
Grace Waldrop
Michelle White

Bass Clarinet:

Ignacio Cardenas
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Marty Magnini
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Alto Saxophone:

+Scott Hedrick
Matthew Holley
Andree Moreno
Isaac Shirk
Ollie Zendejas

Tenor Saxophone:

Mark Barker
Blair Carlton
Karl Wingruber

Baritone Saxophone:

*Boyd Barker

Trumpet:

John Barker
Timothy Gassman
*Katie Harrah
+Mark Robinson
Mondale Rogers
+Mike Royal
Justin Scott
Scott Tierno
+Erich Zimmerman

French Horn:

Mandy Lee Bratten
Presley Bush
Robert Esposito
Dana Fulghum
Leslie Jacobs
+Charlene Kremer
Michelle Skelley

French Horn Cont.

Charlie Torrent
Kelly Utt-Grubb
*Vicky Williams

Trombone:

Parker Boudreau
Jackie Briggs
Kaley Brinkerhoff
+Douglas Brown
Olivia Byrom
Walt Foreman
+Steve Holeman
Jeff Johnstone
*+Scott Kinney
Matt Nesland
Matthew Taylor
Becky Wyman

Euphonium:

Jeff Shepherd
Josh Skinner

Tuba:

James Budge
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Dan Pfeifer

Percussion:

Hope Cain
Katherine Lephew
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Concert Program

Guest Conductor, Dr. Brad Snow



Overture to Nabucco

Giuseppe Verdi
arr. Kenneth Singleton

Beyond the Horizon

Rossano Galante

Sonata for Flute

Francis Poulenc

Mvt. 1 Allegro malinconico arr. Egbert van Groningen

Flute Soloist - Ellie Grossman

Spanish Dance from "Gadfly"

Dmitri Shostakovich
arr. James Curnow

Shenandoah

arr. Omar Thomas

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