

# **Welcome to the Northwest Suburban Conference Music Festival Performance**

The schools of the Northwest Suburban Conference welcome you to the 13th annual Musical Festival Grand Finale Concert hosted by Armstrong High School. The concert tonight includes performances from our best musicians representing the 11 schools in our conference. These talented students have all worked extremely hard in preparing for our concert this evening. They deserve our thanks and admiration for their focus and dedication as they perform for us.

I would also like to thank all the music teachers and our guest conductors for their work in preparing for the performance this evening. The countless hours of rehearsals, to prepare our musical groups for this event, is a testament to the dedication of our education professionals in the Northwest Suburban Conference. On behalf of all the administrators in the conference, thank you for your efforts.

This music festival is the result of over 1,800 students who have come together, performed with clinicians, rehearsed with students from other schools, and enjoyed working collaboratively so they can perform for you this evening. Our students have learned a great deal from the clinicians, as well as from their fellow students, and I know that all our performers feel enriched from the experience they have had preparing and performing in this festival.

The Northwest Suburban Conference would like to give special thanks to all the parents and family members who have been involved in their sons and daughters music education over the years. Students greatly benefit from the encouragement you provide and we all know that they have reached a level of excellence which is demonstrated for all of us this evening.

The Armstrong High School community, its music staff and students, are honored to host the Music Festival this year. We know you will enjoy the performances.

David R. Dahl, Principal,  
Armstrong High School

Andover

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Champlin Park

Coon Rapids

Elk River

Maple Grove

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## About the Festival

The NWSC festival strives to provide students the opportunity to pursue excellence in music performance, listen to music with understanding, and celebrate the artistic achievements of other student-musicians. Also, the festival includes the organization and performance of All-Conference ensembles including orchestra, band, and choir. The very existence of the music festival reflects the commitment of the Northwest Suburban Conference member schools to promote student opportunities in the Fine Arts as well as Athletics.

During the festival, each school's most accomplished band, orchestra, and choir present a concert for other student-musicians. This concert is also reviewed and critiqued by the guest conductor-clinician. Critical listening forms are distributed to each student-musician. They are expected to hear as many of the other bands, choirs, and orchestras as time allows. The student-musicians then write their own critiques of the various performances and turn them in to their own director. This sharing of performances in a non-competitive, collegial

atmosphere ensures the best educational experience for all student-musicians involved in the festival.

The All-Conference ensembles are select ensembles organized in October by the music educators of the NWSC. The three All-Conference ensembles rehearse two times during the month of January. These rehearsals, supported by private practice and instruction, prepare the ensembles for their dress rehearsal with the guest conductors.

Guest conductors and All-Conference ensembles work together on the first Sunday in February. After a Sunday afternoon of exciting and intense rehearsal with guest conductors and a final rehearsal on Monday afternoon, NWSC All-Conference ensembles present the Grand Finale Concert on Monday evening. The NWSC Music Festival has always featured excellent musicians and music educators as guest conductors and clinicians. Because of the support of the conference schools, these nationally recognized educators provide expert direction, commentary, and encouragement to NWSC student-musicians and directors.

## Guest Conductors

### Kirt Mosier

Kirt N. Mosier is the director of orchestras at Lee's Summit West High School and director of the district's Digital Media Technology Center of Excellence in Lee's Summit, Missouri. Mr. Mosier also teaches arranging as an adjunct professor for the University of Missouri at Kansas City. Prior to his current teaching positions, Mr. Mosier served as director of orchestras at Raytown South High School and Middle School and as adjunct professor for Baker University.

Mr. Mosier is an active conductor and clinician throughout the United States, conducting All-State and Region groups in Montana, Tennessee, Texas, Kansas, and Missouri. Mr. Mosier is also active as a composer with over 60 published works and has had works featured at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic in addition to winning several composition contests.

Mr. Mosier was named the 2007-2008 outstanding music educator for the state of Missouri by the National Federation of State High School Associations and was also listed by School Band and Orchestra Magazine as one of 50 directors in the United States who make a difference. Mr. Mosier was named the 2009 Teacher of the Year for the Lee's Summit School District and was one of the 6 finalists for the 2009 Missouri teacher of the year.

Mr. Mosier holds BME and MM in Composition degrees from the University of Missouri at Kansas City.



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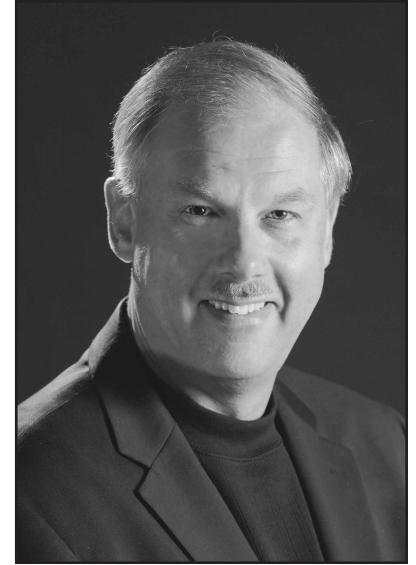
### René Clausen

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René Clausen is professor of music at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota and has served as conductor of The Concordia Choir since 1986. He is the artistic director of the award-winning Concordia Christmas Concerts, which are frequently featured by PBS stations throughout the nation.

Clausen is a renowned composer and arranger, having written more than 100 commissioned compositions including MEMORIAL and Crying for a Dream for the American Choral Directors Association. He is also a frequent guest conductor, composer-in-residence, clinician and lecturer. Clausen has conducted such works as Mozart's Requiem, Beethoven's 9th Symphony, Brahms' Requiem, Britten's War Requiem and several of his own works including Gloria – in three movements – performed at Carnegie Hall in New York, where he also recently conducted Handel's Messiah.

Clausen graduated from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, and received a Master of Music Performance and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees from the University of Illinois, Urbana. In 1996, Clausen was named the Paul J. and Eleanor Christiansen Chair in Choral Music at Concordia.



### Jerry Luckhardt

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Jerry Luckhardt, Associate Professor of Music at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, conducts the Symphonic Band, Chamber Winds and teaches courses in conducting. His other artistic and administrative positions include: Acting Director of the University of Minnesota School of Music (2007-2008), Director of the University of Minnesota Marching Band (1997-2004), Associate Director of Bands at Baylor University (1994-1997), Assistant Director of Bands at the University of Texas-Austin (1991-1993), and Marching Band Director at the University of Michigan (1989-1990).

Luckhardt has appeared as a guest conductor and clinician with ensembles throughout the U.S., Europe, and Asia. He has earned acclaim from composers such as Michael Colgrass, Shelley Hanson, Libby Larsen, Alex Shapiro and Judith Lang Zaimont for performances of their works. He is also a strong advocate for

music as a board member of the The Musical Offering, a Twin Cities' chamber ensemble, an advisory member of the American Composers Forum BandQuest series of new music and with membership in the College Band Directors National Association, Music Educators National Conference, Minnesota Band Directors Association and Phi Beta Lambda. Professor Luckhardt is currently music director of the Medalist Concert Band in Bloomington, Minnesota and serves as conductor and artistic director of the Encore Wind Ensemble of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

# Program

## All-Conference Choir

René Clausen, Conductor  
Concordia College - Moorhead, MN  
Jan Scovill, Accompanist

If Music Be the Food of Love . . . . . David Dickau  
Resonet in Laudibus . . . . . Z. Randall Stroope  
O My Luve's Like a Red, Red Rose . . . . . René Clausen  
The Seal Lullaby . . . . . Eric Whitacre  
Wana Baraka . . . . . Shawn Kirchner

## All-Conference Band

Jerry Luckhardt, Conductor  
University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

Flourish for Wind Band . . . . . Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Loch Lomond . . . . . Frank Ticheli  
Festal Scenes . . . . . Yasuhide Ito  
National Emblem March . . . . . Edwin Eugene Bagley, arr. Loras Schissel

## All-Conference Orchestra

Kirt Mosier, Conductor  
Lee's Summit West High School – Lee's Summit, Missouri

March and Procession of Bacchus . . . . . Leo Delibes, arr. Merle Isaac  
Prophet's Dance . . . . . Kirt Mosier  
Dusk . . . . . Steven Bryant  
Polovetsian Dances . . . . . Alexander Borodin, Ed. Kirt Mosier

# Grand Finale

Kirt Mosier, Conductor

America the Beautiful. . . . . Samuel Augustus Ward,  
arr. Carmen Dragon,  
string parts arr. James D. Hainlen

## Northwest Suburban Conference Music Staff

School	Band	Choir	Orchestra
Andover	Doug Bakkum Tim Hauser	Melanie Kjellberg Shaun Halland	Nancy Stutzman
Anoka	Ben Bussey Rich Raaen John Lace	Michelle Hayes Chad Garrels	Rich Raaen Michael Halstenson
Robbinsdale Armstrong	Todd Burkholder Colin Woelfle	Tony Rangel Stephanie Trump	Kevin Martin
Blaine	Peter Buller Bruce Olson	Susan Zemlin Chad Garrels	Edward Schaeffe
Centennial	Mark Kusche Becky Weiland	Julie Enwright Robert Schlidt	
Champlin Park	Stephen Johnson Steve Lyons	Maggie Sabin Laura Temel	Judy Blomgren
Coon Rapids	Brian Duffy	Patrick Geiger Amy Johnson	Michael Watson
Elk River	John Rosner	Terrell Beaudry	
Maple Grove	Eric Bitterman	Beth Hellstedt	Matthew Caron
Osseo	Steve Boulka	Andrew Beard	Steve Borgstrom
Park Center	Wade Schroeder	Kate Kallevig	Mary Gagnon

## All-Conference Orchestra

<b>Flute</b>	<b>Trumpet</b>	Elena Kolbrek MG	Gavin Patrick AND	<b>Cello</b>
Karen Clark ARM	Ray Culp C	Juhyun Kwon MG	Linda Pham PC	Jonathan Anderson ARM
Jen Stanley A	Eric Reisberg ER	Makayla Lakeman B	Emma Salni AND	Andrew Baldys B
Allison Birch C	Sarah Kalsow CP	Jessica Macdonald ARM	Sophia Skoglund A	Madison Brezinka O
Mikayla Crosby B		Dahlia Maxon MG	Sabrina Thanavong CP	Eliot Goedeken B
	<b>Trombone</b>	Tomas Mecicar B	Uriel Torres-Tenorio CR	Annalise Lamberty CP
<b>Oboe</b>	Joseph Myhre AND	Patrick Palony ARM	Alicia Wasti MG	Megan Larson A
Natalie Kampa O	Ezra Miller C	Erika Parvi A	Alina Yevsina A	Julia Revier AND
Melissa Barrett MG	Nathan Love MG	Ellen Quist A		Dylan Smith MG
		Kaley Shagen O	<b>Viola</b>	Arianna Wegley ARM
<b>Clarinet</b>	<b>Tuba</b>	Emmy Sutherland AND	Seth Baird A	Emily Wenner MG
Jessie Fuhrman O	Abigail Hastings AND	Jamie Tyrrell AND	Tunmise Fawole O	Melanie Yang CP
Michele Springman AND		Dan Vail CR	Emma Folke O	
Kaitlyn Boyer C	<b>Percussion</b>		Chelsea Jessen ARM	<b>Bass</b>
Brian Kautzman CP	Martin Jarzyna ARM	<b>Violin II</b>	Krista Kasprick O	Anne Atkins CP
	Cody Wilcox O	Alyssa Alexander B	Caitlin Lancaster ARM	Annie Elliott A
<b>Bassoon</b>	Chase Vetruba AND	John Braunwarth ARM	Emi Leonard MG	Andrea Markert B
Katie Enzenauer CP	Jake Comacho AND	Ashley Bystrom CP	Steven Mason CR	Jazmyne McGill ARM
Stephen Strate MG		Austin Carline O	Sean McKenna MG	Joe Melby PC
	<b>Violin I</b>	Alexandra Dang PC	Taylor Oines AND	Jake Ronneng CR
<b>Horn</b>	Toyosi Arogbokun O	Nadine Garcia B	Lauren Studer AND	Joshua Vidervol AND
Miller LaMotte A	Alud Arriola CP	Gina Hollister B	Vanessa Tu CP	Cody Werner O
Marc Stevenson CR	Angel Daley PC	Josiah Kohlmeyer CR	Arthur Wilkins B	
Kathryn Hinson AND	Julia Holmes PC	Emily Hughes MG	Nelsie Yang PC	
Emily Schlieff A	Carolyn Keating O	David Jedynak O		

## All-Conference Choir

<b>Soprano</b>	Betsy Sorensen CP	Sarah Larson AND	Ekow Nana-Kweson CR	Sam Doeren PC
Elyse Anderson O	Mariah Spillers A	Amy Loftness B	Danny Niederhaus O	Lane Dooley-Jesso B
Keilana Anderson C	Mary Swanson B	Chelsea Okorafor CP	Jeffrey Palm O	Kevin Fox C
Heather Bates CP	Hana Trump ARM	Mikayla Peters CR	Luke Peacock C	Zachary Gibbs ARM
Cayla Brandt PC	Courtney VonVett CR	Cassie Rogers PC	Jackson Rohweder CP	Brandon Halvorson AND
Emily Carroll PC	Elizabeth Ward ARM	Emily Theisen O	Peter Schultz ARM	Reed Kaliher PC
Taylor Conger B		Erica Theisen C	Eric Schwingler AND	Carl Koshiol O
Emma Crane ER	<b>Alto</b>	Madison Thor AND	Nathan Thelen AND	Andrew Lloyd CR
Julia Doll CR	Amber Barnes CR	Miranda Tilton MG	Nathaniel Thompson B	Robert Marston ARM
Avery Gaboury AND	Katie Boden CR	Chessa Woetzel B	Nick Thorp ARM	Joseph Martini CP
Emily Hanson O	Krista Boyer A		Evan Van Hoover C	Ikenna Nwosu CP
Katie Hausker CR	Briana Carlson PC	<b>Tenor</b>	Aaron VanDanacker B	Reid Olson A
Courtney Hlavka A	Kaila Chapman C	Noah Alman AND	Joshua Woodley CP	Andrew Perrine C
Enya Mably ER	Kayla Coffland B	Angel Aparicio MG	Wuang Yang CP	Don Raleigh C
Linnea Martens AND	Ashley Davis A	Corey Baesler O		Chris Schuldt A
Alex Mayhew C	Laura Englund ARM	Nathan Bambenek CR	<b>Bass</b>	Edward Shilts AND
Kate Morley CP	Olivia Frey ARM	Cordel Finton B	Seyi Agboola CR	Josh Stevens MG
Leah Pickhardt A	Caitlin Gallagher CP	Austin Gordon A	Brian Bristol O	Ethan Thomason CR
Amy Proback C	Sydney Glup ARM	Michael Hagstrom ARM	Trent Carlson AND	
Lainie Ribnick ARM	Amanda Jensen AND	Nathan Hlavka A	Sam Christenson CP	
Erin Ritter AND	Ellie Kust PC	Dusty Johnston C	Nick Colombo B	
Kaitlin Ruth PC	Sarah Lambres A	Tristan Jordan-Huffman A	Tim DeJonge ARM	
Megan Smith B	Alyshia Langer CP	Ashrene Mohammed B	Nick Dibley B	



## All-Conference Band

### *Piccolo*

Augustine Menke ER

### *Flute*

Jordan Coffey C

Kate Engelhard A

Janna George C

Elizabeth Hammer B

Laura Kalsow CP

Jessica Mayer O

Jaime Nordlund CP

Ashlee Rininger CP

Michelle Smeaton PC

Jennifer Townsend PC

Christina Truong CR

### *Oboe*

Nathan Lucast A

Signe Mondfrom AND

Drake Sime B

### *Bassoon*

Angela Cao CR

Jordon Plachecki ER

Ryan Snyder AND

### *Clarinet*

Ruby Carlson CR

Lauren Hince B

Jacob Holm CP

Genevieve Holmes ARM

Danielle Korby PC

Landon Nelson PC

Erin Nystrom O

Megan Pederson C

Becca Sauter C

Sasha Shpak MG

Anna Truong CR

Sophie Wiitala ER

Kaitlyn Zeilbeck A

### *Bass Clarinet*

Rachel Pederson C

Danna Qamhieh C

Madison Rolf AND

Derek Walton AND

### *Contra-Bass Clarinet*

Jeremy Storbakken CR

### *Contra-Alto Clarinet*

San Emerson A

### *Alto Saxophone*

Lane Flaten B

Ben Gerber O

Adam Habarneh ER

Jackson Holte ARM

Hailey Johnson AND

Amy Paschke B

### *Tenor Saxophone*

Laura Blenkush ARM

Jon Palla CR

Zack Sorenson B

### *Bari Saxophone*

Rosemary Hampton ER

Michael Orenge PC

### *Trumpet*

Allison Domingues ARM

John Edwards O

Kevin Ekstrom A

Nick Griffiths ER

Ekene Ikegwuani O

Joseph Kust PC

Danny Olson A

Carter Shunk ER

Ryan Stransky AND

Lauryn Trautman B

Becky Wehe O

Peter Winegar C

### *Horn*

Greg Brasier MG

Afton Crowley AND

Emily Green C

Cory Grider MG

Elizabeth Hiller A

Oliver Houghtling B

Erik Jones AND

Ton-Hy Pha PC

Willa Samuelson ER

### *Trombone*

Brandon Anderson CR

Zach Anderson MG

Dan Bakkum CR

Todd Biederman MG

Shawn Bourgeois B

Mike Lipinoga PC

Mark Walentiny ER

Grant Olson B

Mike Schevenius C

Tim Sloneker CR

Javon Stephens O

David Young-Stephens C

### *Euphonium*

Jacob Endres MG

Luke Grundmeyer B

Cole Johnson MG

Emil Nelson PC

Austin Proft CR

Bryan Thao ARM

### *Tuba*

Savon Barnes A

Jordan Carman MG

Alec Kadlec CR

Bill Kelly CR

Sam Melby PC

Sean Payette PC

### *String Bass*

Megan Perry ER

### *Percussion*

Hunter Bartholomew B

Devin Blanchard A

Grant Karels CR

Levi Nelson C

Justin White MG

Diana Williams A

AND – Andover High School, A – Anoka High School, ARM – Robbinsdale Armstrong High School, B – Blaine High School,  
C – Centennial High School, CP – Champlin Park High School, CR – Coon Rapids High School, ER – Elk River High School,  
MG – Maple Grove High School, O – Osseo High School, PC – Park Center High School

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