

**Oklahoma City Symphonic Band  
Dr. Mark Belcik, Conductor**

**Spring Concert**

**Featuring  
Guest Conductor, Dr. Gary Garner  
and  
Young Artist Competition winner  
Alex Vo, clarinet**

**Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:30pm**

**Putnam City High School  
Performing Arts Center**

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Dr. Mark G. Belcik is the Associate Dean of the Wanda L Bass School of Music at Oklahoma City University, a position he has held since 2001. He holds degrees in Music Education from The University of Michigan, a Master's in Horn Performance from The University of Oklahoma and the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Instrumental Conducting from The University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Belcik's teaching experiences include appointments at the University of Texas at Austin, where he was the Associate Director of the Longhorn Band, the University of New Mexico, Valdosta State University, Bear Creek High School (CO) and Ardmore High School (OK). His high

school bands have earned national recognition and won sweepstakes awards in Oklahoma and Colorado. Dr. Belcik is an active clinician, judge and guest conductor. He has conducted All State and Honor Bands in several states and has presented clinics at State, Regional and National Conventions. He currently serves as the Principal Conductor and Music Director of the Oklahoma City Symphonic Band, and is past President of the Oklahoma Association of Music Schools. He is on the board of the Oklahoma Youth Orchestra and Oklahoma Concert Band Foundation.



Alex Vo is a senior from Mustang High School and played clarinet for 7 years. He serves as co-principal in the Oklahoma Youth Orchestra. He has also played with the CODA All-Region Wind Ensemble and OkMEA All-State Wind Symphony. In 2022, he attended the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute. Outside of Oklahoma, Alex has attended the Interlochen Arts Camp's Advanced Clarinet Intensive and the Boston University Tanglewood Institute's Young Artist Wind Ensemble on scholarship. He was also awarded the Fred J. Miller Family Award, a national award hosted by Music For All.

Outside of music, he focuses heavily on his academics and community; he is his school's salutatorian, president of the National Honor Society, vice-president of the Tri-M Music Honor Society, serves on his school's fine arts advisory board, a part of Youth Leadership Exchange of OKC Youth In Action, an AP Scholar, a state finalist for the US Youth Senate Program, and an Oklahoma Academic All-Stater.

Alex plans on majoring in clarinet performance and playing in a symphony orchestra and becoming a professor in the future.



Dr. Gary Garner retired in 2002 after 39 years as Director of Bands at West Texas A&M University. He holds a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech and the Master of Music and DMA degrees from the University of Southern California.

He began his teaching career in Lubbock at Hutchinson Jr. High School and at Monterey High School. From there he went to the University of Southern California as marching band director for four years before accepting a position at WTAMU.

During his tenure the WTAMU Symphonic Band appeared a record ten times before the Texas Music Educators Association, twice at the national conventions of the College Band Directors National Association, and twice in Car-

negie Hall, where famed New York Times critic John Rockwell called the band "remarkably accomplished" and termed their performance "a refreshing change from our usual provincial concert fare."

Garner has recorded an album for Crest Records with his sons Brad and Blair, "The First Family of Flute," and an album of flute trios with son Brad and the eminent flutist Julius Baker. He has traveled widely as guest conductor, clinician, and flute soloist.

Among the awards and honors he has received are: the WTAMU Faculty Excellence Award; the WTAMU Phoenix Club award for teaching excellence; the Minnie Piper Stevens Award; Amarillo High School Hall of Fame; Texas Bandmaster of the Year; Bohumil Makovsky Award for outstanding service to college bands; Phi Beta Mu International Outstanding Bandmaster; Kappa Kappa Psi Distinguished service to Music Medal; and the Gene Hemmle Award as an outstanding music alumnus from Texas Tech.

He was chosen the 2005 Honorary Lifetime Member of the Texas Bandmasters Association. In 2008, he was the recipient of the Percy Grainger Award and he was designated the 2012 Legendary Bandmaster by the Dallas Wind Symphony. An advocate for lifelong learning, Dr. Garner conducts a community band at WTAMU called the Town and Gown Band.

# Oklahoma City Symphonic Band

## Piccolo

DeLee Francis \*  
Glenda Gatz \*

## Flute

Ivy Douglas  
DeLee Francis \*  
Wendy Freundt  
Glenda Gatz \*  
Lauren Hampton  
Brenda Hansel  
Sonie Liebler  
Candi McDonald \*  
Erika Olinger  
Vicki Repetto  
Martha Stone  
Cathy Voorhies

## Oboe

Ned Hughes  
Bonnie Jump  
Eugene Steinberg

## Clarinet

Nancy Baxter  
Catherine Birchall  
Warren Cadwell  
Nancy De Graff  
Sherry Di Jorio  
Iris Gracia  
Sharon Kieklak  
Kristen Kirch  
Jonathan Kuhn  
Chelsea Madden  
Leisa Mayberry  
David Purcer  
Kathy Rattan  
Michael Wenger  
Tasmin Williams

## Bass Clarinet

Fran Ayres  
Bob Qualls  
Deb Walls  
Bassoon  
Joan Baird  
Martin King  
Kathryn McKinney \*

Robert Smith  
Alto Saxophone

Jennifer Fessler  
Drew Hoelscher \*  
John Humphreys  
Bob Macemon

## Tenor Saxophone

Faye Sullivan  
Robert Westbrook \*  
Baritone Saxophone  
Nathan Leonard

## Trumpet

Mike Banowetz  
Gary Childers  
Henry Dolive  
Marshall Douglas  
Mike Forcina  
Dennis Jamison  
Mandy Owens  
Stacy Southerland  
Larry Taylor  
Kendall Wahpepah

## French Horn

Jan Bost  
Tommy Chau  
Louann Dillard  
Jenny Beth Jones  
Mike Luther  
Joseph Rea  
Laura Renard \*  
Lacy Rice  
Shari Rose  
Rick Spence

## Trombone

Jesse Hadley  
Myles Madden  
Kerry Maye  
Matt Sanders  
Gary Shults  
Ross Thanscheidt  
Charles Womack  
Duncan Woodliff

## Euphonium

Dennis Beringer  
Dave Rosbach  
Phyllis Smith

## Tuba

Richard Moore \*  
Robbie Rattan  
Jared Salisbury

## Percussion

Mat Campbell  
Luis Ewing  
Chase Hampton  
Maya Johnson \*  
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Morning, Noon and Night (In Vienna) Overture      Franz von Suppè  
arr. Henry Fillmore

Dr. Gary Garner, Guest Conductor

Seis Manuel      Shelley Hanson

Concerto for Clarinet, K. 622      Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
I. Allegro      trans. Robert W. Rumbelow

Alex Vo, Clarinet

Intermission

Scenes from “The Louvre”      Norman Dello Joio  
I. The Portals  
II. Children’s Gallery  
III. The Kings of France  
IV. The Nativity Paintings  
V. Finale

Dr. Garner

Blaze Away!      Abe Holzmam  
arr. Erik W.G. Leiden

The Phantom of the Opera (Soundtrack Highlights) Andrew Lloyd Webber  
arr. Paul Murtha

Let Me Be Frank With You      John Mackey

Program notes available here:



## About the Band...

The Oklahoma City Symphonic Band's mission is to provide a challenging and enriching musical experience for its members, to offer quality concerts for the community, and to inspire future generations of musicians.

The Oklahoma City Symphonic Band is comprised of approximately one hundred professional and amateur musicians. This historic band has performed in the Oklahoma City area for decades. The members are a cross-section of the community made up of all different professions. They are musicians who find that the band gives them a chance to grow musically.

Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening throughout the year with the exception of May and August. The Oklahoma City Symphonic Band performs several concerts at a variety of venues including high schools, universities, churches and area parks and has hosted several talented composers as guest clinicians over the years, including Patrick Sheridan in 2014, Dr. Frank Ticheli in 2008, Dr. Jack Stamp in 2006 and Dr. John Zdechlik in 2003. The organization hosts an annual Young Artist Competition for high school students. The Oklahoma City Symphonic Band is sponsored by the Oklahoma Concert Band Foundation, whose purpose is to engage in the promotion, appreciation and support of concert band music throughout the State of Oklahoma.

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Monday, July 3, 2023 at 8:30pm  
Hwy 62 and NE 10th St  
Blanchard, OK 73010

## **Concert in the Park**

Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 7:00pm  
Chisholm Trail Park  
500 W Vandament Ave  
Yukon, OK 73099

## **Salute to our Veterans Concert**

Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 7:30pm  
Oklahoma City University  
Margaret E. Petree Recital Hall  
Kirkpatrick Fine Arts Center  
2501 N Blackwelder Ave  
Oklahoma City, OK 73106

## **Winter Concert**

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:30pm  
Oklahoma City University  
Margaret E. Petree Recital Hall  
Kirkpatrick Fine Arts Center  
2501 N Blackwelder Ave  
Oklahoma City, OK 73106

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What does band mean to us?

Band is our happy place.

Band is camaraderie, friendships, fellowship.

Band is our escape.

Band is something we love to do.

Band engages our hearts.

Band is making lifelong music.

Band transcends the years.



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In tribute to Tom Ayres, a beloved band member and also our dedicated band librarian for many years, we want to dedicate this concert to his memory. His wife Fran is a member of our band and she would like to convey that she is very grateful to the band members for their support, prayers and visits. She is glad to be back playing with the band.

Thomas Angier Ayres, III passed away from a long illness on January 11, 2023. Tom was born August 23, 1939, in LeMars Iowa to Thomas Angier Ayres II and Ruby (Taylor) Ayres. His family moved around when he was growing up, including a stint in the Miami area. His early years were notable for a love of the outdoors. He spent three summers from 1957-1959 working at the A Bar A Ranch in En-

campment, Wyoming.

In 1960 he married Betty Bliesener and together they had three daughters. They later divorced. In 1972 he married the love of his life, Frances Lynch. Together they had a daughter, meaning that Tom had the challenge of raising four girls. While he jokingly complained about it, he actually loved it and excelled at it. His daughters were his pride and joy.

Tom received his Pharmacy degree from the University of Iowa. His first job was with May Drug in Cedar Rapids, followed by The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. In 1972 he bought Star Drug in Williamsburg, Iowa and settled into small town life. During this time he served on the Williamsburg Community Schools school board.

In 1981 Fran and Tom sold the drug store and moved to Norman, Oklahoma, trading in the black and gold for crimson and cream. In Oklahoma he worked for Oklahoma University Hospitals and Presbyterian Hospital until retirement. Tom and Fran enjoyed OU sports and had season tickets to football, and men's and women's basketball.

Music was always an important part of his life. He took after his father and played the clarinet. After retiring he played bass clarinet with the Oklahoma City Symphonic Band and the University of Oklahoma New Horizons Band. He served for many years as music librarian for the Oklahoma City Symphonic Band.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother David Ayres, and sister Nancy Dooley. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Frances, and daughters Sara (Rick) Fisher of Moore, Oklahoma, Chris (Brian) McAndrew of Marion, Iowa, Cathy (Steve) VanGundy of New Braunfels, Texas, and Damara (George) Lomdaridze of Hong Kong, and grandchildren Rebecca Laprade, Brynn McAndrew, BJ McAndrew, Christopher VanGundy, Zachary VanGundy, Tommy Lomdaridze and Natica Lomdaridze, and sister Marilyn (Parke) Humphrey of Collegeville, Pennsylvania. He is also survived by Marie, his miniature poodle, who brought an immense amount of joy to his final year as well as his koi pond fish, many of whom he named.

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