

**Oklahoma City Symphonic Band  
Dr. Mark G. Belcik, Conductor  
& Deer Creek High School  
Symphonic Band  
Greg Evraets, Conductor**

**The Music of Brian Balmages  
Featuring  
Guest Composer & Conductor  
Brian Balmages**

**Wednesday, April 24, 2024  
7:30 pm**

**Deer Creek High School  
Performing Arts Center**

[www.okcband.org](http://www.okcband.org)





Brian Balmages is known worldwide as a composer and conductor who equally spans the worlds of orchestral, band, and chamber music. His music has been performed by groups ranging from professional symphony orchestras to elementary schools in venues such as Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, Sydney Opera House, Toronto Centre for the Arts, and many more. He is a recipient of the A. Austin Harding Award from the American School Band Directors Association, won the 2020 NBA William D. Revelli Composition Contest with his work Love and

Light, and was awarded the inaugural James Madison University Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Visual and Performing Arts. In the same year, he was commissioned by his other alma mater, the University of Miami, to compose music for the inauguration of the institution's 6th president, Dr. Julio Frenk. His music was also performed as part of the 2013 Presidential Inaugural Prayer Service, which was attended by both President Obama and Vice President Biden.

As a conductor, Mr. Balmages enjoys regular engagements with all-state and regional ensembles as well as university and professional groups throughout the world. Notable guest conducting appearances have included the Midwest Clinic, Western International Band Clinic, Maryborough Music Conference (Australia), College Band Directors Conference, American School Band Directors Association National Conference, numerous state ASTA conferences, Teatro dell'Aquila (Italy), and others. He is an elected member of the American Bandmasters Association and has taught instrumental conducting at Towson University where he also served as Assistant Director of Bands and Orchestras. Currently, he is Director of MakeMusic Publications and Digital Education for Alfred and MakeMusic.

## Upcoming Concerts

### Blanchard's Independence Day Celebration

Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 8:30pm  
NE 10th St and Highway 62  
Blanchard, OK 73010

### Summer Concert in the Park

Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 7:00pm  
Chisholm Trail Park  
500 W Vandament Ave  
Yukon, OK 73099

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videos. New videos are added regularly so if you like what you see,  
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new videos are available.

## Instrument Donations

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program. We currently assist school programs with donated instru-  
ments. Instruments will be put to good use. If you are interested in  
making a donation, contact us via e-mail at [info@okcband.org](mailto:info@okcband.org).

## Thank you to our host

The Oklahoma City Symphonic Band members wish to thank our  
hosts, Darby Cassaday, Greg Evraets and the Deer Creek High  
School Band. Thank you for promoting and encouraging band  
music in our community!



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.



Mr. Greg Evraets is in his third year as Assistant Band Director at Deer Creek Schools. His responsibilities include coordinating the "Antler Pride" Marching Band, teaching the HS Symphonic Band, assisting with the Middle School Bands, and teaching Beginning Trumpet.

Prior to Deer Creek, Mr. Evraets served as Assistant Band Director at Edmond North HS where he taught Marching Band, Beginning Trumpet and Trombone, and conducted the HS Concert Band. Mr. Evraets has also served as an Adjunct Instructor of Brass, Chamber Music and Marching Band at Mustang HS and Edmond North HS. He also maintains a small private trumpet studio.

Mr. Evraets graduated from Edmond Santa Fe HS and went on to study Trumpet Performance and Instrumental Music Education at Oklahoma State University, where he placed first in the National Trumpet Competition (LG Ensemble Division). He finished his bachelor's degree at the University of Central Oklahoma.

In addition to teaching, Mr. Evraets is an active performer in the OKC area. He was a member and featured soloist for OKC's "Frontier Brass Band" on both Cornet and Flugelhorn. Mr. Evraets has also performed with the International Award Winning "Fountain City Brass Band" in both the U.S. and overseas.

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Reverberations	Brian Balmages
Elements (Petite Symphony)	Brian Balmages
I. Air	
II. Water	
III. Earth	
IV. Fire	

Intermission

Oklahoma City Symphonic Band  
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Pride of the Clipper	Brian Balmages
Breaking Point	Brian Balmages
La Bohème - A Symphonic Portrait	Giacomo Puccini arr. Jay Dawson
Infinite Hope	Brian Balmages
Rail Riffs	Brian Balmages

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for the Oklahoma City Symphonic Band.



# Deer Creek HS Symphonic Band

## Flute

Jesse Addo  
Kaeleigh Cardona  
Pranav Ramamoorthy  
Emma Beke  
Brendan White  
Abbey Dowding  
Zachary Thomas  
Alexandra Hart  
Amelia Youkey  
Jaylah Van Ness  
Dana O'Mahoney Rios  
Anita Chen  
Kaylani Vernon

## Clarinet

Carol Wood  
Sai Annan  
Blake Haltman  
Eryn Featherstone  
Nyel Khan  
Brea Haltman  
Meredith Simmons  
Rory Fidler  
Jacob Reeves  
Kayley Glenn  
Lakyn Farish  
Austin Cooksey  
Genesis Kiel  
Erin Olmstead

## Bass Clarinet

Lily Dixon  
Aiden Roop  
Chelci Johnson  
Kori Blackwell  
Tatiana Hess  
Brady Persky  
Reed Tucker

## Bassoon

Logan Cravens  
Barrett Riley  
Jack Elliot

## Alto Saxophone

Tyler Cohen  
Abigail Coffron  
Mireya Mazano  
John Humphreys  
Tenor Saxophone  
Andres Garcia  
Baritone Saxophone  
Maxim Bout  
Trumpet  
Austin Rowell  
Nathan Messenger  
Kason Cook  
Dana Degarmo  
Zach White  
Abby Harris  
Ethan Swift  
Braden Verbrugge  
Andrew Haas  
Dillon Rozek  
David Warren  
Ben Hoover  
Cameron Burgess  
Beckham Shields  
Journey (Jo) Lair  
Harry Starlin  
French Horn  
Colten Cosby  
Noah Reiter  
Jack Arnold  
Brice Howard  
Makalyn Hamilton

## Trombone

Jazmyn Hall  
Jeremiah Heckard  
Megan Dowding  
Nathan Bampoe  
Bella Merrell  
Juan Diaz  
Ryan Byrne  
Cohen Bout  
Ardyn Jones  
Robert Berger  
Cameron Tait  
Jenna Heppler  
Itzy Avila  
Ashton Galbraith  
Ryan Estle  
Euphonium  
Adam Martin  
Conrad Olive  
Njenga Tony  
Ryker Spears  
Tuba  
Kaleb Tenpenny  
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Alyssa Williams  
Joshua Jackson  
Seba Moini  
Beau Bockus  
Liam Willingham  
Percussion  
Katherine Hill  
Valerie Tran  
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Caris Lowe  
Avery Reiter  
Jackson Dunn  
Cooper Hickman  
Ranica Dodoo  
Riley Maag  
Jaycee Buckaloo  
Sophia Platner  
Evan Tanner

# Oklahoma City Symphonic Band

## Piccolo

DeLee Francis \*

Glenda Gatz \*

## Flute

Ivy Douglas

DeLee Francis \*

Wendy Fruendt

Glenda Gatz \*

Brenda Hansel

Sonie Liebler

Candi McDonald \*

Vicki Repetto

Kelsey Shanks

Martha Stone \*

## Oboe

Ned Hughes

Bonnie Jump

Eugene Steinberg

## Clarinet

Fran Ayres

Nancy Baxter

Catherine Birchall

Warren Cadwell

Nancy De Graff

Sherry Di Jorio

Iris Gracia

Cyndi Gustafson \*

Diana Jones

Sharon Kieklak

Jonathan Kuhn

Chelsea Madden

Leisa Mayberry

David Purcer

Kathy Rattan

Michael Wenger

Tasmin Williams

## Contra Alto Clarinet

Drew McNeill

## Bass Clarinet

Daryle Plemmons

Bob Qualls

## Bassoon

Joan Baird

Martin King

Kathryn McKinney \*

Robert Smith

## Alto Saxophone

Tamara Daniels

Jennifer Fessler

Drew Hoelscher \*

John Humphreys

## Tenor Saxophone

Robert Westbrook \*

## Baritone Saxophone

Nathan Leonard

## Trumpet

Mike Banowetz

Gary Childers

Marshall Douglas

Dennis Jamison

Edward Krei

Erin Purnell

Stacy Southerland

Larry Taylor

Kendall Wahpepah

## French Horn

Tommy Chau

James Copland

Mary Ellen Davis

Louann Dillard

Jenny Beth Jones

Barbara Masters

Laura Renard \*

Lacy Rice

Shari Rose \*

Rick Spence

## Trombone

Kevin Fruendt

Jesse Hadley

Louis Hemphill

Myles Madden

Matt Sanders

Gary Shults

Ross Thanscheidt

Charles Womack

Duncan Woodliff

## Euphonium

Dennis Beringer

Rebecca Reyes

Phyllis Smith

## Tuba

Richard Moore

Jared Salisbury

## Percussion

Peter Bisek

Mat Campbell

Michael Corts

Karl Kirch

Owen Moore

James Segovia Jr.

\* Oklahoma Concert Band Foundation Board Member

## 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.

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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