

The Southwestern Ohio Symphonic Band

Conductor

Chris Brandenburg

Bassoon

Carolyn Watkins
Thom Turner

Clarinet

Amy Abernathy
Andrea Van Houten
Barb Kenworthy
Christina Crosswell
Dan Nichols
David Cramer
David Hartung
David J. Thomas
Debbie Cattran
Deborah Dornon
Diane Norton
Harriet Richardson
James E. Gast
Jenna Quisno
Kara Barbee
Lisa Brookhart
Martha Hewitt
Scott Hendrickson

Euphonium

Ed Pellett
William Tipkemper

Flute

Anne Goodell
Christa L. Hobe
Danielle Kenworthy
Jean Bradley
Judy Scofield
Kim Birt
Lauren Tucker
Michael Howard
Rebecca Bachman
Sandy McGee
Stephanie WatkinsA
Thomas Turner
Valeria McMahan

French Horn

Joe Miner
Joe Tignor
Paul Mann

Oboe

Kaitlin Taylor
Lisa McChesney

Percussion

Anne Lapham
Chris Dowd
Heather Stone
Julia Mann
Lawrence Hirth
Susan Hendrickson

Saxophone

Amanda Roberts
Andrea Smiley
Brian Everett
Gary Lare
James C. Reboulet
Liz Hess
Mark Greene
Scott Balmos
Stephanie Neumann
Verolyn M. Hirth

Trombone

Andy Ashworth
Andy Garitson
Charles Bowman
James C. Reboulet
Jerry Lapham
John A. Whittington
Pamela Acker
Rebecca Dianis
Sam Ashworth

Trumpet

Bob Abernathy
Bob McComb
Bob Tyndall
Carolyn J. Stoll
David VanAs
George Goodell
J. Earl Jones
Jacque Shoemaker
Kathleen Silva
Larry L. Brookhart
Mark Shoemaker
Matt Buhl
Michael J. Fox

Mike Conn
Molly Shaw
Robert E.
Langsdale
Timothy F. Nogle

Tuba

John B Miller
Kenneth D. Dianis
Kristen Monroe
Larry Pursley
Matt Scheidt



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Chris Brandenburg
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2:30 PM

Finkelman Auditorium
Miami University
Middletown Campus

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About the band

This season marks the band's 40th anniversary. Founded by William Stiehl in 1967, the Southwestern Ohio Symphonic Band was originally associated with Miami University's Middletown Campus. Later, the band was sponsored by various area businesses prompting the Ohio Senate to pass a special resolution commending the cooperation between supporting businesses and the performing arts.

Today, the band is again affiliated with Miami University's Middletown Campus. The band is a true "community band" with members from the Cincinnati, Hamilton, Middletown, and Dayton areas. Musicians volunteer their time and include professional, amateur, and student musicians. Each year, a few exceptional high school students are chosen to join the band. Since reestablishing its ties to the University, Miami students can also join the band for college credit. A number of professional musicians who still play with the band today began as student members years ago.

Our Conductor – Chris Brandenburg

Christopher Brandenburg has conducted the Southwestern Ohio Symphonic Band for 24 years. He taught instrumental music for 35 years and recently retired as the Lakota District Instrumental Music Coordinator, a position he held for 5 years. A graduate of Princeton High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Brandenburg attended Ohio University and received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a major in Music Education. He was awarded a Master of Music degree from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music with a performance major in Orchestral Instruments. A John Phillip Sousa Award winner, Mr. Brandenburg has been a clinician, guest conductor, and chair of several Ohio Music Educator Association events. Mr. Brandenburg lives in West Chester with his wife, Dawn, a retired senior counselor at Lakota East High School.

Our Guest Conductor – Dan Nichols

Dan Nichols is a graduate of Miami University, graduating with a Bachelors degree in Music Education in 1979 and a Masters degree in Educational Leadership in 1990. While a music major at Miami University, Mr. Nichols served as principal clarinetist of the university orchestra, chamber orchestra, and wind ensemble for three years. Upon graduation, Mr. Nichols taught instrumental music with the Fairfield City Schools and is presently an assistant principal at Fairfield Intermediate School. Mr. Nichols has also been an administrator with the Princeton City Schools and an elementary principal with the Deer Park Community Schools.

Program

Exaltations.....William Owens
Horse and Buggy.....Leroy Anderson
Second Suite for Military Band.....Gustav Holst

I. March

II. Song Without Words "I'll love my Love"

III. Song of the Blacksmith

IV. Fantasia on the "Dargason"

Christmas Festival.....Arr. Leroy Anderson
William Stiehl, Guest Conductor and Founder of the SOSB

10-Minute Intermission

Old Comrades.....Carl Teike

Dan Nichols, Guest Conductor

Dedicated in Fond Memory to Ron Plessinger

Trombone Concerto.....Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Peter Norton, Bass Trombone Soloist

Christmas Showcase.....Arr. Ed Howard

Spine of the Devil.....Waymon O. Bullock

Our Guest Conductor and Founder – William Stiehl

Founder of the Southwestern Ohio Symphonic Band, William Stiehl conducted and acted as its Music Director for fifteen years. At its inception, the band was one of the only two registered symphonic bands in the nation.

Over the years, Mr. Stiehl taught composition, applied music, and ensemble at the Miami University Summer Music Institute and also conducted the symphonic band there. He conducted numerous concert bands and evaluated many music departments throughout the state. In addition, he frequently judged the Junior Miss and Miss America Scholarship Programs in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and Alabama. A few highlights of his career were twice conducting the 2,000-piece mass band performance at Miami University, being listed in Marquis Who's Who in Education in the United States, and playing in numerous area musical groups. Most memorable was nurturing enthusiastic, music-loving students and many superior musicians during his musical and administrative career.

Mr. Stiehl received his Bachelor of Science and Masters in Education from Miami University at Oxford, Ohio. He served as Coordinator of Music, Art and Physical Education for the Middletown City School District until his retirement. The Southwestern Ohio Symphonic Band is delighted to again be under his direction today.

