

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY SYMPHONIC BAND

Dr. Thomas McCauley, *conductor*

Ellis Jasenovic, *associate conductor*

AND CAMPUS BAND

Theodora Sotiropoulos, *conductor*

Abby Ferri, *associate conductor*

IN CONCERT

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

THE BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN
MIDDLE SCHOOL WIND ENSEMBLE

Ashlen Udell, conductor

TUESDAY | **APRIL 23** | 7:30PM

ALEXANDER KASSER THEATER

Daniel Gurskis

Dean, College of the Arts

Anthony Mazzocchi

Director

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PROGRAM

Forge Ahead!		Shirley Mier
Simple Gifts		Frank Ticheli
I.	In Yonder Valley	
II.	Dance	
III.	Here Take This Lovely Flower	
IV.	Simple Gifts	
Tripwire		JaRod Hall
	<i>The Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School Wind Ensemble</i> <i>Ashlen Udell, conductor</i>	
Fanfare for a New Era		Pinkzebra
Earth Song		Frank Ticheli
	<i>Abby Ferri, conductor</i>	
Mesa Dances		Gavin Lendt
	<i>The Montclair State University Campus Band</i> <i>Theodora Sotiropoulos, conductor</i> <i>Abby Ferri, associate conductor</i>	
Armory		Randall D. Standridge
	<i>The Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School Wind Ensemble</i> <i>and The Montclair State University Campus Band</i>	
The Beginning of All Things		Brooke Pierson
Enduring Strength		Peter Sciaino
Northern Lights		Yukiko Nishimura
	<i>Ellis Jasenovic, conductor</i>	
Illumination		David Maslanka
	<i>The Montclair State University Symphonic Band</i> <i>Dr. Thomas McCauley, conductor</i> <i>Ellis Jasenovic, associate conductor</i>	
Homestretch Gallop		Karl King arr. Gene Milford
	<i>The Montclair State University Symphonic Band</i> <i>and The Montclair State University Campus Band</i>	

ABOUT THE CONDUCTORS

Ashlen Udell is an instrumental music educator at Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School (BRMS), where she teaches concert band, wind ensemble, and instrumental lessons. Ms. Udell is most proud of the middle school drumming course she has developed and taught for students in the self-contained programs. Ashlen is a graduate of Montclair State University (BA - Music Education, Minor in Dance), Northwestern University (MM - Music Education), and is currently ABD at Rutgers University (DMA - Music Education). Ashlen received the 2023 John J. Cali School of Music Alumni Achievement Award and is Teacher of the Year at BRMS for the 2023-2024 school year.

As an educator, Ms. Udell has organized many educational projects for her students. She has worked with composers Chris Bernotas, Randall Standridge, and John Mackey through commissions/consortiums in supporting new middle school band literature. Composers such as Jodie Blackshaw (AUS), Robert W. Smith (USA), and Chris Bernotas (USA) have been involved in her Composer-in-Residence program, which brings composers into the classroom to interact with students about compositional concepts and current repertoire within their program. Ms. Udell has presented and performed with her students at the NJMEA conference in 2016 and 2019 with New Music for Middle School Band, Composer in "Virtual" Residence, and performances by the BRMS Flute Ensemble and Wind Ensemble.

Ms. Udell continues to seek ways to learn and ask questions about her craft. Her dissertation topic relates to the use of Laban Movement Analysis with young instrumental musicians in their recognition of conducting gestures/motions. She has presented her research at BTAA 2021, NJMEA 2023, NJMEA 2024, and AERA 2024. In addition to her studies, Ms. Udell is the Intermediate Band

Co-Chair for CJMEA, where she organizes and hosts intermediate region auditions and events. In the summer, Ashlen works at Musica in Laguna in Chioggia, Italy as a music theory instructor and student relations coordinator. Outside of music education, Ms. Udell is a woodwind doubler in local musical theater productions and a dance teacher at Jo-Ann's Dance Studio. She lives in central New Jersey with her mini wire-haired dachshund, Dobby, who has the best eyebrows.

Theodora "Teddi" Sotiropoulos recently retired as Director of Bands at Northern Highlands Regional High School in Allendale, New Jersey, where she directed the Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble and the award-winning Highlands Regiment Marching Band. She holds a Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Illinois and Master of Music in Conducting from the University of South Florida, where she studied with Dr. Mallory Thompson. During her tenure at NHRHS, her ensembles performed at Avery Fisher Hall (Lincoln Center), Carnegie Hall, Disney World, Universal Studios, and in Boston and Williamsburg, Virginia. She is currently an adjunct faculty member in the John J. Cali School of Music at Montclair State University, where she teaches marching band techniques, elementary conducting, and conducts the Montclair State University Campus Band.

Abby Ferri earned her BM in Music Education at Ithaca College, and is currently in her first semester of the MM Performance - Concentration in Conducting program in the studio of Dr. Thomas McCauley. This year is Abby's 4th year of teaching 4th and 5th Grade Band at Washington Irving Intermediate School in the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns. Last March, Abby was selected from among band directors across New York state to conduct at the New York State Band Directors Association

Conducting Symposium with clinician Jack Stamp. Also a flutist, Abby was a member of the Hudson Valley Symphonic Wind Ensemble, and performed the 50th Anniversary of Karel Husa's *Music for Prague*, with the Ithaca College Wind Ensemble at Lincoln Center in 2019. When she is not getting an adrenaline rush from conducting music, she loves to ski double-black slopes in Vermont.

Thomas McCauley is currently the Director of University Bands in the John J. Cali School of Music at Montclair State University in New Jersey where he conducts the Montclair State University Wind Symphony, the Symphonic Band, and teaches both graduate and undergraduate conducting. He has held similar positions in the states of Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois, in addition to teaching high school instrumental music in Nevada for nine years. Composers including Karel Husa, David Gillingham, Michael Daugherty, Joseph Turrin, Bruce Yurko, Robert Aldridge, Morten Lauridsen, Armando Bayolo, and O'Neal Douglas have praised his work. Dr. McCauley has appeared as a clinician at the Midwest Clinic in Chicago on three different occasions. Each November, he hosts and co-teaches the *Weekend Wind Conducting Symposium* at Montclair State University, with special guest clinicians and participants from around the world.

Dr. Thomas McCauley is in demand as a guest conductor and clinician, and ensembles under his direction have appeared at regional, national, and international conventions and conferences.

McCauley has collaborated with artists including Dame Evelyn Glennie, Arturo Sandoval, Imani Winds, Manhattan Brass Quintet, Demondrae Thurman, Monarch Brass, and Phil Smith among others. In February of 2019, Dr. McCauley led the Montclair Wind Symphony in concert at the 2019 *College Band Directors Association*

national conference in Tempe, Arizona. And the appearance of the Montclair State Wind Symphony at the WASBE International Conference in Prague, Czech Republic in July of 2022 was the first in the school's history.

Dr. McCauley's book titled, *Adventures in Band Building (or How to Turn a Less-Than-It-Could-Be into a More-Than-It-Should-Be)* is published by G.I.A. Publications. He has been published in *The Instrumentalist* magazine, several state music magazines, and in the second edition of *Teaching Music Through Performance in Band, Vol I* published by G.I.A. publications. In 1995, the Nevada Music Educators Association named Dr. McCauley *Music Educator of the Year* and in 2006, the Indiana Music Educators Association honored Dr. McCauley with an *Outstanding University Music Educator Award*. He currently serves on the Executive Board of the New Jersey Band Association, is the New Jersey State Representative of the College Band Directors National Association, and is the former New Jersey State Representative of the National Band Association. He is also an active member of the World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles, and the National Association for Music Education, in addition to serving as a Conn-Selmer Educational Clinician. Dr. McCauley holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in Music Education from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, and earned a D.M. in conducting from Northwestern University.

Ellis Jasenovic holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from Montclair State University, and is currently a student in the MM Performance-Concentration in Conducting degree program in the Cali School of Music at Montclair State University, and is in his final year as a student in the conducting studio of Dr. Thomas McCauley. Ellis is the Band Director at Montville Township High School, and has appeared as a guest clinician for

several groups, including the New Jersey Youth Orchestra. He has also served as the conductor of the Hackettstown Community Band for several years. Mr. Jasenovic has composed and arranged pieces for a variety of ensembles, from smaller chamber groups such as saxophone and tuba-euphonium quartets, to larger works for choir and symphonic band. In addition to his teaching, Ellis has performed as a saxophonist with the *One More Once Big Band*, the *Garden State Saxophone Quartet*, and the progressive-rock band *Thank You Scientist*. While playing with *Thank You Scientist*, he recorded two full-length albums and played several national tours, often extending into Canada.

THE BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN MIDDLE SCHOOL WIND ENSEMBLE

FLUTE

Vidushi Agrawal
Anushri Jupalli
Sioka Kosaraju
Mythili Madhusoodanan
Sahasra Pogadadanda
Ravijot Saini
Riya Tayi
Lokesh Vatrapu
Charlotte Wei

OBOE

Angie Yang

CLARINET

Anika Arularasu
Archita Arun
Nova Dello Russo
Sophia DiCostanzo
Lia Greulich
Isabella Jean-Baptiste
Tony Ju
Stuti Singhal
Andrew Zeng
Ethan Zhou

BASS CLARINET

Gabriel Kim
Arsh Singh

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Keerthi Arunachalam
Dhruva Hebbar
Hamiz Qureshi

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Olivia Strother

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Emma Buckelew

TRUMPET

Keshav Chary
Suphachikaa Chinnasamy
Dhruv Rakhade
Shubham Roy-Choudhury
Jaskaran Saini
Charles Yang

FRENCH HORN

Satvik Kosaraju
Anshuman Roy
Virginia Ryan
Adit Sinha

TROMBONE

True Aughtry
Trevor Leahey
Om Parekh

BARITONE

Eli Hernandez
Semilore Jegede

TUBA

Cole Fosco

PERCUSSION

Aahana Anupam
Chiara Del Gaudio
Isha Gaiki
Katelynn Imwalle
Siddharth Radhakrishnan
Owen Xu

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS BAND

PICCOLO

Brianna Scallo, Business Administration, Westwood, NJ

FLUTE

Mark Blackman, Auditor, Cedar Grove, NJ
Maggie Evans, Communications and Media, Belford, NJ
Rosa Hong, Economics, Seoul, South Korea
Nicoletta Lagreca, Visual Arts and Psychology, Brooklyn, NY
Haydn Ng, Music Therapy, Frederick, MD

OBOE

Elizabeth Sheeran, Business Administration, Sparta, NJ
Dylan Slattery, Music Education, Hazlet, NJ

BASSOON

Darren Butler, Music Education, Jackson, NJ
Julian Goring, Recording and Audio Production, West Orange, NJ

CLARINET

Allan Daleus, Band Director, Harrington Park Middle School, Harrington Park, NJ
Megan Huber, Music Education, New Providence, NJ
Janelle Wheeler, Staff (Global Programs), Bridgewater, NJ
Taylor Kitzman, Music Education, Hazlet, NJ

BASS CLARINET

Zarina Campos, Music Education, Chatham, NJ

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Xavier Bonilla, Band Director, Bergenfield, NJ
Diana Castro, Animation/VFX, Hazlet, NJ
Kevin Schaarschmidt, Band Director, Bergenfield, NJ

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Sydney Zetino-Hernandez, Undeclared, North Bergen, NJ
Holden Hutchinson, Music Education, Frenchtown, NJ

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Nathaniel Vondette, Music Education, Long Valley, NJ

TRUMPET

Gary Blackman, Auditor, Glen Ridge, NJ
Jeison Campoverde-Yunganaula, Music Education, Hackensack, NJ
Michael Febles, Music Education, Ridgefield, NJ
Jameson Klinsky, Business Administration, Jackson, NJ
Michael Stoukas, Accounting, Edison, NJ

HORN

Joshua Jenkins, Band Director, Ramsey Middle School, Ramsey, NJ
Julia Krempasky, Music Education, Bridgewater, NJ
Ryan Ward, Music Education, Northvale, NJ

TROMBONE

Sarah Gillooley, Masters in Education, Vernon, NJ
Ryan Hudson, MM Conducting, Lafayette, NJ
James Quinn, Music Education, Staten Island, NY
Tina Salomone, Music Education, Staten Island, NY

EUPHONIUM

Jeremiah Ogilvie, Computer Science (graduated), Jersey City, NJ
Dayla Spencer, Music Theory and Composition, Queens, NY

TUBA

Hairo Cesar, Music Education, Queens, NY

PERCUSSION

Omar Abdallah, Music Education, Landing, NJ
Gianna DiLeo, Music Education, Smithtown, NY
Mila Gaglio, Northern Highlands Regional High School, Upper Saddle River, NJ
Toni Gentile, Social Work, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ
Maya Henry, MM Performance, Brooklyn, NY
Ashley Tarazona, Psychology, North Bergen, NJ

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FLUTE/PICCOLO

Gerardo Borroso, Music Education, Hackensack, NJ
Julianna Taveras-Garcia, Music Performance, Bronx, NJ
Judit Garcia, Music Education, Montclair, NJ
Emily Piccola, Music Education, Toms River, NJ
Emma Hinz, Music Education, Cedar Grove, NJ
Kristen Faye de Jesus, Music Therapy, Lyndhurst, NJ
Emma Siefried, Music Education, Millville, NJ

OBOE

Rose Pettinelli, Artist Diploma, Phillipsburg, NJ
Jacob Medina, Woodwind Doubling, Allentown, PA

BASSOON

Tyler Skelley, Music Education, Rockaway, NJ
Kyle Hill, Music Performance, Cedar Grove, NJ

CLARINET

Zarina Campos, Music Education, Morristown, NJ
Alice Kong, Music Education, Caldwell, NJ
Jason Nicolau, Music Education, Union, NJ
Ashley Wallis, Music Education, Hopatcong, NJ
MacKenzie Brown, Music Education, Manville, NJ
Kayla Pacheco, Music Therapy, Fair Lawn, NJ
Janelys Guzman, Music Education, New York, NY

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Nate Vondette, Music Education, Long Valley, NJ
Alex Hernandez, Music Education, Hazlet, NJ

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Holden Hutchinson, Music Education, Frenchtown, NJ

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Jonathan Hart, Woodwind Doubling, Miller Place, NY

HORN

Faith Santana, Music Education, Rutherford, NJ
Casey Gilbert, Music Therapy, Stanhope, NJ
Jeison Campoverde, Music Education, Hackensack, NJ

TRUMPET

Sabastian Taborda, Music Education, North Bergen, NJ
Daniel Ospino, Music Education, Paramus, NJ
Israel Soto, Music Education, West Orange, NJ
Chris Harle, Music Education, Dumont NJ
Natalia Arcieri, Music Education, Elizabeth, NJ
Aiden Carr, Music Education, Bayonne, NJ
Gianna Ciaburri, Music Performance, Staten Island, NY
Jayson Greengold, Jazz Education, Holbrook, NJ

TROMBONE

Dayla Spencer, Music Composition, Nashville, TN
Hairo Cesar, Music Education, New York, NY
Ryan Hudson, Graduate Conducting, Lafayette, NJ

EUPHONIUM

James Quinn, Music Education, Staten Island, NY
Victoria Ortega, Music Education, Staten Island, NY
Tina Salomone, Music Education, Staten Island, NY

TUBA

Will Turner, Music Therapy, West Milford, NJ

PERCUSSION

Nikiforos Pothos, Music Education, Bridgewater, NJ
Nicholas Caiazza, Music Composition, Fair Lawn, NJ
Ammode Emmertz, Music Composition, Chesapeake City, MD
Hannah D'elia, Music Education, Bridgewater, NJ
Domingo Hernandez, Music Education, Toms River, NJ
Zach Doberentz, Music Education, Toms River, NJ
Darryl Lloyd, Music Education, East Orange, NJ
Isabella Cruz, Music Education, Bayonne, NJ