

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY SYMPHONIC BAND

Dr. Thomas McCauley, *conductor*

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS THE
**ROY W. BROWN MIDDLE SCHOOL
8TH GRADE CONCERT BAND**

Xavier Bonilla, *conductor*

and

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS BAND

Theodora Sotiropoulos, *conductor*

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025 AT 7:30PM
ALEXANDER KASSER THEATER

Daniel Gurskis
Dean, College of the Arts

Anthony Mazzocchi
Director
John J. Cali School of Music



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MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY SYMPHONIC BAND AND CAMPUS BAND

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THE ROY W. BROWN MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADE CONCERT BAND

Byzantine Dances

Carol Brittin Chambers

What Was I Made For?

Billie Eilish O'Connell and Finneas O'Connell
arr. Michael Brown

Waltz No. 2

Dimitri Shostakovich
arr. James Curnow

***Roy W. Brown Middle School 8th Grade Concert Band
Xavier Bonilla, conductor***

Short Break to Change Stage

Celebration Fanfare

Pink Zebra

Benediction

John Stevens

Three Ayers from Gloucester

Abby Ferri, *conductor*

Hugh M. Stuart

American Riversongs

Pierre LaPlante

***Montclair State University Campus Band
Theodora Sotiropoulos, conductor***

Imperial March

John Williams
arr. Paul Murtha

Combined Bands

Short Break to Change Stage

Fanfare on “Amazing Grace”

Josh Jenkins, conductor

Adolphus Hailstork

Love and Nature

Gala Flagello

I. Flower Power

II. Star-Crossed

III. Slow Burn

Fantasy for Piano and Wind Band

Catherine Fields

I. Departure

II. Night Flight

Dan Sokolski, piano

Gran “Pequena”

Juan Luis Nicolou

Josh Jenkins, conductor

Montclair State University Symphonic Band

Dr. Thomas McCauley, conductor

ABOUT THE CONDUCTORS

Xavier Adrian Bonilla is a dedicated flutist and saxophonist with a passion for both performance and music education. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Music Education with a Minor in Spanish from William Paterson University in 2020. Upon graduating, he began his teaching career in the East Brunswick Public School District, instructing Beginning Piano, Beginning Composition, and Digital Music. Currently in his fourth year as a Middle School Band Director at Roy W. Brown Middle School in Bergenfield, NJ, Mr. Bonilla co-directs the band program for grades 6–8 and leads both the middle school and high school jazz ensembles. He also serves as a woodwind instructor for the Bergenfield High School and Wayne Hills High School marching bands.

Beyond teaching, Mr. Bonilla remains an active performer, playing with ensembles such as the Hanover Wind Symphony, Teaneck Summer Community Band, and MSU Campus Band. His passion for music education extends into cultural studies, with a particular interest in the role of Latin American music and culture in music education. This focus, which was part of his undergraduate studies to complete his Spanish minor, continues to inspire his efforts in connecting with students and families in the community. He also aspires to pursue graduate studies in music to further refine his skills as both a musician and educator, striving to enhance the musical experience of his students.

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 is in her 5th year of teaching 4th and 5th grade band at Washington Irving Intermediate School Tarrytown, NY, where she also co-teaches the jazz band and conducts the high school pit orchestra. In 2022, Abby was selected from among band directors across the state to conduct at the New York State Band Directors Association Conducting Symposium with clinician Jack Stamp. As 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. This past summer, Abby presented at the Conn Selmer Institute Eastern Conference about commissioning multi-level music for band, and Abby's 2023 commissioning project, *Sparks Burn Brightly Among the Skies*, composed by Bruce Tippet, was recently published by Wingert Jones. Abby earned a BM in Music Education from Ithaca College, and is currently in the MM Performance - Concentration in Conducting Program at Montclair State University in the conducting studio of Dr. Thomas McCauley. When she is not getting an adrenaline rush from conducting music, she loves to ski double-black slopes in Vermont.

Joshua Jenkins is the Director of Bands at Ramsey High School in Ramsey, New Jersey where he has been since 2020. His responsibilities at Ramsey High School include directing the Ramsey High School Wind Ensemble, the Ramsey “Big Blue” Band and Guard, and teaching instrumental lessons for grades 9-12. Previously, he was the assistant band director in the Vernon Township school district in Vernon, NJ and the band director at Brooklawn Middle School in Parsippany, NJ. Mr. Jenkins has a Bachelors in Music Education from Ithaca College where he studied French horn

with Professor Alexander Shuhan. Currently, Joshua is pursuing his Masters degree at Montclair State University in Wind Conducting where he studies with Dr. Thomas McCauley.

Mr. Jenkins attributes much of his musical success to the marching arts. He is the mellophone technician at the Sacramento Mandarins Drum and Bugle Corps from Sacramento, California as well as the Brass Caption Head of the Hawthorne Caballeros Drum and Bugle Corps from Hawthorne, New Jersey. He was a member of the Caballeros from 2008-2012 and then went on to perform with the Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps in 2013 and 2014.

Mr. Jenkins' professional affiliations include the MEBCI (Music Educators of Bergen County Inc.), the New Jersey Music Educators Association, and the National Association for Music Education. He is an active performer and has performed with the New Jersey Wind Symphony and is currently a member of the Sussex County Brass Quintet.

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 a symposium at Montclair State University called the *Weekend Wind Conducting Symposium* with special guest clinicians and participants from around the world.

Dr. Thomas McCauley is in demand as a guest conductor, clinician, and adjudicator throughout North America. Ensembles under

McCauley's direction have appeared at national and regional conventions and conferences, and he has collaborated with artists including Dame Evelyn Glennie, The Imani Winds, The Manhattan Brass Quintet, Warren Vache', 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 earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in Music Education from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, and holds a D.M.A. in conducting from Northwestern University.

THE ROY W. BROWN MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADE CONCERT BAND

(in alphabetical order)

FLUTE

Aaron Gabriel Cabrales
Isabela Caraig
Daniel Catibog
Kaylana Choonoo
Josephine DeJesus
Jiana Gonzalez
Joshua Klein
Veronica Mendoza
Sophia Narvaez
Alejandra Amaya Perez
Marcelino Salvanera
Abigail Rivera Villalba

OBOE

Severine Faith Alfonso
Asia Austin

CLARINET

Julia Calingasan
Demi Estevez
Anabella Gonzalez
Elyse Hansen
Evangeline Hernandez
Alicia Kouame
Catherine Marin
Sebastian Martinez
Madison Odamtten
Kristen Racoma
Biraj Sainju
Isaiah Speck
Rachel Kerrin Torres
Allison Wahl
Anthone Tipawan
Olivia Suero

BASS CLARINET

Julia Rubiato
Kassandra Vazquez
Claire Dolisi

BASSOON

Kacey Chung
Kariezzi Edmondson

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Jacob Acosta
Alexander Moren
Ardin Shala
Lian Trujillo

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Grainne Donegan
Philip Lacson

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Daniel Hill

TRUMPET

Brady Biggins
Lenox Brooks
Victor Canino
Brianna Carrillo
Sofia Eronini-Hincapie
Sophia Giron
Aimee Olea
Kaylen Olivio Osorio

FRENCH HORN

Alexa Paulino

TROMBONE

Wyatt Amelkin
Silvana Baez
Emma Cabezas
Riley Fernandez
Anthony Kwart
Manuel Martinez
Julian Pinzon-Tavera
Nicholas Ruplall
Elijah Spencer-El
Lilah Velazquez

EUPHONIUM

Rey Guzman-Veloz

TUBA

Isaac Castro Sanderson

PERCUSSION

Emmanuel Da Silva
Ronak Desai
Jordan Green-Middleton
Aivryx Marantal
Prithish Joseph
Jordan Thomas
Austin Shaw

2024-2025 MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS BAND

(in alphabetical order)

FLUTE

Nana Bazgadze, *Communications & Media Studies, Westwood, NJ*

Jenna Fallon, *Chemistry, Hopatcong, NJ*

Myrsine Lachanaris, *Marine Biology & Coastal Sciences, Millburn, NJ*

JoAnne Murray, *Music Performance/Music Teacher, White Plains, NY*

Amber Vergara, *Political Science, Lyndhurst, NJ*

BASSOON

Darren Butler, *Bassoon Performance, Jackson, NJ*

CLARINET

Michael Chamesian, *Student, Northern Valley Reg HS Old Tappan, Northvale, NJ*

Frank DiBari, *Saxophone Performance, Middletown, NJ*

Taylor Kitzman, *Music Education, Hazlet, NJ*

Julio Santiago, *Music Education, Belleville, NJ*

BASS CLARINET

Ashley Wallis, *Music Education, Hopatcong, NJ*

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Alex Hernandez, *Music Education, Hazlet, NJ*

Emmett Miller, *Clarinet Performance, New York, NY*

Nathaniel Vondette, *Saxophone Performance, Long Valley, NJ*

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Joey Staltari, *Music Education (voice), Denville, NJ*

TRUMPET

Allan Daleus, *Band Director, Watchung Hills HS, Bloomfield, NJ*

Dylon Haviland, *Band Director, North Bergen, NJ, Bergenfield, NJ*

Dayla Spencer, *Music Composition, Nashville, TN*

Gabe Vega, *Music Education, Ridgefield, NJ*

Ryan Ward, *Band Director, Harrington Park, NJ, Northvale, NJ*

HORN

James Quinn, *Music Composition, Staten Island, NY*

TROMBONE

Samuel Yoon, *Music Education, Hackensack, NJ*

EUPHONIUM

Jeremiah Ogilvie, *Software Engineer, Jersey City, NJ*

Victoria Ortega, *Music Education, Staten Island, NY*

TUBA

Carlos Chuqui, *Music Education, Hackensack, NJ*

Isaac Galang, *Music Education, North Bergen, NJ*

PERCUSSION

Thomas Etts, *Music Education, Centereach, NY*

Marcello Fois, *Music Education (Voice), Branchburg, NJ*

Toni Gentile, *Social work, Bergen Community College, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ*

Joseph Hurtado, *Music Education, Kearny, NJ*

Arianna Joseph, *Music Education (Voice Primary), Woodbury Heights, NJ*

Hannah Lahr, *Music Education (Voice), Avondale Estates, GA*

Gabriella Megale, *Music Education (Piano), Bayonne, NJ*

Izzy Ortiz, *Music Education (Voice), Cherry Hill, NJ*

Taryn Spoto, *Music Education (Voice), Jackson, NJ*

Ashley Tarazona, *Psychology, North Bergen, NJ*

2024-2025 MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY SYMPHONIC BAND

(in alphabetical order)

FLUTE

Arianna Nguyen-Habernestim, *Woodwind Doubling, Missoula, MT*
Samantha Price, *Music Education, Bayonne, NJ*
Milo Berntsen, *Music Theory & Composition, Staten Island, NY*
Julianna Taveras-Garcia, *Music Performance, Bronx, NY*
Emily Piccola, *Music Education, Toms River, NJ*

OBOE

Elizabeth Sheeran, *Business Administration, Sparta, NJ*

BASSOON

JoAnne Murray, *Music Performance, West Harrison, NY*
Tyler Skelly, *Music Education, Rockaway, NJ*

Bb CLARINET

Lilly Chabla Cortes, *Music Education, West Orange, NJ*
Bianca Avalos, *Music Performance, New York City, NY*
Janelys Guzman, *Music Education, New York, NY*
Mackenzie Brown, *Music Education, Manville, NJ*
Kayla Pacheco, *Music Therapy, Fair Lawn, NJ*

BASS CLARINET

Cyrus Waugh, *Music Education, Elizabeth, NJ*

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Frank DiBari, *Music Performance, Middletown, NJ*
Alex Hernandez, *Music Education, Hazlet, NJ*
Nate Vondette, *Music Education, Long Valley, NJ*
Angelina Ferraioli, *Music Education, Staten Island, NY*
Nick Rodriguez, *Music Education, Pequannock, NJ*
Giovanna Limaldi, *Music Education, Howell Township, NJ*
Mario Hernandez, *Music Education, Staten Island, NY*
Katie Sorrentino, *Music Education, Bayonne, NJ*

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Holden Hutchinson, *Music Education, Frenchtown, NJ*
Luke Scarpa, *Jazz Education, Sparta, NJ*

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Evell Williams IV, *Music Education, Passaic, NJ*

TRUMPET

Aiden Carr, *Music Education, Bayonne, NJ*
Taymar Garlington, *Music Education, Staten Island, NY*
Daniel Lopez, *Music Education, Montclair, NJ*

TROMBONE

Dayla Spencer, *Music Composition, Nashville, TN*
James Quinn, *Music Education, Staten Island, NY*

BASS TROMBONE

Josh Woolard, *Music Education, Plainfield, NJ*

EUPHONIUM

Tina Salomone, *Music Education, Staten Island, NY*
Samuel Yoon, *Music Education, Hackensack, NJ*

TUBA

Isaac Galang, *Music Education, North Bergen, NJ*
Carlos Chuqui-Minchala, *Music Education, Hackensack, NJ*

PERCUSSION

Isabella Cruz, *Music Education, Bayonne, NJ*
Daniel Giermanski, *Music Composition, Pequannock, NJ*
Rolan Bansil, *Music Performance, Ridgewood, NJ*
Alex Pothos, *Music Education, Bridgewater, NJ*
Isabella Pasco, *Music Education, Montclair, NJ*

PIANO

Dan Sokolski, *Jazz Studies, Hawthorne, NJ*