



# CATAWBA RIVER WINDS

## **SPRING CONCERT**

CONNIE A. GRANTHAM

RYAN W. TINKER

CONDUCTORS

WITH GUEST CONDUCTOR

RAY E. LINKOUS

MAY 19, 2024

4:00 PM

NATION FORD HIGH SCHOOL

AUDITORIUM

FORT MILL, SC



# CONDUCTORS



**Mrs. Connie A. Grantham** retired in June 2021 after 34 years of teaching middle and high school band in South Carolina. Her teaching career includes York School District, Spartanburg District 7, and Fort Mill Schools. While in Fort Mill, Mrs. Grantham was the band director at Fort Mill Middle School and worked with the band staff of Fort Mill/Nation Ford High School for over 20 years.

Bands under Mrs. Grantham's direction have performed twice at the South Carolina Music Educators Association conference, was a featured performing group at the Coastal Carolina University Band Clinic, and the SC Middle School Conference. Mrs. Grantham's bands earned consistently superior ratings at state and regional concert festivals and the SC Outstanding Performance Award over 30 times. She is the recipient of the National Band Association Citation of Excellence, the Women's Band Director Scroll Of Excellence, and has served as SC state chair to the National Band Association. Mrs. Grantham is a Past President of the South Carolina Band Directors Association and was inducted into the SC Band Directors Association Hall of Fame in 2016 and the Theta Chapter of Phi Beta Mu Hall of Fame in 2023. Her professional affiliations include NAFME, SCMEA, SCBDA, Phi Beta Mu, National Band Association, Tau Beta Sigma, Delta Omicron, and American School Band Directors Association (ASBDA).

Mrs. Grantham currently serves as the Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the South Carolina Band Directors Association. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education with a minor in Accounting and is a National Board Certified Teacher. She resides in Rock Hill, SC, with her husband, Randy. Connie and Randy, both, are retired band directors and remain active with bands as adjudicators, clinicians, consultants, and mentors.

The Granthams have two adult children, Dottie (Andrew) Davis and Will Grantham; they are looking forward to their first grandchild in June 2024!



Before entering the private sector to pursue a career in information technology, **Ryan W. Tinker** served as the Associate Director of Bands at Northwestern High School in Rock Hill, SC, from 2014 to 2020. During his tenure at Northwestern, the bands under his direction received consistently superior ratings and culminated in two appearances at the SCBDA State Concert Festival in 2026 and 2018. Mr. Tinker continues to serve as a part-time consultant and instructional instrumental coach for the program.

Before his appointment at Northwestern, Mr. Tinker served as the Director of Bands at Charlotte Catholic High School from 2012-2014 and Assistant Director of Bands at York Comprehensive High School from 2010-2012. He received a Master of Music in Instrumental Conducting from the University of South Florida, where he served as a graduate assistant for the USF Bands. At USF, Mr. Tinker studied conducting with Dr. John C. Carmichael and Dr. William Wiedrich and trombone performance with Mr. Tom Brantley.

Mr. Tinker received his Bachelor of Music with Emphasis in Music Education and Trombone Performance from the University of South Carolina. While at USC, he studied trombone with Dr. Brad Edwards and conducting with Dr. Rebecca Phillips, Dr. Andrew Gowan, Dr. David O'Shields, and Mr. James Copenhaver. Mr. Tinker received the Robert Van Doren Award (2008) and the Cantey Award of Excellence (2007), the two highest and most prestigious awards from the USC School of Music to an undergraduate with outstanding musical, academic, and leadership skills.

Mr. Tinker was a Cadets Drum and Bugle Corps member from 2005-2008, playing euphonium and serving as horn sergeant and section leader. His professional memberships include NAFME, Pi Kappa Lambda, Kappa Kappa Psi, the National Band Association, and Phi Beta Mu. Mr. Tinker serves as information technology chair for the South Carolina Band Directors Association and the South Carolina Music Educators Association. Mr. Tinker lives in Rock Hill, SC, with his wife, Katie, a math teacher at Northwestern High School, and their son, Callan.



**Ray Linkous** is currently the Director of Bands at Nation Ford High School in Fort Mill, SC where he has taught for the last 17 years. A native of Virginia, he grew up in the Blue Ridge Mountain area of Roanoke, VA and received his Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Radford University, where he studied composition and conducting with Mark Camphouse.

In 1995 he moved to Kansas to begin work on his Master of Music degree in Conducting at Wichita State University and served as the Graduate Teaching Assistant for University Bands while studying band conducting with Dr. Victor Markovich and orchestral conducting with Dr. Jay Decker. Ray started his teaching career at Shepton High School in Plano, TX where he received the 1997-1998 Plano ISD New Teacher of the Year Award. In 1999 he joined the original cast of the Tony and Emmy-winning musical stage production, BLAST! as a tuba performer and conductor and would go on to serve as Music Manager and Company Manager for the next two touring follow-up BLAST! productions, SHOCKWAVE and CYBERJAM.

Ray has nearly 30 years of experience in the drum corps activity which began as a marching member of the Star of Indiana in 1991 & 1992. He has been a brass instructor for the Crossmen (1993 & 1994), The Cadets (1997 & 1998), Carolina Crown (1999, 2005, and 2009-2019), and currently serves as an ensemble consultant for the Santa Clara Vanguard. He also served as the Director of Operations and Education at Carolina Crown from

2006-2008. Ray was a founding member of the Xi Theta Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha at Radford University, and is a member of the South Carolina Band Directors Association, the South Carolina Music Educators Association, the National Association for Music Education, and Phi Beta Mu.

## PROGRAM

JOYRIDE

*MICHAEL MARKOWSKI*

ENGLISH FOLK SONG SUITE - MVT. I

*RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS*

HOW SWEET THE SOUND

*BRIAN BALMAGES*

CACCIA AND CHORALE

*CLIFTON WILLIAMS*

MARCH OF THE ROUGHNECKS

*ED HUCKEBY*

TRIO FROM ACT II, DER ROSENKAVALIER

*RICHARD STRAUSS*

*TRANSCRIBED BY JIMMY HOWARD REYNOLDS*

VANITY FAIR

*PERCY FLETCHER*  
EDITED BY BRANT KARRICK

THE PROGRAM WILL PROCEED WITHOUT INTERMISSION.

# PERSONNEL

## **PICCOLO**

Chelsea Minnihan, Student

## **FLUTE**

Alicia Cook, Music Therapist  
Hope Dover, Homeschool Mom  
Aimee Gisondi, Sr. Administrative Assistant  
Nena Harris, Nurse/Educator  
Amanda Meranto, Educator  
Tracy Schwartz, Music Studio Owner  
Laura Singleton, Dental Hygienist  
Donna Stevenson, Pharm. Research  
Ashley Sullins, Software Developer  
Maggie Taylor, Public Accountant  
Katie Tobik, Genetic Counselor

## **OBOE**

Julie Bouldin, Music Educator  
Andrew Krieger, Band Director

## **BASSOON**

Carlyle McDowell, Student  
Jennifer Isenhour, Band Director  
Hilary Yost, Band Director

## **CLARINET**

Shelby Black, Pastry Chef  
David Blumberg, Clarinetist (Prof.)  
Tish Bradshaw, Paralegal (Ret.)  
Savannah Gavigan, Band Director  
Sue Gullede, School Counselor (Ret.)  
Ben Hipp, Business Owner  
Kaelin King, Student  
Anton Quilala, Financial Services  
Meleah Riddle, Band Director  
Addison Sullivan, Student  
Katie Tinker, Educator  
Jennifer Waters, Stay-at-Home Mom

## **BASS CLARINET**

John Dando, GIS Lead  
Alondra Montalvo, Audio Engineer  
Ken Herring, Educator

## **ALTO SAXOPHONE**

Ryan Foltz, Radio Operator  
Dennis Howren, Music Dealer (Ret.)  
Aimee Peterson, Occupational Therapist  
Rebekah Schwartz, Student

## **TENOR SAXOPHONE**

Josh Bouldin, Development Officer  
Abbygail Thomas, Student

## **BARITONE SAXOPHONE**

Gabe Pullen, Student

## **TRUMPET**

Madelyn Brannan, Server  
Chris Clinebelle, Software Developer  
Charles Cullen, Student  
Will Ellison, Band Director  
Carrie Gordon, Accreditation Manager  
Randy Grantham, Band Director (ret.)  
Joe Gullede III, Taphouse Owner  
David Hodges, Private Teacher  
Alyssa Kennedy, Band Director  
Steven Meade, IT Technician  
Ken Nodes, Logistics  
Mike Packard, Band Director  
Heather Turner, Band Director  
Mark Yost, Band Director

## **FRENCH HORN**

Brandt Conley, Investment Banker  
Kerrie Efir, Dental Hygienist  
James Hawkins, Risk Consultant  
Chloe McGuire, Student  
James Roddy, Band Director  
John Snelson, Attorney  
Michael Thomas, Duke Energy  
Carena Tollefson, Student  
Jonathan Turner, Engineer

## **TROMBONE**

Gabriel Crane, Student  
Erik Fischer, Student  
Paul Guzewicz, Band Director  
Connor King, Student  
Scot McGuire, Band Director  
Matthew Query, Home Inspector  
Ethan Simmons, Healthcare Appt. Coord.  
Chase Turner, Student

## **EUPHONIUM**

Dathan Dailey, Student  
Keith Paulus, Registered Nurse  
Andrew Pritchard, Student  
Sam Rawls, Police Officer  
Kati Shives, Band Director

## **TUBA**

Nicholas Berns, Student  
Brad Berry, Occupational Therapist  
Martin Dickey, Band Director (Ret.)  
Alex Lazarus, Student  
Ray Linkous, Band Director  
Josh Pritchard, Student  
Brad Pritchard, IT Architect  
Jackson Shaw, Student

## **PERCUSSION**

Danielle Benham, Functional Nutrition  
Coach & Thermography  
Matthew Bratton, Elem. Music Teacher  
Tim Brochin, York County Detective  
Tristan Lamb, Inside Sales Rep.  
Angela Meade, Accounting  
Doug Presley, Elem. Music Teacher



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