



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 Tobix, Genetics Counselor

OBOE

Julie Bouldin, Music Educator
Andrew Krieger, Band Director

BASSOON

Carlisle 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

Chris Clinebelle, Software Developer
Madelyn Corcoran, Server
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 Efird, 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, Homeschool Educator
Matthew Bratton, Elem. Music Teacher
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