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Concert Program

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The Solitary Dancer	Warren Bensor
Juba Dance	Florence Price (arr. Jay Bocook)
Mark Olson, conductor	
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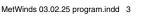
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Rick Wyman

Richard E. Wyman is the former Assistant Director of the United States Coast Guard Band, where he regularly conducted throughout the United States and abroad in concert tours of Japan and Taiwan, and led the Band's educational initiatives. He also served as the Band's producer for ten CDs and two White House Pageant of Peace PBS specials.

Dr. Wyman is currently the Executive Director of the Community Music School in Centerbrook, CT and Music Director of the MetWinds (Metropolitan Wind Symphony) of Boston. He enjoys working with musicians of all ages, regularly appearing as clinician

and guest conductor with a variety of school and honor festival ensembles. Wyman's work as a saxophonist earned two year-long residency grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, four performance visits to the White House, an appearance on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno and employment at Disneyworld and Busch Gardens (FL). He holds degrees from the University of Connecticut, University of Illinois, and Eastman School of Music.





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Mark Olson, Director of Harvard Band and Wind Ensemble, conducts the Harvard Wind Ensemble, serves as an advisor to the Harvard University Band and administrates all aspects of the band program at Harvard. Under his direction, the Harvard Wind Ensemble has commissioned and premiered works by Libby Larsen, Tania León, and David Amram.

Mark also is the Director of the Middlesex Concert Band and the New England Brass Band. Olson received degrees from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN and the University of Minnesota.

An active trumpet performer and soloist, he plays trumpet in the MetWinds, The Tarnished Brass and has been a member of the New Sousa Band as well as the symphony orchestras in Austin and Rochester Minnesota.

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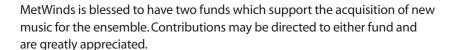
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About MetWinds

The Metropolitan Wind Symphony was founded by Jerry Gardner in 1971 and was awarded the prestigious 2015 Sudler Silver Scroll Award for Community Concert Bands by the John Philip Sousa Foundation. Currently celebrating its 54th season, MetWinds comprise over 60 talented woodwind, brass, and percussion instrumentalists who audition for membership and seating. The organization makes a significant contribution to the cultural life of the Greater Boston community by providing its audiences with high quality concerts and its members with opportunities for musical growth.

MetWinds presents formal performances of traditional and contemporary wind band literature, as well as more informal pops concerts throughout the metropolitan Boston area. Members rehearse Wednesdays from September through June, traveling from more than 30 communities in Massachusetts and neighboring states. Consisting of volunteers, members pursue a wide variety of careers including education, engineering, computer science, medicine, law, music, and public health.

The Metropolitan Wind Symphony Commissioning Fund, begun through an anonymous endowment, allows MetWinds to actively contribute to the wind band literature by annually commissioning new works. Our commissioning program has included four categories of composers. These include internationally-known composers James Curnow, Johan de Meij, Elliot Del Borgo, Peter Schickele, Guy Woolfenden, Chen Yi, Lewis Buckley, Frank Ticheli, and Julie Giroux. Massachusetts composers include Allen Feinstein, Peter Hazzard, Marjorie Merryman, and Greg Tucker. Emerging composers include David Dzubay, John Heins, and Greg Sanders. The first student composers commissioned by MetWinds were Hayato Hirose, Noah Taylor, and Jesse Brault, whose pieces premiered in 2005 and 2007, followed by Matthew LaRocca and Joseph Kaz in 2013.

In 2010 and 2011, MetWinds premiered fanfares by John Heins, Kevin Wilt, Joseph Eidson, and Alexandra Conza, winners of our 40th Season Fanfare Competition. Many of these works have been published and have been performed in the United States and abroad by other wind ensembles.

The Boston Festival of Bands, founded by MetWinds in 1989, includes bands from New England, the Mid-Atlantic states, and Canada. The Festival is celebrated annually at the historic Faneuil Hall in Boston on the second Saturday in June. The Continuum series, also founded by MetWinds, involves middle school, high school, and New England college bands in educational interaction and outreach. The latest Continuum was hosted by MIT at Kresge Auditorium in Cambridge in March, 2016. Besides the Metropolitan Wind Symphony, the concert featured the MIT Wind Ensemble and the Foxboro High School Wind Ensemble.

In April 2005 at the invitation of the New England College Band Association, MetWinds performed at their Gordon College conference. MetWinds is a member of the Association of Concert Bands (ACB), the national organization for concert bands, and has been selected three times to perform at the ACB National Convention: April 1994 in Burlington, VT, April 2012 in Poughkeepsie, NY and April 2019 in Woodcliff Lake, NJ.



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MetWinds Mission

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- To provide an inclusive, supportive, educational, and enjoyable environment for members of varying skill levels.
- To care for each other and for the well-being of our community and respect the rights, dignity, and expression of all.
- To provide high-quality performances of diverse programs of traditional and contemporary wind music to diverse audiences for entertainment and educational purposes.
- To strive for continued musical growth and sustained musical excellence.
- To maintain transparent, democratic leadership.
- To utilize available funds prudently and in the best interest of the organization.

MetWinds Diversity and Inclusion Statement

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Fanfare for a New Era	Pinkzebra
Metropolitan Wind Serenade	Peter Schickele
AMEN!	Carlos Simon
Cajun Folk Songs	Frank Ticheli
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Mark Olson, conductor	
Scenes from "The Louvre"	Norman Dello Joio

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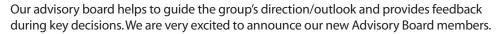
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Frank Ticheli (b. 1958)

Sun Dance (1997) [5 min]

Sun Dance was written on a commission from the Austin Independent School District to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their All-City Honor Band Festival. Ticheli writes about the piece:

While composing *Sun Dance*, I was consciously attempting to evoke a feeling: bright joy. After completing the work, I found that the music began to suggest a more concrete image — a town festival on a warm, sun-washed day. I imagined townspeople gathered in the park, some in small groups, some walking hand in hand, others dancing to the music played by a small band under a red gazebo. Throughout the composition process, I carefully balanced the songlike and dancelike components of "bright joy." The oboe's gentle statement of the main melody establishes the work's song-like characteristics, while in the work's middle section, a lyrical theme of even greater passion appears. Several recurring themes are indeed more vocal than instrumental in nature.

The work's dancelike qualities are enhanced by a syncopated rhythmic figure. The figure is used not only in the main melody, but also as a structural building block for virtually everything in the piece, including other melodies, accompaniment figures, and episodes.

From 1991 through 2023, Frank Ticheli was Professor of Composition at the University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music. He has written for orchestra, chamber ensemble, and choir, but he is perhaps best known for his more than forty pieces for concert band, including *Cajun Folk Songs* and *Postcard*. In 2016, MetWinds premiered his *Acadiana*, a three movement work that MetWinds commissioned with several other local ensembles.

Warren Benson (1924-2005)

The Solitary Dancer (1969) [6 min]

Benson sought quiet excitement in *The Solitary Dancer* and this goal is fulfilled with translucent orchestration and the constant manipulation of color, minimal melodic materials, and subtle dynamic nuances. Challenges in this piece are not necessarily technical; rather, performers are required to demonstrate control and restraint while maintaining sonorities for extended periods of time.[note: Great Music for Wind Band]

Warren Benson was an American composer, conductor and percussionist. Benson was perhaps best known for his music for wind ensemble and percussion, and for his song cycles. Benson wrote over 150 works. His music has been played and recorded worldwide by the Kronos Quartet, New York Choral Society, International Horn Society and United States Marine Band. Benson's teaching career spanned over 50 years and culminated with







honors including the Kilbourn Professorship for Distinguished Teaching, and appointment as University Mentor and Professor Emeritus at the Eastman School of Music.

Benson played timpani in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra under Ormandy, Reiner, Goosens, and Bernstein while an undergraduate at the University of Michigan.

Florence Price (1887-1953) tr. Jay Bocook *Juba Dance* (1933, 2018) [4 min]

Florence Price was an American composer, pianist, organist and music teacher. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, Price was educated at the New England Conservatory of Music and was active in Chicago from 1927 until her death in 1953.

Florence Price is considered to be the first African-American female composer of symphonic works, though for a long time, she was largely unknown. In 2009, a substantial collection of her works and papers were found in a dilapidated house in St. Anne, Illinois that Price once used as a summer residence. Since then, her music has been programmed extensively by musical ensembles, not only in the United States, but internationally, giving listeners an opportunity to enjoy her unique artistic voice.

Price's *Symphony No. 1* was completed in 1932 and first performed in 1933 by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. With the premiere, Florence Price became the first African-American woman to have a work performed by one of America's major orchestras.

The third movement is *Juba Dance*, which is a dance style Price endeavored to include in all her symphonies. A juba dance or hambone dance is a dance form originally believed to have been brought to America by enslaved people from the Kongo to Charleston, SC. While dancing, dancers keep time by stamping their feet, slapping their legs, arms, and chest and clapping their hands. Keeping time in this manner is called "Pattin' Juba."

Jules Massenet (1842-1912) tr. Verne Reynolds *Le Cid* (1885, 1985) [16 min]

Le Cid is an opera in four acts and ten tableaux by Jules Massenet to a French libretto by Louis Gallet, Édouard Blau and Adolphe d'Ennery. It is based on the play of the same name by Pierre Corneille. It was first performed at the Paris Opéra on 30 November 1885.

The opera had been seen 150 times by 1919 but faded from the repertory and was not performed again in Paris until the 2015 revival at the Palais Garnier. While the opera itself is not in the standard operatic repertory, the ballet suite is a popular concert and recording piece which includes dances from different regions of Spain.

Rodrigo Díaz de Vivar (c. 1040 – 1099), better known as El Cid, or simply Rodrigo, was a Castilian nobleman and military leader in medieval Spain. Born a member of the minor







nobility, El Cid was brought up at the court of King Ferdinand the Great and served Ferdinand's son, Sancho II of León and Castile. He rose to become the commander and royal standard-bearer of Castile upon Sancho's ascension in 1065. Rodrigo went on to lead the Castilian military campaigns against Sancho's brothers, Alfonso VI of León and García II of Galicia, as well as in the Muslim kingdoms in Al-Andalus. He became renowned for his military prowess in these campaigns, which helped expand Castilian territory at the expense of the Muslims and Sancho's brothers' kingdoms.

From a note from University of Georgia Wind Ensemble:

The transcription for winds was prepared by Verne Reynolds, former professor of horn at the Eastman School of Music, and an internationally respected composer. Reynolds scored this suite of seven dances sparingly for an intimate ensemble of winds and percussion, thereby matching the clarity and delicacy inherent in Massenet's original orchestral setting.

Wynton Marsalis (b. 1961) arr. James Spinazzola *Jubilo* (The Scent of Democracy) (2022) [5 min]

Several years before Wynton Marsalis wrote his Pulitzer Prize winning *Blood on the Fields*, he was commissioned by the New York City Ballet to write the scores for two original ballets, *Jump Start-The Mastery of Melancholy* and *Jazz: 6 1/2 Syncopated Movements*. These two works were choreographed by Peter Martins and Twyla Tharp, respectively, and their performances met with considerable critical acclaim. *Jubilo (The Scent of Democracy)* is from *Jazz: 6 1/2 Syncopated Movements* and was arranged from the original jazz orchestra version to wind ensemble by James Spinazzola.

Wynton Learson Marsalis is an American trumpeter, composer, and music instructor, who is currently the artistic director of Jazz at Lincoln Center. He has been active in promoting classical and jazz music, often to young audiences. Marsalis has won nine Grammy Awards, and his oratorio *Blood on the Fields* was the first jazz composition to win the Pulitzer Prize for Music. Marsalis is the only musician to have won a Grammy Award in both jazz and classical categories in the same year.

Scott McAllister (b. 1969)

Krump (2007) [16 min]

From the composer:

Much like breakdancing was a benchmark of inner-city culture in the '80s, a dance movement called krumping is creating its own subculture among teens in Los Angeles neighborhoods such as Compton, South Central and Watts. Informed equally by hip-hop, African tribal rituals, pantomime and martial arts, krumping is a frenetic, hyper fast-paced dancing style. Dancers gather in school grounds, parking lots, and yards to perform and "battle dance" each other; participants are typically vocal opponents of violence, thus making the krumping scene an alternative to the gang wars that plague the areas where krumping is popular. Theatrical face paint is also worn by the dancers, which gives krumping its other moniker, "clowning."

Krump is an acronym for "Kingdom Radically Uplifted Mighty Praise". It is a dance form that was pioneered by Tight Eyez and Lil' C along with a group of others, namely Big







Mijo, Slayer and Hurricane. It is an aggressive and spiritual form of dance with Christian roots. Its movements include Chest Pops, Stomps, Armswings, Syncs, Puzzles, Bangs and Kill-Offs. There are supposedly three levels to krumping: Krump, Buckness and Ampness.

This work is inspired by krumping. Fast and fiery music is juxtaposed with free, hymnlike, ethereal slow sections, while instrumental groups and soloists in the ensemble get a chance to "krump," emulating the energy and passion of this dance.

Scott McAllister is an American composer and educator. Mr. McAllister completed his doctorate in composition at the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University and his undergraduate degrees in performance and composition from The Florida State University.

McAllister has received numerous commissions, performances, and awards throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. He has also been featured at the Aspen, Chautauqua, and The Prague/American Institute Summer Festivals. McAllister has received awards, performances, and/or commissions from ASCAP, The American Composers Orchestra, The Rascher Quartet, I Musici de Montreal, Charles Neidich, The Verdehr Trio, Jacksonville Symphony, Da Camera, The Ladislav Kubik Competition, The United States New Music Ensemble, The President's Own Marine Band, The Florida Arts Council, and The Florida Bandmaster's Association.

Scott McAllister is professor of composition at Baylor University.

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893) arr. Ray Cramer

Dance of the Jesters (1873, 1997) [5 min]

Dance of the Jesters is a prime example of Tchaikovsky's keen sense of musical nationalism. Originally composed as incidental music to an 1873 play by Alexander Ostrovsky entitled *The Snow Maiden*, the dance captures the color, energetic drive, and zest of Russian folk dance music.

In *The Snow Maiden*, the daughter of Father Frost, tells of her forbidden love with a human, Misgir, who is already betrothed to Coupava. The Snow Maiden follows him southward with plans to interrupt his wedding but tragically melts under the rays of the southern sun.

Program notes by Gregory C. Depp

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