STRIKE UP THE BANDS

Featuring

The Plano The McKinney Community Band



Monday, February 26, 2018 at 7:30 pm The Eisemann Center in Richardson

Conductors



JOE FRANK, JR., Plano Community Band's *Artistic Director and Principal Conductor*, is a retired music educator and band director with over 35 years of experience working with student and adult musicians in Texas and Georgia. He was born in Harlingen in the Rio Grande Valley and spent most of his adult years in Richardson and Sherman, Texas. Joe is a third-generation band director. His father, Joe Frank, Sr., was a well-known Texas band director and orchestra director and charter member of the Phi Beta Mu Band Director Hall of Fame. Joe taught for 17 years in the Richardson ISD where mentors such as Joe Frank, Sr.; Richard Floyd; Tommy Guilbert; Robert Floyd and Howard Dunn helped form his concepts of teaching students and interpreting, rehearsing and performing wind band literature. In 1990, Joe became Director of Bands for the Sherman ISD and helped lead the Sherman Bands to 14 years of successful performances, competitions and statewide recognition. While living in Athens, Georgia, Joe became director of the Classic City Band and developed a love for working and making music with adults. Joe currently lives in Dennison, Texas, with his wife, Becky. He is a frequent clinic/consultant and adjudicator for middle school and high school bands. His daughter, Jessica, is a stay-at-home mom and volunteer youth leader. She currently plays clarinet in the Band. His son, Jeff, is a pediatric neurologist in Oregon. Joe enjoys sailing, golf, snow skiing, and traveling with Becky.



JEREMY KONDRAT, McKinney Community Band's *Artistic Director and Conductor*, is currently the Coordinator of Instrumental Music in the Plano Independent School District. Prior to this position, he taught high school band programs in Plano, McKinney and Cudahy, Wisconsin. Jeremy has a bachelor's degree in music education and trombone performance from the Eastman School of Music and a master's degree in trombone performance from the University of Northern Colorado. Jeremy lives in Plano with his wife April and their three children. Music plays a major part in the lives of the Kondrat family—April, who met Jeremy while the two were students at Eastman, is the principal violist with the Plano Symphony Orchestra.

Associate Conductors



JIM CARTER, Plano Community Band's Associate Conductor, was born in Texas City, Texas, and has made Plano his home since 1969, going through the Plano schools and the band program at Plano Senior High. During his high school days, Jim was privileged to have played with Doc Severinsen and Alan Vizzutti, and his first love always seemed to be jazz. After graduation, he was selected to play with the National Bandmasters Association Jazz Band, performing with Marvin Stamm at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Jim attended Sam Houston State University on a music scholarship, receiving his degree in Music Education in 1991. While at Sam Houston, Jim studied under Dr. Fisher Tull, Dr. Gary Sousa and Dr. Rod Cannon. Jim also headed up the recording and archiving of concert performances and was a member of Kappa Kappa Psi. After teaching a couple of years, Jim returned to Plano and began working in the communications field. He currently holds the position of Director of A/V and Computer Services for the 4,500-member Custer Road United Methodist Church. To keep music in his life, Jim joined the Plano Community Band in 1993 as the baritone saxophone player. Jim also plays with many Dallas-area jazz and big bands. He became the Band's associate conductor in 1995.



ELMER SCHENK is McKinney Community Band's *Associate Conductor*. Fans of the McKinney Dance Band were already familiar with Elmer Schenk, one of the groups trombonists, when he joined the McKinney Community Band as its Associate Conductor. A graduate of the University of North Texas, Schenk was a music educator for 40 years before retiring, with most of that time spent at Howe and Princeton high schools. Despite his retirement, Elmer is still a much-sought-after band clinician and mentor. In addition to MCB's Dance Band, Elmer is also a member of the Plano Community Band and the Frisco Jazz Band. He and his wife Anita call McKinney home.

From the Podium

FOUR CONDUCTORS, one hundred thirty musicians, and eleven musical pieces, all at a price you can't beat—FREE!!! Welcome to the first ever combined concert by the McKinney Community Band and the Plano Community Band.

Community band audiences tend to stay with their "home" band and don't venture out to hear other community bands. There are many talented and exciting bands to choose from, and we wanted to share not only the music, but also the audiences. The idea for a joint concert came about when we were contemplating adding a third indoor concert to our schedule and thought it would be fun to invite the McKinney Community Band to join us. When we approached Jeremy Kondrat with the idea, he was ecstatic to give his band the opportunity to perform in a new venue and for a wider audience.

We are very excited about tonight's performances. There has been a great amount of energy surrounding this collaboration of musicians and conductors. We have shared conductors, band members (the two bands share more than ten musicians), planning, and in the selection of compatible and contrasting music. We hope that this will lead to an evening of great music and a great musical experience for all.

As Jeremy and I traded places rehearsing each other's band, it became evident that everyone shares the same enthusiasm for playing their instrument, making music together and performing for others. This is in essence the heart of the community band experience. It has truly been a pleasure to discover the great similarities between our bands, and distinguish our individual approaches to musical interpretation and expression.

From the simple beauty of Ticheli to the power of Nelhybel, we hope to provide a musical journey that is both entertaining and moving. Welcome to "Strike up the Bands."

Joe Frank, Jr.



Joe Frank, Jr. and Jeremy Kondrat collaborating on the concert.

McKinney Community Band Program Notes

Sol Y Sombra

George Gates

Born in Illinois, George Gates (1920-) also spent part of his life in Texas and Louisiana. Despite his American upbringing, the bulk of Gates's wind band compositions are in the Latin American style. Gates wrote today's march, Sol Y Sombra, in the style of the paso doble, a popular style of Latin dance modeled after the drama, sound, and movement of the Spanish and Portuguese bullfight. Sol Y Sombra is also the name of an afterdinner alcoholic drink well known in Madrid. The drink's name comes from the Spanish words for sun (sol) and shade (sombra) and refers to different types of seats one can purchase at bullfights. The cheap seats in the full sun are "sol," whereas the most expensive, fully shaded seats are "sombra." A Sol Y Sombra ticket has some shade and some sun throughout the day. The drink's name reflects this, as the drink is a combination of dark brandy

Foundry John Mackey

(sombra) and clear anise (sol).

Contemporary American composer John Mackey (1973-)is best known for his wind band music. He has also composed orchestral works, and even for a time, music for modern dance and ballet. Born in Ohio, Mackey did not receive traditional musical training and was, instead, taught to read music by his grandfather. Despite never having learned how to play an instrument, Mackey earned a bachelor's degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music and a Master of Music degree from Julliard. Today's composition features both traditional percussion instruments and "found" items (such as piles of metal) designed to represent the sounds of work taking place in a foundry.

Songs of Old Kentucky Brant Karrick

A guest conductor, adjudicator, clinician, composer, and music arranger, Brant Karrick (1960-) has been a music educator since 1984. Karrick became Director of Instrumental Music for his alma mater high school in Bowling Green, Kentucky, in 1986. His bands received superior ratings at state and regional festivals during his five years there. After earning his Ph.D. at Louisiana State University in 1994, Karrick taught in the college realm, first at University of Toledo, then at his current post as Director of Bands at North Kentucky University (since 2003). A trumpet player, he composes and arranges primarily for wind band. Today's piece combines the proud heritage of traditional ballads and other English and Scottish folk songs that the Kentucky mountaineers preserved from their ancestors.

Dreamsong

Richard Saucedo

American composer and musician Richard Saucedo (1957-) recently retired from his post with bands and performing arts at Carmel High School in Indiana. While there, his bands earned numerous state and national honors, not only for concert band, but also in the jazz and marching categories. During his years as an educator, he was named Indiana's Bandmaster of the Year in 1998-99. He also served as the Music Captain Head for Drum Corps Midwest Judges Guild as well as a brass and music judge for Drum Corps International. Saucedo is now a freelance composer and arranger for Hal Leonard Corporation, the world's largest music print publisher. His works are primarily for concert band, marching band, and choral/ show choir. He is in high demand as a clinician and guest conductor for a wide range of musical performance groups. His library of band literature is extensive, including at least 50 works for winds.

Trittico Vaclav Nelhybel

Czechoslovakian-born composer Vaclav Nelhybel (1919-1996) began his musical training in Prague, studying music at the university level before coming to the United States in 1957. He taught at several American schools, including Lowell State College and then served as Composer-in-Residence at University of Scranton until his death. The university's department of performance music still houses Nelhybel's complete collection of works. Most of his published wind band works were written for student performers. In addition to these pieces, however, he also composed three ballets, three operas, and a symphony. Nelhybel received multiple honors for his compositions, and four American universities bestowed upon him honorary doctoral degrees in music.

Plano Community Band Program Notes

Washington Grays

Claudio Grafulla

Claudio Grafulla's most popular piece, Washington Grays was composed in 1861 for the 8th Regiment, New York State Militia based at the Kingsbridge Armory in the Bronx. "Grays" in the title refers to the color of the regimental uniforms. The band books of the American Civil War (including the Port Royal Band Books arranged by Grafulla) included many charts of the prolific composer's music, including this composition. There are elements of the Italian and German march in Washington Grays, with running sixteenth notes and responding bass voices creating a wonderful counterpoint. Washington Grays breaks the march formula, as pointed out by Frederick Fennell who wrote of this march: "Masterfully simple, effectively contrasting, its incessant flow of musical ideas is overwhelmingly convincing. It is a march of great passion - no introduction, no break strain, no stinger. A real indoor rouser from 1861."

Rest Frank Ticheli

Educated at the University of Michigan, composer Frank Ticheli (b. 1958) has become one of the biggest names in new wind-band repertoire. Since 1991 he has been a Professor of Composition at the USC Thornton School of Music and, until 1998, Composer in Residence of the Pacific Symphony. *Rest* came about in two stages. It was originally written as a choral piece, *There Will Be Rest*, composed in 1999 and based on a poem of the same name by Sara Teasdale. The band version came about in 2010, the result of a commission from Russel Mikkelson and his family in memory of their father, Elling Mikkelson. Ticheli provides the following program note:

In making this concert-band version, I preserved almost everything from the original: harmony, dynamics, even the original registration. I also endeavored to preserve carefully the fragile beauty and quiet dignity suggested by Sara Teasdale's words:

There will be rest, and sure stars shining
Over the roof-tops crowned with snow,
A reign of rest, serene forgetting,
The music of stillness holy and low.
I will make this world of my devising
Out of a dream in my lonely mind.
I shall find the crystal of peace,—above me
Stars I shall find.

The Plano Community Band dedicates tonight's performance of *Rest* to the memory of Anthony Karlinski.

Pilatus: Mountain of Dragons Stephen Reineke

Pilatus opens as Mount Pilatus slumbers at night, shrouded in darkness and mystery among the clouds high above Lucerne, Switzerland. As dawn breaks, a band of courageous adventurers climb Pilatus in search of dragons to slay. They awaken the mighty dragon who must now battle the intruders of his domain. The dragon kills all but one of the intruders and then demonstrates great compassion using a magical stone to heal the wounds and save the intruder. In doing so, the dragon has placed compassion in the hearts and minds of man leading them to a happy and peaceful coexistence. Born in 1970 in Cincinnati, Ohio, Reineke is a conductor, composer, and arranger. He is currently the music director of the New York Pops, and lives in New York City.

Amazing Grace

Frank Ticheli

The spiritual, *Amazing Grace*, was written by John Newton (1725-1807), a slave ship captain who, after years of transporting slaves across the Atlantic Ocean to the New World, suddenly saw through divine grace, the evilness of his acts. First published in 1835 by William Walker in *The Southern Harmony, Amazing Grace* has since grown to become one of the most beloved of all American spirituals. Ticheli states the following about his work:

I wanted my setting of *Amazing Grace* to reflect the powerful simplicity of the words and melody—to be sincere, to be direct, to be honest—and not through the use of novel harmonies and clever tricks, but by traveling traditional paths in search of truth and authenticity. I believe that music has the power to take us to a place that words alone cannot. And so my own feelings about *Amazing Grace* reside in this setting itself. The harmony, texture, orchestration, and form are inseparable, intertwined so as to be perceived as a single expressive entity.

American Overture for Band

Joseph Willcox Jenkins

Joseph Willcox Jenkins was born in the Philadelphia area in 1928. He started composing at a young age as part of his piano lessons. His future in music was uncertain at first, as he studied pre-law at St. Joseph's College while also taking composition classes with Vincent Persichetti at the Philadelphia Conservatory of Music. But composition was his calling, and he went on to obtain two degrees at the Eastman School of Music. American Overture was originally written for the U.S. Army Field Band. It is a high-energy expression of bold optimism that puts every section of the band in the spotlight, but really challenges the French horns, who must leap an octave in the first measure and continue their virtuoso playing throughout. Although American Overture was Jenkins' first band piece, it remains his most popular and successful work, and in his words, he is "hard-pressed to duplicate its success."

















Program

MCKINNEY COMMUNITY BAND

Sol Y Sombra

George Gates, edited by Van Ragsdale

Conducted by Jeremy Kondrat, McKinney Community Band Artistic Director & Conductor

Foundry John Mackey

Conducted by Jeremy Kondrat, McKinney Community Band Artistic Director & Conductor

Brant Karrick Songs of Old Kentucky

Conducted by Joe Frank, Jr., Plano Community Band Artistic Director & Principal Conductor

Richard L. Saucedo Dreamsong

Conducted by Elmer Schenk, McKinney Community Band Associate Conductor Piano Soloist: Angie Liss

Vaclav Nelhybel **Trittico**

Conducted by Jeremy Kondrat, McKinney Community Band Artistic Director & Conductor

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PLANO COMMUNITY BAND

Claudio S. Grafulla

Conducted by Joe Frank, Jr., Plano Community Band Artistic Director & Principal Conductor

Washington Grays

Rest Frank Ticheli

Conducted by Joe Frank, Jr., Plano Community Band Artistic Director & Principal Conductor

Steven Reineke **Pilatus: Mountain of Dragons**

Conducted by Jim Carter, Plano Community Band Associate Conductor

Frank Ticheli **Amazing Grace**

Conducted by Jeremy Kondrat, McKinney Community Band Artistic Director & Conductor

American Overture for Band

Joseph Willcox Jenkins

Conducted by Joe Frank, Jr., Plano Community Band Artistic Director & Principal Conductor

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Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 4:00 pm McKinney Performing Arts Center

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