

GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY GRETSCH SCHOOL OF MUSIC



GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY PRESENTS:

SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE

Thursday | April 23, 2026 | 7:30pm

UNIVERSITY BAND & WIND SYMPHONY

Tuesday | April 28, 2026 | 7:30pm



Performing Arts Center
Statesboro, GA

Darrell Brown, Wind Ensemble Conductor
Michael Thomas, Wind Symphony Conductor
David Arrott, University Band Conductor

PROGRAM: April 23, 2026

SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE

Dr. Darrell Brown, Conductor

Ethan Hsu
(2008-)

Resonance, Fanfare for Orchestra (2025)
~world premiere performance~

Kenneth Hesketh
(1968-)

Masque (2000)
Anna Gressick, conductor

Viet Cuong
(1990-)

Deciduous (2023)
David Arrott, conductor

-INTERMISSION-

John Mackey
(1973-)

Wind-Dark Sea: Symphony for Band (2014)
i. Hubris
ii. Immortal thread, so weak
iii. The attentions of souls

Program Notes



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UNIVERSITY BAND

David Arrott, conductor

Tom Davoren
(1986-)

Western Suite for Wind Orchestra (2003)

- i. Black Canyon of the Gunnison
- ii. Crested Butte
- iii. Gunnison Town

Gustavo Pascual Falcó
(1909-1946)

March-Bou-Shu (2001-2006)

Florence Beatrice Price
(1887-1953)
arr. Darrell Brown

The Old Boatman (1933)

Ryan Fraley
(1973-)

A Child's Garden of Verses (2005)

- i. Butterfly's Ball
- ii. Wynken, Blynken, and Nod
- iii. Summer Sun

Amir Malookpour

Persian Dance No. 2 (2014)

- INTERMISSION -

WIND SYMPHONY

Michael Thomas, Conductor

Carol Brittin Chambers
(1970-)

Byzantine Dances (2018)

Elijah Green
(2000-)

Aquarelles (2026) ~world premiere performance~

Peter Meechan
(1980-)

ISS Flyover (2012)

Larry Daehn
(1939-)

With Quiet Courage (1995/1999)

Lucas Garner

Mjölnir (2015) i. Fire Stephen Busath - Timpani

PERSONNEL

SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE

FLUTE

Sarah Arrott (piccolo)
Jaedyn Charleston
Savana Manning
Melanie Normandin
Mackenzie Pittman*
Cody Reese (piccolo)

OBOE

Ethan Brown* (English horn)
Graham Rains

BASSOON

Anna Gressick**
Dr. Elle Senn* (contrabassoon)
Emily Young

CLARINET

Dani Curry
Maci Dawson
Ester Espino Hernandez
Justin Fullem* (e-flat)
Antonio Johnson
Isaac Kiesche
Alaisha Lee*
Denise Ortiz⊙
Sarah Rogers

BASS CLARINET

Demitri Ginn (contrabass)
Alannah Harris*
Becca O'Hara

SAXOPHONE

Jayson Brown* (alto/soprano)
Miken Jones (baritone)
Makaiko Kafunda (alto)
James Lund (tenor)

PERCUSSION

Morgan Burke
Alex Cheek
Ethan Delfin
Tyler Farrow
Chase Howeth⊙
Payton Miller
Aaron Newton⊙
Skylar Stargel*

TRUMPET

Logan Barth⊙
Hayden Crescione
Tyler Fralick
Roman Franklin
Jeremiah Messenger*
Nigel Olmedo^+
Reaghan Rees
Austin Wegmann

HORN

Ethan Belflower
Zach Gibbs
Jalen Johnson**
Jossey Lloyd
Sydney Thornock

TROMBONE

Travis Bohannon (bass)
Elijah Brown
Evan Mullis
Thomas Schandolph**

EUPHONIUM

Sebastian Blizzard
Collin Morgan*

TUBA

Michael Brown*
Ginny Merritt
Brandon Miller

CELLO

Robyn Brown

CONTRABASS

Gabriel Borin^

PIANO

David Arrott^+
Dr. Erin Palmer*

HARP

Calista Anne Koch

* Section Principal
^ Gretsch School of Music
Graduate Student
+ Band Area Graduate Assistant
* Gretsch School of Music Faculty
Member
⊙ Select repertoire only

PERSONNEL

UNIVERSITY BAND

FLUTE

Betsy Barrow
Susie Dodson
Thelma Kilpatrick
Saniyya Rahman
Breanna Stephens
Cindy Von Waldner

OBOE

Dani Curry

CLARINET

Conner Brinson
Jennifer Emanuel
Ester Espino
Miguel Garcia
Eli Hall
Destiny McCloud
Elizabeth Powell
Allie Self
Rachel Wilkie

BASS CLARINET

Carter Noel

SAXOPHONE

William Grussing (Alto)
Alfredo Maruri (Alto)
Jacob McCallister (Alto)
Jesse Nephew (Tenor)

TRUMPET

Ryan Cooper
Richard McClellan
Matthew Ramirez
Rayvelis Soto
Ashley Thomas
Lee Walker

HORN

Joshua Berry
Tyler Farrow
Elizabeth Washington
Ella Whitaker

TROMBONE

Oscar De La Rosa
Jonah Mallette

EUPHONIUM

Colton Emanuel
Lane Lajan
Evan Mullis

TUBA

Trevor Boutwell
Joe Dodson
John Hibbard
Kerrington Walsh

PERCUSSION

Noah Andersen
Ethan Delfin
Michael Jones
Brayden Knight
Mitchell Newman
Malanie Normandin
Denise Ortiz
Alondra Reyna Lopez
Ramon Soto

PERSONNEL

WIND SYMPHONY

FLUTE

Jaedyn Charleston
Amelia Johnson
April Lerma
Maci Tinker

BASSOON

Melanie Normandin

CLARINET

Dani Curry
Dimitri Finn
Denise Ortiz
Sarah Rogers
Allie Self
Milla Tuten

BASS CLARINET

Justin Fullem
Makenna Jobes
Clarissa Kerr

SAXOPHONE

Fletcher Stratton (Alto)
Eddie Sills (Alto)
Breon Williams (Tenor)
Elijah Westcott (Bari)

TRUMPET

Sam Arp
Logan Barth
Cameron Carter
Cate Cowart
Jeyton Hewitt
Alannah Roberstson
Grace Staton

HORN

Emilia King
Haley Sullivan

TROMBONE

Timothy Howell
Se'an Jenkins
Ryan Kruegger
Brandon Mosley

EUPHONIUM

Shae Emmett
Sam McNure
Azaria Murph
Leo Pinder

TUBA

Kenyon Castle
Faith Mitchell
Aiden McCloud
Kerrington Walsh

PIANO

David Arrott

PERCUSSION

Ryan Butler
Tara Dennis
Chase Howeth
Mason Johnson
William Kowalsky
Andrew Mobley
Aaron Newton
Connor Smith

GRETSCH SCHOOL OF MUSIC FACULTY/STAFF

APPLIED WOODWIND, BRASS, AND PERCUSSION FACULTY

Diane Kessel, flute
M. Isaac Ripple, oboe
Kristen Spiridon, clarinet
Elle Senn, bassoon
Carolyn J. Bryan, saxophone
Tim Kintzinger, trumpet
Stephanie Furry Mason, horn
Nathan DuVall, trombone
Hunter Kane, tuba
Stephen Busath, percussion

BAND AREA GRADUATE ASSISTANTS

Nigel Olmedo
David Arrott

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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Carina Brannen, Administrative Assistant
Lauren M. Holmen, Arts Marketing Manager

UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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Avinandan Mukherjee, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
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Terre Johnson, Chair of the Fred and Dinah Gretsches School of Music



GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Georgia Southern University impacts the future by fostering a transformative learner-centered culture. We empower students, faculty, staff, and alumni to lead, serve, and engage, enhancing the quality of life through educational excellence, impactful research, cultural enrichment, and meaningful contributions to communities locally and globally.

THE GRETSCH SCHOOL OF MUSIC

The Fred and Dinah Gretsch School of Music is a division of Georgia Southern University's College of Arts and Humanities. While the Music Department at Georgia Southern has a long-standing tradition, the Gretsch School of Music was officially established in February 2021 following a historic gift and partnership with the Gretsch family and has recently celebrated its five-year anniversary. The School of Music offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees across the Statesboro and Armstrong (Savannah) campuses, with programs in Music Education, Music Performance, Music Composition and Theory, Music Technology, and Music Industry.

BANDS AT GEORGIA SOUTHERN

The Band Program in the Fred and Dinah Gretsch School of Music seeks to foster an atmosphere that captivates and motivates students to aspire to the highest levels of musical and personal achievement and excellence, while instilling a desire for lifelong music-making. We believe in the value of collaboration among student peers, between faculty and students, and with guest artists, including soloists, composers, and conductors. Bands at Georgia Southern are part of a comprehensive program comprised of concert ensembles (Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony, and University Band), Jazz Ensemble, and Athletic Bands (Southern Pride Marching Band, Hoop Troop Basketball Band, and Net Squad Volleyball Band). Participants in the Georgia Southern Bands represent a wide variety of academic majors, and we believe there is a place for everyone in band. Georgia Southern Bands have traveled to England, Ireland, Austria, Hungary, Italy, Germany, and the Czech Republic. The Band Area is also expanding to include a summer Master of Music in Wind Band Conducting at the university's campus in Wexford, Ireland.