PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS & CONDUCTORS

Kurt Kissinger  Algona
Thomas Mahler  Aplington-Parkersburg
Jennifer Keys  Carroll
Gerald Ramsey  Cedar Falls
Jared Wacker  Cedar Rapids Kennedy
James Miller  Cedar Rapids Washington
Joel Nagel  Cedar Rapids Washington
Joe Vannatta  Cherokee Washington
Brandon Borseth  Clear Lake
Charles Mausser  Columbus Catholic (Waterloo)
Alexander Wilga  Davenport Central
Aaron Ottmar  Davis County
Dustin Bliven  Decorah
David Brown  Des Moines North
Gregory Dowe  Dubuque Hempstead
William Rowley  Dubuque Senior
Joe Overton  Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont
Cory Schmitt  Forest City
Levi Dressler  Grinnell
Carl Kuth  Hampton-Dumont
Laura Garred  Hinton
David Lang  Independence
Mary Jean Nederhoff  Iowa Falls-Alden
Aaron Nuss  Linn-Mar
David Kunz  Mid-Prairie
Arnold Anderson  New London
A J Skinner  Newman Catholic (Mason City)
Chelsey Eisenhauer  North Linn
Jeffrey Kirkpatrick  Osage
Drew Anderson  Pleasant Valley
Tara Daurer  Pleasant Valley
Chelsea Hill  Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock
Meghan Powell  Sioux Center
Alexa Gibbs  South Hamilton
Wayne Lu  South Hardin
James Vowels  Waverly-Shell Rock
Festival Symphony Band
Lawrence Harper and Richard Fischer, Conductors

Solo Competition Winner
DR. ROBIN GUY, piano

Joy in All Things .................................................. Brian Balmages
Wayfaring Stranger .............................................. Christopher Nelson
Mr. Fischer

Danzon No. 2 ......................................................... Arturo Marquez
Mr. Harper

Dr. Richard Fischer, Distinguished Professor of Music and the Fred and Jane Wittlinger Endowed Chair for Music Performance, is in his 43rd year as director of bands at Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Ill. He holds the bachelor of music education and master of music degrees from De Paul University and the doctor of musical arts degree from Michigan State University. He has also studied at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa and the University of Northern Colorado. At Concordia University, Dr. Fischer conducts the Wind Symphony and University Band. He teaches basic and advanced level conducting courses.

Since Fischer's arrival in 1974, the Wind Symphony has performed concerts in 43 states and Canada. In May 2001, the Wind Symphony toured Germany, the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary and Slovakia. Since 2005, the ensemble has toured China three times. This ensemble will tour South Africa May, 2017. The Wind Symphony performed at the 24th National Conference of the College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA) in 1987, the 2003 Illinois Music Educators Conference and has recorded 15 compact discs of sacred wind music. In the fall of 1995, the ensemble performed two concerts at The Symphony Center in Chicago. The Wind Symphony has also performed at the Lutheran Education Association conventions in Minneapolis, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Grand Rapids and Milwaukee. The Wind Symphony was invited to perform as the "showcase ensemble" for the New York City Wind Band Festival at Carnegie Hall on March 4, 2014.

Dr. Fischer is in demand internationally as a presenter, guest conductor, clinician and adjudicator. In January 2012, he conducted the Illinois All-State Band in Peoria, and in February 2012 conducted the high school honor band at the Dorian Festival at Luther College. Fischer has conducted the National Youth Gathering Wind Symphony in Orlando (2004 and 2007), at the Superdome in New Orleans (2010 and 2016), and at the Alamodome in San Antonio (2013). In 1994, he was named to the "A Team" of University Professors by the Chicago Tribune. Fischer was communications director for the World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles (WASBE) in preparation for the 1995 conference in Hamamatsu, Japan. From 1988 to 2010, Fischer served as music director for Ballet LeGere's production of the Nutcracker Ballet and, for 17 years, served as the assistant conductor of the Symphony of Oak Park and River Forest. Dr. Fischer has presented at conferences in the United States, Canada, South Africa and Australia.

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Festival Symphony Band Personnel

Flute
Fran Conley, Cherokee Washington
Chloe Duquas, Grinnell
Catherine Glackin, Spencer
Greer Henderson, Waverly Shell Rock
Emily Habib, Cedar Rapids Kennedy
Emma Fasbinder, Dubuque Hempstead
Cathlyn Kastberg, Waverly Shell Rock
Stephanie Nettleton, Forest City High School
Camie Peterson, Pleasant Valley
Laura Stanish, South Hardin
Claire Thomsen, Pleasant Valley

Oboe
Robert Clower, Grinnell
Alexis Doremus, Dubuque Senior
Allyson Kegel, Cedar Rapids Kennedy
Alyssa Lee, Osage
Logan Stenseth, Cedar Rapids Washington
Keshav Wagle, Pleasant Valley

Bassoon
Zeb Binnebose, Hinton
Burke Wallace, Waverly Shell Rock

Clarinet
Ian Aplington, Pleasant Valley
Roxanna Barbulescu
Isabel de la Cruz Hexom, Decorah
Alexis Green, Cedar Rapids Kennedy
Jonathan Han, Decorah
Alexis Hahn, Cedar Falls
Sam Hood, Igona
Lily Ludwig, Carroll
Abbi Parcer, Clear Lake
Milenama Prasi, Pleasant Valley
Sarah Resberg, Carroll
Maddie Sims, Spencer
Maureen Thomasen, Pleasant Valley
Stephanie Walton, Cedar Rapids Kennedy
Laura Westercamp, Davis County
Tina Wichert, Center Point-Urbana
Ellie Zipanczak, Pleasant Valley

Bass Clarinet
Kallie Brodenick, Osage
Oliva Heck, Pleasant Valley
Grace Moms, Davis County
Lauryn Weiss, Mid-Prairie

Alto Saxophone
Claire Boots, Waverly Shell Rock
Chandler Holtbach, Cherokee Washington
Paige Kizer, Dubuque Senior
Maggie Levandoski, Grinnell
Matthew Nelson, Pleasant Valley
Mason Timmerman, Cherokee Washington

Tenor Saxophone
Brandi Lawrence, Iowa Falls - Alden
Noah Solheim, Waverly Shell Rock
Everett Wegge, Decorah

Baritone Saxophone
Clare Conley, Cherokee Washington
Maria Kuper, Waverly-Shell Rock
Maddie McClure, Davis County

Horn
Genevieve Bertram, Forest City
Dan Feldhake, Waverly Shell Rock
Bridget Gervais, Des Moines North
Teryn Jewett, New London
Madison Kleveland, Forest City
Myra Meyer, Algona
Irene Swanson, Clear Lake
John Woodhouse, Cedar Rapids Washington

Trumpet
Kali Assen, Waverly Shell Rock
Jaden Alamsya, Forest City
Carlee Bertram, Hampton Dumont
Nathan Bowman, Hinton
Ethan Good, Pleasant Valley
Rebecca Hommez, Algona
Johnathan Kruger, Waverly-Shell Rock
Peter Mills, Pleasant Valley
Derek Ten Pas, Sioux Center

Trombone
Brandon Dicks, Eddyville Blakesburg Fremont
Jenene Eden, Algona
Adam Gruman, Grinnell
Ja Niece, Dubuque Senior
Justin Moore, Cedar Rapids Washington
Emily Perrott, Waverly Shell Rock
Kellen Schmidt, Algona
Jordan Stuckmyer, Davis County
Dusty Wright, Cherokee Washington

Euphonium
Jamael Cheatham, Dubuque Senior
Olivia Dagel, Cherokee Washington
Brian Dennis, Davenport Central
Libby Gibson, Cedar Rapids Washington
Joseph Home, Cedar Rapids Kennedy

Tuba
Karter Anderson, Clear Lake
Izaak Famer, Hinton
Emma Tiggis, Dubuque Senior
Jake Vamer, Linn-Mar

Percussion
Anthony Caganelli, Dubuque Senior
Reanna Campbell, Grinnell
Miles Damaso, Cedar Rapids Kennedy
Alexa Gormley, Linn-Mar
Becca Tums, Cedar Rapids Washington
Shaden Tweeden, Forest City
Maggie Wright, Cedar Rapids Washington

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