

# EMERGING ARTIST COMPETITION

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# PROGRAM

*Kind Folk* ..... Kenny Wheeler  
(1930-2014)

Sean Kiefer, trumpet  
Martin Hachmann, double bass

Sonata for Trumpet and Piano ..... Karl Pilß  
II. Adagio Molto Cantabile (1902-1979)  
III. Allegro Agitato

Dora Roorda, trumpet  
Sean Botkin, piano

*Night Music* ..... Vanraj Bhatia  
I. Night Music (1927-2021)  
II. Song  
III. Dance  
IV. Night Music II

Abby Wendland, flute

Sonata for Horn and Piano ..... Paul Hindemith  
I. Mässig bewegt (1895-1963)

Patrick Mooney, horn  
Dyan Meyer, piano

*A Carmen Fantasy* ..... Frank Proto  
I. Prelude (b. 1941)  
II. Aragonaise  
V. Bohemian Dance

McCaffrey Brandt, double bass  
Natia Shioshvili, piano

# ABOUT THE ARTISTS

**Sean Kiefer** is an award-winning jazz trumpeter and composer/arranger currently studying jazz at the University of Northern Iowa, under Dr. Michael Conrad and Chris Merz. He has performed at the local, state, and national levels, including a residency with the all-stars at the Telluride Jazz Festival and a semifinalist appearance at the 2025 National Trumpet Competition. He has also had his compositions/arrangements praised by organizations including Downbeat Magazine, ASMAC, and ISJAC.

**Dora Roorda** is a junior music education major studying trumpet in the studio of Dr. Randy Grabowski. Throughout her time at UNI, she's been involved with the Panther Marching Band, Jazz Band Two, Jazz Band One, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, a jazz combo, and Bells Brass, a student-led brass quintet. She teaches trumpet through the UNI Community Music School and the New Horizons Band. Outside of music, she loves to read, cook, and be outside.

**Abby Wendland** is a junior instrumental music education major at the University of Northern Iowa. Throughout her tenure at UNI, she has served in the Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and the Panther Marching Band. Abby is a Presidential Scholar and is dedicated to leadership. Most recently, she has served as President of UNI Ballroom/Swing, Vice President Ritual of Sigma Alpha Iota - Alpha Upsilon, and is a drum major for the Panther Marching Band.

Originally from Bettendorf, IA, **Patrick Mooney** (horn) is an undergraduate student studying instrumental music education and horn performance under the tutelage of Assistant Professor of Instruction in Horn, Dr. Maddy Tarantelli. While at UNI, Patrick has performed with the UNI Wind Ensemble, Northern Iowa Symphony Orchestra, UNI Symphonic Band, UNI Horn Choir, and UNI Community Horn Choir. Patrick's professional goal is to become a horn professor to build a welcoming, inclusive, and studious community for musicians of all backgrounds.

**McCaffrey Brandt** is a junior at UNI studying Music Education and Double Bass under Dr. Will Yager. While at UNI he has performed with the Northern Iowa Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony, Bel Canto Cedar Valley, Wartburg Community Symphony, Fort Dodge Area Symphony, and others. He has also participated and finished as a semi-finalist in the 2023 and 2024 UNI Concerto Competition.

# PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

You may vote for tonight's People's Choice Award, through a web browser or by text.

On the web: visit [PollEv.com/sarablessing708](http://PollEv.com/sarablessing708)

By text: text sarablessing708 to 22333 once to join, then text A, B, C, D or E.

A - Sean Kiefer  
B - Dora Roorda  
C - Abby Wendland  
D - Patrick Mooney  
E - McCaffrey Brandt

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## TONIGHT'S AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY THANKS TO ALL STUDENTS WHO  
AUDITIONED IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND ON  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025.

MANY THANKS TO THE PRELIMINARY ROUND ADJUDICATION PANEL:  
CAROLINE FRANCIS, HEATHER HAMILTON  
AND HEATHER PEYTON

MANY THANKS ALSO TO TONIGHT'S FINALS ROUND ADJUDICATION PANEL:  
TYLER HENDRICKSON,  
STACI TOMA AND AMANDA MCCANDLESS

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PLEASE JOIN US IN THE LOBBY AFTER THE CONCERT FOR THE  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS.

THE FOLLOWING AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED:

CHARLES AND MARLETA MATHESON AWARD: \$2000  
FULLERTON-CURTIS AWARD: \$1,500  
MYRON AND RUTH RUSSELL AWARD: \$1000  
AS WELL AS YOUR CHOICE FOR THE  
"PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD"