

# CCM

WIND SERIES  
PRESENTS

# WIND ENSEMBLE INSPIRATIONS

Kevin Michael Holzman, music director and conductor

Dr. Terence Milligan, guest faculty conductor

Dr. Michael Mergen, faculty artist

Patty Saunders, graduate student conductor

Pearce Nitta, graduate student conductor

With Christian Academy of Louisville Wind Ensemble

Matt Wooten, music director and conductor

**Wednesday, January 31, 2024**

**Corbett Auditorium**

**7:30 p.m.**

# PROGRAM

## **Christian Academy of Louisville Wind Ensemble Repertoire**

Carnegie Anthem

William Owens  
(b. 1963)

An American Elegy

Frank Ticheli  
(b. 1958)

Abram's Pursuit

David Holsinger  
(b. 1945)

### *Intermission*

## **CCM Wind Ensemble Repertoire**

George Washington Bridge

William Schuman  
(1910-1992)

Terence Milligan, conductor

Evensong

Stephen Gryc  
(b. 1949)

Michael Mergen, guest faculty artist

Snowday

Andrew Strawn  
(b. 2003)

Patty Saunders, graduate student conductor

Fascinating Ribbons

Joan Tower  
(b. 1938)

Pearce Nitta, graduate student conductor

La Fiesta Mexicana

H. Owen Reed  
(1910-2014)

*I. Prelude and Aztec Dance*

*II. Mass*

*III. Carnival*

# BIOGRAPHY



Known for his strong and beautiful sound, Michael Mergen is currently a member of the trumpet/cornet section of “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band. He also performs with the Blossom Festival Band in Ohio and is a founding member of Valor Brass. In addition, Mergen has performed with the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D.C., the Washington Symphonic Brass, the Singapore Symphony in the Republic of Singapore, the Harrisburg Symphony in Pennsylvania and the Choral Arts Society of Washington. He was a Fellow at the Tanglewood Music Center in Lenox, Massachusetts, and attended the Aspen Music Festival. He has worked with conductors Seiji Ozawa, Leonard Slatkin, Osmo Vanska, John Williams and Bramwell Tovey.

Dedicated to education, Mergen currently serves as guest artist and applied faculty at the Penn State Honors Music Institute teaching trumpet. In addition, he has given numerous master classes at world-class institutions including The Juilliard School, University of Michigan, Eastman School of Music, University of Illinois and many others. He has brought his passion for music education to middle and high schools in the Washington D.C. area as part of the Marine Band’s “Music in the Schools Initiative,” formulating a rich program for brass quintets, which he has led in numerous performances. Mergen also maintains a studio of private trumpet students.

As an active soloist, Mergen’s solo performances include numerous appearances with the “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band and most recently with the Allentown Band, which was televised in Pennsylvania. He sounded Taps for the White House moment of silence in observance of 9/11 in 2018 and 2019 as well as the 2017 nationally televised Memorial Day Concert at the US Capitol. He also co-commissioned *Hanging by a Thread*, a four-movement work for solo trumpet and solo tuba with wind ensemble by James Stephenson and with his brother Paul gave the U.S. premiere with the DePauw University Concert Band in 2018. Recordings of his solo performances can be heard on both the “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band YouTube channel and website. Additional non-solo recordings include numerous volumes of the U.S. Marine Band’s annual recording as well as the Valor Brass recording *Inaugural*.

Mergen began his musical journey at age nine. His early studies included The Juilliard School Pre-College and the Kinhaven Music School summer program. He received his Bachelor in Music degree in both Trumpet Performance and Music Education from the University of Michigan, his Master of Music degree in Trumpet Performance from Eastman School of Music, and he completed the Doctor of Music Arts degree in Performance from The Catholic University of America in 2008. He is honored to have studied with Charles Daval, Charles Geyer and the late Armando Ghitalla.

A lifelong learner, when not performing or teaching, Mergen further channels his passion for music into creating arrangements for brass quintet and trumpet ensemble, and exploring the history of the trumpet and cornet.

# ROSTER

## CCM WIND ENSEMBLE

Kevin Michael Holzman, music director and conductor

### Flute/Piccolo

Maddie Choi  
Minkyong Choi  
Allison Clifford  
Caitlyn Lyerly  
Isabella Saldaña

### Oboe/English Horn

Robert Burleson  
Matthew Dawson  
Isaac Lookadoo

### Clarinet

Beatrice Aldrich  
Ian Bunt  
Zac Dietz  
Shannon Joyce  
Jasmine Mathisen  
Geovanny Morales  
Aidan Peters  
Kylie Quinn  
Leila Sereki

### Bassoon

Bailey Aber  
Anglynn Kiss  
Ella Sweeney

### Saxophone

Noah Burns  
Josh Duebber  
Aiden Schlegel  
Tessa Stephens

### Horn

Sophia Hannan  
Kelly James  
Joseph Muhl  
Emily Riker

### Trumpet

Ethan Maycon  
Ethan Murden  
Caroline Niederhausen  
Olivia Passerini  
Sydney Riddle  
Travis Sandomierski  
Joey Theobald

### Trombone

Diego Castro-Lainez  
Samantha Monday  
Ryan Riegle  
Mark Troy

### Euphonium

Matthew Baker  
Nick McDermott

### Tuba

Edmund Brumback  
Kelson Laska  
Bautista Solis

### Percussion

Madeline Bodie  
Maya Chamberlin  
Elliot Hungler  
Koen Scheid  
San-Lou Wei  
Jacob Weir

### Double Bass

Chiyang Chen

### Harp

Oliva Henderson

### Piano

Isabel Mearini

# ROSTER

## CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF LOUISVILLE WIND ENSEMBLE

Matt Wooten, music director and conductor

### **Flute**

Sami Owens  
Samantha Pieczynski  
Mia Worth

### **Oboe**

Max Combs

### **Clarinet**

Nicholas Barnett  
Rachel Green  
Callie McCurdy  
Ava Nunez

### **Bass Clarinet**

Nicole Motheral

### **Bassoon**

Hansel Kim  
Luke Surbeck

### **Alto Saxophone**

Noah Conlon  
Patrick Snider  
Zach Wampler

### **Tenor Saxophone**

Lucas Hale

### **Trumpet**

Eli Matthies  
Patrick Money  
Mclain Willison  
Hannah Wooten

### **Horn**

Carson Clay  
Ty Stanton

### **Trombone**

Ethan Graham  
Matthew Merrick  
Gavin Roberts

### **Euphonium**

Caleb Stanton

### **Tuba**

Zach Kvindis

### **Percussion**

Clay Combs  
Hunter Johnson  
Ella Kobman  
Ryan Morgeson  
Alena Wang  
Matthew Ward  
Matthew Wheeler  
Jack Wieringa

# IN THE WINGS

7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12

• Winds Series •

**STAR QUALITY 5**

**CCM Brass Choir**

**Timothy Northcut, music director and conductor**

CCM's nationally recognized Brass Choir performs selections featuring brass ensembles large and small consisting of students from the CCM horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba/euphonium and percussion studios.

**Location:** Corbett Auditorium

**Admission:** FREE

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