

SKOKIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 73.5

**McCRACKEN**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
*Symphonic Band*  
SKOKIE, IL

**CHIP DE STEFANO**, *conductor*

**DAVID MORRISON**, *conductor*

**BRENDAN FRANK**, *student teacher conductor*

Thursday, January 28, 2010

7:15 PM

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# MCCRACKEN MIDDLE SCHOOL SYMPHONIC BAND

## FLUTE

Silvia Burian 7  
Payton Curry 7  
Karli Goldenberg 7  
Matthew Harris-Ridker 7  
Anna Hill 6  
Myhanh Lu 6  
Erin Martin 6  
Natalie Niederman 6  
Rachel Tapper 8  
Milan Woody 7  
Rose Zubeck 6

## OBOE

Jennifer Goodfriend 6  
Elida Newton 7  
Lucy Yao 8

## CLARINET

Daniel Aisenberg 6  
Ben Barov 6  
Sonia Codell 7  
Cree Glanz 7  
Amanda Green 7  
Sara Morrison 8  
Nina Yonan 6

## BASS CLARINET

Sarah Ly 6  
Darrien Min 7

## ALTO SAXOPHONE

Amanda Ly 7  
Sean Riordan 7  
Vincent Surdo 8  
Theo Ward 8

## TENOR SAXOPHONE

Lyka Ando 7  
Conor Toledo 6

## BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Yuji Tsukamoto 6  
Aaliyah Williams 7

## CORNET

Ari Bearman 6  
Nick Bohm 8  
Amy Burke 6  
Brian DeVilla 7  
Carolyn Dwyer 6  
Eric Nishiyama 8  
Chris Scheithauer 6  
Adam Yusen 7

## FRENCH HORN

Sally Alvarado 8  
Molly Hampton 8  
Liz Meuser 8  
Alyssa Moy 6  
Sophie Steger 6

## TROMBONE

Erik Altmayer 8  
Matthew Groner 8  
Aaron Niederman 6  
Benjamin Popernik 8  
Mark Wilson 7  
Martin Wiviott 6

## EUPHONIUM

Luc Walkington 7

## TUBA

Elizabeth Akinboboye 6  
Matthew Ginsburg 7

## PERCUSSION

Andrew Goldberg 7  
Lindsey Karlin 8  
Maggie Quane 8  
Daniel Sahyouni 7  
Julia Thummel 8

## 2009 SYMPHONIC BAND GRADUATES

Michelle Abraham *french horn*  
Emily Abram *flute*  
Samantha Acance *flute*  
Emmett Barr *trombone*  
Isabelle Berkson *clarinet*  
Georgia Christus *flute*  
Ian Crane *cornet*  
Emma Decker *clarinet*  
Nikolas Erickson *percussion*  
Joey Galante *alto saxophone*  
Kelly Groves *percussion*  
Sara Guzina *clarinet*

Cindy Hou *flute*  
Alexa Jasenof *clarinet*  
Talha Khan *trombone*  
Earl Kim *tuba*  
Rebecca Lau *clarinet*  
Matthew Pietz *cornet*  
Megan Pietz *percussion*  
Christopher Riordan *clarinet*  
Jaclyn Russell *flute*  
Karen Savella *clarinet*  
Lillian Wong *oboe*  
Phoebe Yeo *flute*

# **McCracken Middle School Band Program**

## **SKOKIE, ILLINOIS**

The Village of Skokie is located just 16 miles northwest of downtown Chicago. Home to approximately 60,000 residents, Skokie covers 10.2 square miles of land. Superior municipal services, together with the nationally acclaimed Skokie Park District, the superb Skokie Public Library, the preeminent Northshore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, the Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park and outstanding school districts make Skokie an excellent place to live. The Village is a recipient of the Governor's Hometown Award and has received "All America City" finalist distinction from the National Civic League.

## **SKOKIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 73.5**

Skokie School District 73.5 is home to approximately 1100 kindergarten through 8th grade students. We have three schools: Elizabeth Meyer School pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, John Middleton School grades 1 through 5 and Oliver McCracken Middle School grades 6 through 8. Our students have ancestral origins from all over the world. Nearly half of our students are bilingual, speaking nearly 40 languages. Our students are more diverse, economically, racially, religiously, linguistically and socially, than most schools in the surrounding suburbs. Our community embraces and celebrates this diversity and appreciates the opportunity children and families have to interact and form friendships with such a wide spectrum of people.

McCracken Middle School serves a population of about 375 students. Recognized as a National School of Excellence by the Blue Ribbon School Program in 2001, McCracken students achieve not only academic success, but have a tradition of excelling in the fine arts.

## **MCCRACKEN MIDDLE SCHOOL SYMPHONIC BAND**

Currently, 200 students in grades four through eight participate in the Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Intermediate Band, Beginning Band and various chamber ensembles. The McCracken Middle School Symphonic Band, among the elite of middle school bands in Illinois, has performed at several prestigious events in recent years including two performances at the 2001 & 2005 MENC North-Central Conference, several performances at the IMEA All-State Conference, and a performance at the 2006 Midwest Clinic. The Symphonic Band has made eleven appearances at the University of Illinois Superstate Concert Band Festival, being selected as the honor band in 2000, 2003, and 2006. The Symphonic Band has also received 48 consecutive superior ratings at the Illinois Grade School Music Association District Organization Contest and has been selected as an "honors" ensemble at all seven IGSMA State Festivals it has participated in.

The Symphonic Band has also performed at the IMEA Music Education Day at the Capitol, Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival, Plainfield Concert Band Festival, the Midwest Music Festival, Skokie Festival of Cultures, AYSO Opening Ceremonies, and WBBM News Radio 780 30th anniversary promotion. In the spring of 2001, the band was highlighted in WLS-TV's Chicago's ABC affiliate feature "Someone You Should Know." Three times in the last ten years, Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen and the Village Board of Trustees have passed resolutions honoring our students' outstanding achievements in instrumental music.

The success of our band program is due to the hard work of the administration, the parents, the community, the educators, and most importantly, our students.

# **McCracken Middle School Bands**

## **Recent Performances and Achievements**

### **JOHN PHILIP SOUSA FOUNDATION**

2006 Sudler Silver Cup Award

### **MIDWEST BAND AND ORCHESTRA CLINIC**

2008 Symphonic Band (demonstration group for Chip De Stefano clinic)

2006 Symphonic Band Performance

2006 Symphonic Band (demonstration group for Bruce Pearson clinic)

2005 Symphonic Band (demonstration group for Gary Barton rehearsal lab)

2003 Clarinet Choir (demonstration group for Julie DeRoche clinic)

### **MENC NORTH-CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

2005 Symphonic Band Performance (Michigan Music Education In-Service Conference)

2001 Symphonic Band Performance (Illinois Music Educators Association All-State Conference)

### **ILLINOIS MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION ALL-STATE CONFERENCE**

2010 Symphonic Band Performance

2008 Symphonic Band (demonstration group for Chip De Stefano Clinic)

2008 Symphonic Band (demonstration group for Bruce Pearson Clinic)

2005 Symphonic Band (demonstration group for Chip De Stefano and Karen Debauche clinic)

2004 Symphonic Band Performance

2003 5th Grade Band (demonstration group for Chip De Stefano clinic)

2003 Clarinet Choir (demonstration group for Julie DeRoche clinic)

2001 Symphonic Band Performance (MENC North-Central Regional Conference)

### **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SUPERSTATE CONCERT BAND FESTIVAL**

2009 Symphonic Band Performance

2008 Symphonic Band Performance

2007 Symphonic Band Performance Honor Band Performance

2006 Symphonic Band Performance

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## CHIP DE STEFANO

Chip De Stefano received both his Bachelor of Music in Trombone Performance and Master of Music Education Degrees from Northwestern University. While at Northwestern, he studied conducting with John P. Paynter, Steve Peterson, and Don Owens, trombone with Frank Crisafulli and Art Linsner, and music education with Bennett Reimer, Donald Casey, Jim Kjelland, and Peter Webster. Mr. De Stefano was director of the Northwestern University Basketball Band (1994-1996) and the University Jazz Lab Band (1995-1996). In addition to these responsibilities, he assisted with all the office of band's performing organizations and had conducting appearances with the wind ensemble, symphonic band, trombone ensemble, and marching band.

Mr. De Stefano is currently in his 14th year as Director of Bands at McCracken Middle School in Skokie, Illinois. Under his direction, the McCracken Symphonic Band has received first division ratings at all district and state organization contests of the Illinois Grade School Music Association (IGSMA) and has made multiple appearances at the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) All-State Conference and the University of Illinois Superstate Concert Band Festival. In 2005, the Symphonic Band performed at the Michigan Music Education In-Service Conference/MENC North-Central Conference and was most recently invited to present a concert at the 2006 Midwest Clinic: An International Band and Orchestra Conference.

As a published arranger and composer, Mr. De Stefano has received commissions from the marching bands of Northwestern University, Samford University, the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, the University of Idaho and dozens of high schools from across the United States. His works have been performed on ABC's 1996 Rose Bowl Halftime Show, Live! with Regis and Kathy Lee, and WBBM News Radio 780. Mr. De Stefano's works are available from Grand Mesa Music, Kagarice Brass Editions and DeStefanoMusic.com.

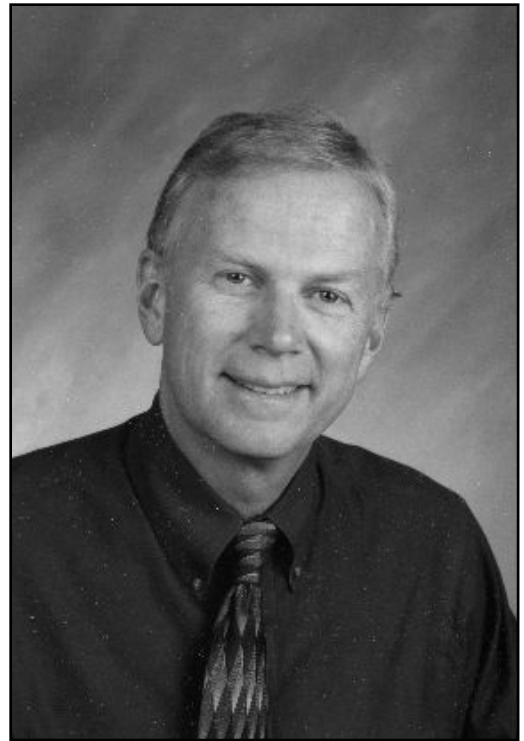
Mr. De Stefano's professional affiliations include the Music Educators National Conference, the Illinois Music Educators Association, the National Band Association, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

Mr. De Stefano is active nationally as a clinician, guest conductor, and adjudicator. He's conducted honor bands in Wisconsin, Missouri, Florida, and throughout Illinois. In addition, he has presented conference sessions at the Midwest Clinic (2008), IMEA All-State Conference (2003, 2005, 2008), Iowa Bandmasters Conference (2010), and DuPage County Music Clinic (2009). Mr. De Stefano is a recipient of eleven National Band Association Citations of Excellence. He was awarded the Chicagoland Outstanding Music Educator Award in 2001 and the IGSMA Barbara Buehlmann Young Conductor Award in 2004.



## DAVID MORRISON

David Morrison received his formal training in music at the University of Illinois, where he earned his Music Education Bachelor of Science degree in 1973 and his Masters degree in 1977. From 1973 to 1977, he was Director of Bands at East Richland High School in Olney, Illinois. From 1977 until 2006, he was the Director of Bands at Prospect High School in Mt. Prospect, Illinois, where he developed and maintained a nationally recognized band program for 29 years. Honors that he has received include the Citation of Excellence from the National Band Association, election to the Phi Beta Mu National Band Director's Honorary Fraternity, winner of Outstanding Contributions to Education Award at Prospect High School on two occasions, Outstanding Chicagoland Music Educator Award in 1992, the Shining Star Award in 1995, and nomination for the Golden Apple Award in 2001. In 2003, Mr. Morrison was honored as the State of Illinois Teacher of the Year. In 2005, he was inducted into the Phi Beta Mu Bandmaster's Hall of Fame at Northwestern University, and in 2006 he received the John Paynter Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Morrison continues to guest conduct, clinic, and adjudicate music groups throughout the U.S. and the world. Mr. Morrison has served as adjunct music faculty for Northern Illinois University, VanderCook College of Music, and DePaul University. Most recently, Mr. Morrison served as guest conductor at the Singapore American School in the Far East, he conducted the Illinois All State Band in January of 2009, he conducted the Moriah College Music Camp in Sydney, Australia, and he served as interim conductor of the Illinois Wesleyan University Wind Ensemble the fall semester of 2008. Mr. Morrison currently serves as conductor of the Concert Band at the University of Illinois at Chicago.



Under the direction of David Morrison, the Prospect bands have been exceptionally successful. The Symphonic band has won numerous honors, including consistent first division awards from the Illinois High School Association State Band Contest, first division awards at the Chicagoland Symphonic Band Festival, and the Honor Band Award at the prestigious Superstate Band Festival. Similarly, the Prospect Marching Band has won competitions throughout the state of Illinois and the country, including winning the Grand Champion Governor's Trophy at the University of Illinois' Illini Marching Festival 23 consecutive years. Auditioning among outstanding bands throughout the State of Illinois, the Prospect Symphonic Band was consistently selected to the University of Illinois Superstate Band Festival. In 2005, the Band was chosen for the second time to perform as the Superstate Honor Band at Krannert Center's Foehlinger Great Hall in Champaign, Illinois on May 6, 2006.

## BRENDAN FRANK

Brendan Frank is currently a Senior in Instrumental Music Education at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. A native of Mt. Prospect, Brendan graduated from John Hersey High School in 2006. He is currently working towards completing his degree in Spring 2010 and hopes to teach band at the high school or junior high level. His primary instrument is trumpet, though he is also an active jazz guitarist. His primary teachers at the University were Dr. Michael Ewald, Ronald Romm, and Dr. Joseph Manfredo.

Brendan is an alumnus of the Phantom Regiment Drum & Bugle Corps, the Colts Drum & Bugle Corps, and the Alpha Xi Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. In March, he will continue his student teaching at Evanston Township High School in Evanston, IL. He is truly grateful for all of the great mentors he has worked with in the field of music education and looks forward to starting his own career as a music educator.

# PROGRAM NOTES

## THE FOOTLIFTER HENRY FILLMORE

Written in only four days, *The Footlifter* was composed in 1929 at the request of a sponsor of the Fillmore Band's radio broadcasts. Although it lacks an introduction, this 6/8 march is written in standard march form with the battery percussion handling the traditional break-strain. It gets its appropriate title from the president of the radio network, who upon hearing the new march, stated that it was certainly a "footlifter."

## A TALLIS PRELUDE DOUGLAS AKEY

*A Tallis Prelude* is based on a melody written by Thomas Tallis, a sixteenth century English Composer. This melody, written in the phrygian mode, has a powerful yet haunting quality about it. *A Tallis Prelude* preserves the use of the phrygian mode whenever Tallis' theme is present, using the relative major key for most of the original and derived themes.

## KOREAN FOLK RHAPSODY JAMES CURNOW

*Korean Folk Rhapsody* is based on the folk song *Airirang* and takes this beautiful tune through several different styles and moods. The words usually associated with this tune are:

Ahrirang, Ahrirang, Ahririo,  
As you proceed along the Ahririan pass,  
Blue the sky with its myriad stars, so  
Sadness fills my heart with its myriad woes.

## NOVO LENIO SAMUEL R. HAZO

*Novo Lenio*, Latin for "a new and better change," is a programmatic work in three contiguous movements written for Upper St. Clair High School. Key to each movement are musical quotes from the school's alma mater as well as an original melody representing change and betterment. Each time the alma mater and the new theme appear they sound different so as to describe the mood of the time period being depicted. In the first movement, *Remembrance*, the two themes appear to be somewhat somber. This movement was inspired by a walkthrough of the old school hallway during its demolition and the memories that the partially standing structures brought back. *Qui Non Proficit Deficit*, the second movement, depicts the construction of the new school. This Latin phrase translates as: *He who does not progress, weakens*. This movement is meant to sound like the dissonance of construction with its themes played against percussive sounds. Just as the tension in the music needs to break, the third movement, *A New Beginning*, begins. This movement portrays the glorious look of Upper St. Clair's new school, closing with three repeating quotes of the alma mater's opening passage.

## AMERICAN RIVERSONGS PIERRE LA PLANTE

Commissioned by the Oberlin High School Band from Oberlin, Ohio, *American Riversongs* is based on traditional and composed music of an earlier time, when the rivers and waterways were the lifelines of a growing nation. It begins with a rousing setting of *Down the River*, followed by an expansive and dramatic treatment of *Shenandoah*. After a brief transition, a brass band is heard playing a quadrille-like version of Stephen Foster's *The Glendy Burk*. As it travels along, a second theme is introduced by piccolo, flutes and tambourine. This second theme is based on a Creole bamboula tune that probably originated in the Louisiana delta region. The bamboula theme is marked by an incessant syncopated ragtime rhythm and used in the coda to bring *American Riversongs* to a rowdy, foot-stomping close!



# CLINICIANS 1996-2010

The McCracken Middle School Symphonic Band gratefully thanks the following individuals who have so graciously given their time, and their ears, in assisting our band program:

Douglas Akey *Mesa Academy, AZ*  
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Robert Blim *Wilmette Junior High School*  
Jonathan Boen *DePaul University*  
Bryce Bowlin *freelance musician*  
Andrew Boysen *University of New Hampshire*  
Michael Burritt *Eastman School of Music*  
Bruce Daugherty *New Trier High School*  
Audrey Denny *freelance musician*  
Donald DeRoche *DePaul University, retired*  
Julie DeRoche *DePaul University*  
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Thad Driskell *Jefferson High School, LA*  
Marc Dwyer *Kroc Middle School, CA*  
Elton Eisele *Niles North High School*  
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Michael Pressler *Maine East High School*  
Anita Reider *freelance musician*  
Wes Russell *Farragut School*  
Julie Schmalzbauer *freelance musician*  
Don Shupe *Libertyville High School*  
Randy Sundell *Vernon Hills High School*  
James Smith *freelance musician*  
Tim Smith *freelance musician*  
Kimberly Sopata *freelance musician*  
Anna Spina *freelance musician*  
Susan Spindler *Lincoln Hall Middle School*  
Donald Stahlberg *McCracken Middle School, retired*  
Mary Stolper *DePaul University*  
Mark Taylor *Loyola Univ./Roosevelt Univ.*  
Brayer Teague *Downers Grove North High School*  
Duane Tutaj *Byron Middle School, retired*  
Bill Walsh *freelance musician*  
Jonathan Walsh *Glenbard West High School*  
Nancy Whitaker *Maine South High School*  
John Whitwell *Michigan State University, retired*  
Christopher Woodruff *Lycoming College*  
Eric Yates *freelance musician*

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Lisa Friedman, General Music

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and last, but definitely not least, thanks to our biggest fans - my wife Susan, sons Brian & Joseph, and daughters Kristen & Clara - for your love, patience and support.

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