

NEC Preparatory School

Junior Massachusetts Youth Wind
Ensemble

Jared Cassedy

Music Director, Junior Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble

Friday, May 19th, 2023

7:30 p.m.

NEC's Jordan Hall

PROGRAM

JUNIOR MASSACHUSETTS YOUTH WIND ENSEMBLE

William Owens

(b.1963)

Quicksilver

Michael Daugherty

(b. 1954)

Alligator Alley

Eric Whitacre

(b.1970)

Lux Aurumque

Julie Giroux

(b.1971)

Vigils Keep

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Flute

Cindy Chen
Maria Huang
Catherine Li
Rachel Liu
Sonal Setty
Amelia Shen
Jessica Wu
Natalie Xiao
Dean Yang
Emilly Zhou

Bassoon

Hank Hicks

Clarinet

Sam Hendrickson
Ajay Krishnan
Colin Miranda
Eric Shao
Cole Turkel *
Shannon Leigh *

Alto Saxophone

Lucas Cao
Matthew Chen
Daniel Jin
Alexander Meng
Andrew Qiao
Ian Swinger
Johnny Zhang

Tenor Saxophone

Andy Chen

Baritone Saxophone

Vladyslav Dovhan *

Trumpet

Nishanth Bangalore
Brady Chan
Ryan Park
Tobin Schenker
Adam Sugarman

French Horn

Jonathan Choi

Trombone

Russell Cutler
Elliott Shoemaker

Euphonium

Miles Settembre
Elizabeth Zuccarello

Tuba

Robert Lowrance

Percussion

Lucca Cobas
Danial Kukuk *
Zezan Wei *

* NEC College Ringer

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Jared L. Cassedy is the K-12 Performing Arts Coordinator for Lexington Public Schools, Massachusetts where he oversees and supports all music and dramatic arts programming and curriculum development in collaboration with the performing arts teachers, and also conducts the LHS Wind Ensemble. He is the recipient of the 2015 GRAMMY Music Educator Award furnished by the GRAMMY Foundation and The Recording Academy having been selected out of a pool of more than 7,200 nominees nationwide and was most recently recognized as a 2022 National Music Teacher of Excellence by the Country Music Association (CMA) Foundation. He is currently the chairperson for the Massachusetts Music Educators Association Northeastern District and has recently been elected as President-Elect for the Massachusetts State Music Educators Association. Jared serves on the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) Equity Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and the Council of Music Program Leaders and is a teacher leader for the Connected Arts Network (CAN). Prior to coming to Massachusetts, was the President-Elect for the New Hampshire Music Educators Association (NHMEA).

Beginning his career in 2005 as a music teacher at Windham Middle School, in Windham, NH, Jared was appointed as the first Director of Bands for the newly constructed Windham High School directing all instrumental ensembles in 2009. Until 2016, Jared held the position as Director of K-12 Fine and Performing Arts responsible for the supervision and evaluation of teachers as well as the development of curriculum. From 2016 to 2018 Jared spent two years working as the first Director of K-12 Performing Arts for the Salem School District in New Hampshire (his alma mater) where he helped to define, develop, and strengthen the department's capacity through curriculum and assessment development, collaboration, teacher supervision and effectiveness, and district-wide programming.

Jared's continued collaboration with his students and colleagues has enabled his ensembles to be selected to participate in a myriad of national performances and festivals in New York City (National Band and Orchestra Festival at Carnegie Hall and the New York Wind Band Festival at Carnegie Hall), Chicago (Festival of Gold), and at the Bands of America (BOA) National Band Festival sponsored by Music for All and Yamaha in Indianapolis. His ensembles have also been selected to perform at the NAfME Eastern Division Conference, for the Mayor of Quebec City and Governor of Montreal, and most recently at the Pacific Basin International Music Festival in Honolulu, Hawaii (2023).

Jared has also held the position of conductor of the New England Conservatory Preparatory School's Jr. Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble since 2016 where he works with students within the Greater Boston area who rehearse and perform actively throughout the school year. Prior to this appointment, Jared was the director of the NH Youth Wind Ensemble. He is a much sought after conductor and clinician conducted a myriad of regional honor bands across all states in New England, has given a variety of lectures on leadership and best practices in teaching including TEDx talking about his journey and philosophies through education, and co-presented the session, "Fine Tuning Ensemble Culture and Why it Matters: Intentionally Creating a Positive Community through Conversation and Collaboration" at the International Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in 2021.

In 2011 the New Hampshire Band Directors Association honored Jared with the "Outstanding Young Band Director of the Year Award." He was also nominated for New Hampshire Teacher of the Year in 2014. Jared graduated Summa cum Laude from the University of New Hampshire – Durham where he received his Bachelors of Music degree in Music Education and has a Masters of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction with a focus in Educational Leadership from Southern New Hampshire University. He is a member of NAfME, MMEA, NBA, and ASCD, and the prestigious Pi Lambda Theta Education Honors Society.

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Upcoming NEC Preparatory School Large Ensemble Events

Monday, May 22nd 2023

Senior Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble

7:30 PM in Jordan Hall

Wednesday, May 24th 2023

Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble Concert Band &

Youth Brass Ensemble

7:30 PM in Jordan Hall

Wednesday, May 25th 2023

Youth Philharmonic Orchestra

7:30 PM in Jordan Hall

Tuesday, May 30th 2023

Youth Chorale

7:30 PM in Jordan Hall

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