

NEC Preparatory School

Massachusetts Youth Wind  
Ensemble Concert Band and Youth  
Brass Ensemble

Eli Epstein

Music Director, Youth Brass Ensemble

Alfred Dentino

*Music Director, Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble Concert Band*

Wednesday, May 24th, 2023

7:30 p.m.

NEC's Jordan Hall

**PROGRAM**

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**YOUTH BRASS ENSEMBLE**

**Felix Mendelssohn**  
(1809-1847)  
Arr. Bergler

**Beati Mortui**

**Arcangelo Corelli**  
(1653-1713)  
arr. King

**Pastorale from *Christmas Concerto Grosso***

**Andrea Gabrieli**  
(1533-1585)  
arr. King

**Canzon Septimi Toni No. 2 -- Venice, 1597  
from *Sacrae Symphoniae***

**Anton Bruckner**  
arr. Yeo  
(1824-1896)

**Ave Maria (Motet - 1861)**

**Andreas Hammerschmidt**  
(1611-1675)  
arr. Bollinger

**Machet die Tore Weit (Open Wide the Gates)**

**MASSACHUSETTS YOUTH WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT BAND**

**Jack Bullock**  
(1929-2022)

**El Águila De Oro**

**Percy Grainger**  
(1882-1961)  
arr. Wagner

**I'm Seventeen come Sunday**

**Bedřich Smetana**  
(1824-1884)

**Fanfares from the Opera "Libuše"**

**Joe Hisaishi**  
(b.1950)

**Laputa: Castle in the sky**

**NEC Youth Brass Ensemble**  
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*French Horn*

Mikail Qureshi  
Tess Reagan \*

*Trumpet*

Daniel Geho  
John Qi  
Hanna Suessenbach  
Charlie Yeaw  
Nemanja Zivanovic  
Eleanor (Nora) Jin

*Trombone*

Luke Fitzpatrick  
Timothy Lai  
Kyle Edward Pinto  
Joseph Repaci

*Tuba*

Michelle Sotelo  
Luke Wong

\* College Ringer

# NEC Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble Concert Band

Alfred Dentino, Music Director

## *Flute*

Remy Kim  
Ezra Klauber  
Albert Liu  
Andrew Lu  
Sylvia Sakata  
Jace Sawicka  
Vivian Shi  
Tina Su  
Arron Zheng

## *Oboe*

Amanda Wang

## *Bassoon*

Eli Coleman

## *Clarinet*

Rei Brown  
Boyi Cao  
Leila Mostaghimi  
Fenya Savage Mantell  
Silas Schenker  
Feiya Wang  
Bianca Zhang  
Isabella Zhang  
Ethan Zhou

## *Bass Clarinet*

Oscar Li

## *Alto Saxophone*

Benjamin Hanna  
Jabe Hicks  
Ching Hei Andre Leung  
Tian Yu

## *Tenor Saxophone*

Honor Hickman \*

## *Baritone Saxophone*

Emily Umholtz

## *Trumpet*

Ronald Du  
Antonio Fitanides  
Emily Sullivan  
Zihan (Jason) Zhu

## *French Horn*

Abigail Wong

## *Trombone*

Ethan Kim

## *Euphonium*

Lili Rigoulot

## *Tuba*

Eliana Lesser  
Xian Lin \*

## *Percussion*

Danial Kukuk \*  
Zezan Wei \*

\* NEC College Ringer

## **Eli Epstein**

*Music Director, Youth Brass Ensemble*

Eli Epstein enjoys a multi-faceted career as performer, educator, conductor and author. Epstein was second horn of the Cleveland Orchestra (1987-2005), and horn professor at the Cleveland Institute of Music (1989-2005). He has appeared several times as soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra and Cleveland Orchestra.

Epstein left Cleveland in 2005, and moved to Boston to devote more time and energy toward educational and creative endeavors. He is currently on faculty of New England Conservatory and Professor of Horn at Boston Conservatory at Berklee. At NEC, Epstein is on the college faculty, NEC at Walnut Hill, and Brass Chair of the Preparatory School. Epstein's students hold positions as chamber musicians and teachers, and have won posts in more than 30 major orchestras in North America.

An active performer, Epstein has appeared on chamber programs at Jordan Hall, Severance Hall, Tanglewood, Philadelphia's Academy of Music, Kennedy Center, Music Academy of the West, where he was on faculty (2005-2013), and the Aspen Music Festival, where he served as principal horn of the Aspen Chamber Symphony (2000-2012). Epstein has collaborated with the Borromeo and Brentano String Quartets, and has been guest principal horn for the Rhode Island Philharmonic, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and the Saint Louis Symphony. Epstein performs with the Boston Symphony Orchestra from time to time and has played on the BSO Community Chamber Concerts series.

Director of the NEC Youth Brass Ensemble since 2009, Epstein has conducted college ensembles at Boston Conservatory at Berklee, Cleveland Institute of Music, Longy School of Music, Music Academy of the West, NEC, and El Sistema in Venezuela. Advocating the idea that music can be a meaningful and uplifting force in society, in 2009 Epstein won Grand Prize in the Entrepreneur the Arts Contest for his Inside Out Concerts, and appeared on Heartbeat of America with William Shatner. Drawing on years of experience as a performer, educator and entrepreneur, in 2013 Epstein joined the NEC Entrepreneurial Musicianship faculty to teach their survey course The Entrepreneurial Musician.

Epstein's book, *Horn Playing from the Inside Out* (third edition published in 2016, and eBook published on Apple Books in 2021) includes astonishing images from the MRI Lab at the Max Planck Institute in Göttingen Germany. This book was celebrated in the International Horn Society's journal as "an overwhelmingly stimulating and productive treatise...that will yield positive influence on legions of horn players..." It was also commended in *Horn Matters*: "Without a doubt the most physiologically correct book ever published on horn playing. Epstein presents a pedagogy that is truly informed by science, with new insights that should not be ignored." *Orchestral Excerpts for Low Horn*, Epstein's album released in 2014, was acclaimed in

HornWorld as "a perfect sequel to (Krebiehl's) original horn excerpts CD...you would be hard pressed to find more nuanced, musically substantial performances anywhere." Epstein earned his Bachelor of Music Degree magna cum laude from the Eastman School of Music.

### **Alfred Dentino**

*Music Director, Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble Concert Band*

Alfred Dentino, an alumnus of Concord-Carlisle Regional High School in Concord, Massachusetts, received his Bachelor of Music Education Degree from The Ohio State University in 1976. While at Ohio State, he was principal clarinetist and President of the Ohio State University Concert Band under the direction of Dr. Donald E. McGinnis. He earned his Master's Degree in Fine Arts from Harvard University in 1991 where he won the Crite Prize for his research into the portrayals of musical instruments in ancient Greek Art.

Mr. Dentino has taught in the Columbus, Ohio Public Schools, Wachusett Regional School District in Holden, Massachusetts, the Concord Public Schools, and the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District. From 1993 until he retired from public school teaching in 2012, he served as Director of Bands at Concord-Carlisle Regional High School where his responsibilities included directing the Repertory and Concert Bands, Pep Band, Orchestra, and Jazz Bands as well as conducting the Pit Orchestra for the school's annual musical. Under his direction, the CCHS Concert Band earned nineteen gold medals at the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association (MICCA) State Concert Festival. The CCHS Concert Band undertook extremely successful tours of Hokkaido, Japan in 1998, 2004, 2007 and 2010 and the CCHS Jazz Band visited Beijing, China in 2000. The CCHS Concert Band has performed at some of the finest concert venues in the world. Among these are Mechanics Hall in Worcester, Massachusetts, Ozawa Hall at Tanglewood, Symphony Hall in Boston, and Kitara Hall in Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan. The joint Sapporo and Concord-Carlisle concerts at Symphony Hall (Japan Night At Symphony Hall) in 2003 and 2008 were incredible experiences for both performer and audience member alike.

In retirement, Mr. Dentino continues to teach. He is currently an Emeritus Teacher of Music Theory at Concord-Carlisle, maintains an active private teaching schedule, and is Assistant Director of the Lexington Bicentennial Band. He has served as Treasurer, Vice-President, and President of MICCA. Mr. Dentino has conducted the Massachusetts Music Educators Association (MMEA) Western District Festival Band, the All Cape Cod and Islands Band, and the Nashua (New Hampshire) Honors Band. He is the recipient of the MICCA Hall of Fame award for 2001 and continues to serve MMEA and MICCA as a clarinet and ensemble adjudicator and clinician. Mr. Dentino and his wife, Chris, currently reside in Lancaster, Massachusetts where they operate a small equestrian boarding and riding facility.

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**Wednesday, May 25th 2023**

Youth Philharmonic Orchestra

7:30 PM in Jordan Hall

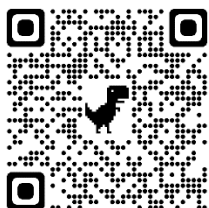
**Tuesday, May 30th 2023**

Youth Chorale

7:30 PM in Jordan Hall

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