

NEC Preparatory School
Senior Massachusetts Youth Wind
Ensemble

Michael Mucci
Conductor

Allison Lacasse
Assistant Conductor

Sunday, December 11, 7:30 p.m.

NEC's Jordan Hall

PROGRAM

Steve Danyew

Magnolia Star

Percy Aldridge Grainger

Spoon River

Ronald Lo Presti

Elegy For A Young American

Norman Dello Joio

Variants On A Mediaeval Tune

Luigi Denza
(Arr. Yo Goto)

Funiculi-Funicula Rhapsody

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Flute

Niharika Chawla
Bessie Li
Tiwen Lin
Shinyeong Rho
Charis Shin
Irene Song
Darren Huang

Piccolo

Anna Ridenour*

Oboe

Corinne Foley*

Clarinet

Aiden Chen
Hanna Girma
Ellie Kim
Richard Li
Brandson Li
Jong Park
Su Min Pyo
Deepak Viswalingam
David Wang
Yipeng Sha

Bass Clarinet

Christopher Bague
Rohan Miovic

Bassoon

Adam Chen*

Alto Saxophone

Giancarlo D'Agostino
Sam Richman

Tenor Saxophone

Davi Rangel

Baritone Saxophone

Owen Somers

French horn

Lily Hicks

Trumpet

Simone Cooke
Nathaniel Gillette
Gordon Wei
Forrest Williams

Trombone

Leo Carpenter
Kyle Pinto
Joseph Repaci

Euphonium

Lily Hyde

Tuba

Sydney Parke

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Percussion

Ian Chang
Reuven Wolfe
Ian Wolossow
Jacob Pan
Ava Howell*
Dominic Porcelli*

*College Player

Michael Mucci

Conductor, Senior Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble

Michael Mucci retired from the Longmeadow Public School System, in Longmeadow, Massachusetts, in 2013, where he taught for thirty-five years, and was Chairman of the Music Department and Director of Instrumental Music at Longmeadow High School. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Crane School of Music in Potsdam, New York, where he was awarded the Undergraduate Teaching Award, the Departmental Scholar Award, and the Crane-McMenamin Scholarship. He also holds a Master of Music degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Mr. Mucci's Longmeadow ensembles performed at the National Band and Orchestra Festival at Carnegie Hall and Boston Symphony Hall, the National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana, and at the International Association of Jazz Educators Convention. Under his direction, the Longmeadow High School Symphony Orchestra received the 2010 American Prize for Secondary School Orchestral Performance and the Longmeadow High School Music Department was awarded three Grammy Signature Awards by the National Association of Recording Arts and Sciences.

Mr. Mucci is currently in his twenty-fifth season as Director of the Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble at the New England Conservatory of Music. Under his leadership, MYWE has performed in the National Band Festival at Carnegie Hall, and was featured as part of "Winds Across the Century," a nationwide wind symposium held at the New England Conservatory of Music. MYWE has also shared the stage with the Metropolitan Winds and the Boston College Wind Ensemble, performed at the National Music Educators All Eastern Conference in Providence, Rhode Island, and toured Italy, performing concerts in Florence, Naples, Rome, and the Vatican City, where they played for Pope John Paul II. Under Mr. Mucci's leadership, MYWE has also performed in Austria, the Czech Republic, England, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Poland, Portugal, Scotland, Spain, and Wales.

Mr. Mucci serves as an adjudicator for the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association and has appeared as a guest conductor with festivals throughout New York and New England. He has received the Citation of Excellence from the National Band Association and the 2011 Lowell Mason Award from the Massachusetts Music Educators Association for outstanding leadership in music education. He has also received the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award; the New England Public Radio Arts and Humanities Award; the Singer Family Prize for Excellence in Secondary School Teaching, awarded by the University of Rochester; and the Jean Stackhouse Award for Excellence in Teaching, given by the New England Conservatory of Music. Mr. Mucci was elected into the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association's Hall of Fame in 2017. He and his family reside in Longmeadow, MA, where the Longmeadow High School Concert Hall was named in honor of Mr. Mucci on November 24, 2015.

Allison Lacaste

Assistant Conductor, Senior Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble

Allison Lacasse is the Director of Bands at Belmont High School in Belmont, Massachusetts. She enjoys a robust life of teaching music, playing, and encouraging young people to find their identities as artists and performers. At the University of Rhode Island, Allison is the Artistic Director of Summer Music Academy Band Camp. She is a member of the operational staff for the Western International Band Clinic (WIBC) in Seattle, Washington and the American Band College (ABC) in Ashland, Oregon. At the New England Conservatory Preparatory School, Allison serves as the Assistant Conductor of the Senior Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble. An active member of the Massachusetts Music Educators Association as part of NAFME, Allison serves as the Jr. Festival Coordinator (ending June 2022) and is the Chairperson-Elect (beginning in June 2022) for the Northeastern District of MMEA.

As a professional flutist and chamber musician in Boston, Massachusetts, Allison is a member of the Cambridge Symphony and is a regular substitute within the community music circuit in Boston. Allison maintains a private studio of intermediate and advanced level flute students in the Greater Boston area and serves as an adjudicator and clinician for local area festivals and band programs.

Allison received Bachelor of Music degrees in Music Education and Performance from the University of Rhode Island, where she studied with Susan Thomas. Allison earned a M.Ed. degree from Cambridge College and a Master's Degree in Music Education from the American Band College of Central Washington University. Allison was a semifinalist for the 2017 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year. In 2018, Allison was selected among her peers for the Massachusetts Music Educators Association Advocacy Award.

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Upcoming NEC Preparatory School Events

Saturday, December 17

Preparatory String Orchestra 8:30 a.m.

8:30 AM in Jordan Hall

<https://necmusic.edu/events/nec-preparatory-school-string-training-orchestra-9-am-group>

Preparatory String Orchestra 10:30 a.m.

10:00 AM in Jordan Hall

<https://necmusic.edu/events/nec-preparatory-school-string-training-orchestra-10-am-group>

Sunday, December 18

Chamber Music Festival

Monday, December 19

Youth Repertory Orchestra, conducted by Cynthia Woods and Junior Repertory Orchestra, conducted by Adam Grossman

7:30 PM in Jordan Hall

<https://necmusic.edu/events/nec-preparatory-school-youth-repertory-orchestra-and-junior-repertory-orchestra>

Tuesday, December 20

Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble and Youth Brass Ensemble

7:30 PM in Jordan Hall

<https://necmusic.edu/events/nec-preparatory-school-massachusetts-youth-wind-ensemble-concert-band-and-youth-brass>

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