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# NEC Preparatory School

## Senior Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble

Michael Mucci

*Music Director, Senior Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble*

Allison Lacasse

*Assistant Director, Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensembles*

Mimi Stillman

*Soloist, Flute*

Monday, May 19, 2025

7:30 p.m.

New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall

## PROGRAM

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**Emmanuel Chabrier**  
(1841-1894)

**Danse Slave**

**Wilhelm Richard Wagner**  
(1813-1883)

**Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral**

**Cécile Chaminade**  
(1857-1944)

**Concertino in D Major, Op. 107**

Mimi Stillman, *Flute*

**Percy Aldridge Grainger**  
(1882-1961)

**Lincolnshire Posy**

**Michael Kevin Daugherty**  
(b.1954)

**Niagara Falls**

## NEC Senior Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble

Michael Mucci, *Music Director*

Allison Lacasse, *Assistant Director*

### *Flute/Piccolo*

Remy Kim  
Albert Liu  
Muzy (Bella) Yu  
Amanda Chang  
Alina Shi  
Giulia Vitolo  
Sojeong (Katie) Gu  
Zilin (ZZ) Zhang  
Addison Zha  
Abigail Robinson

### *Oboe*

Alicia Wen  
Maggie Ernst

### *English Horn*

Katherine Filiss\*

### *Clarinet*

Su Min Pyo  
Deepak Viswalingam  
Ellie Kim  
Leila Novak Mostaghimi  
Silas Schenker  
Ultraviolet Gates  
Grace Chen  
Feiya Wang  
Loanne Kim  
Ajay Krishnan

### *Bass Clarinet*

Sam Hendrickson  
Oscar Xinming Li

### *Bassoon*

Eli Coleman  
Hank Hicks

### *Alto Saxophone*

Tian (Jason) Yu  
Matthew Chen  
Daniel Jin  
Jackson Taylor

### *Tenor Saxophone*

Conor Tsang

### *Baritone Saxophone*

James Bramley

### *French Horn*

Owen Veith  
Erik Hellgren  
Charlotte Lyng  
Abigail Wong

### *Trumpet*

Yuxiang (Gordon) Wei  
August Lee-Kovach  
Tobin E. (Toby) Schenker  
Parker Brookins  
Derek Huang

### *Cornet*

Yuxiang (Gordon) Wei  
August Lee-Kovach  
Tobin E. (Toby) Schenker  
Parker Brookins  
Derek Huang

### *Trombone*

Nathan Robinson  
Hibiki Yoshikawa  
Theo Collins  
Ethan S. Kim

### *Bass Trombone*

Ethan S. Kim

### *Euphonium*

Amrit Hari Madhav  
Lili Rigoulot

### *Tuba*

Ryan Kim  
Robert Lowrance

### *Double Bass*

Luisa Brown-Hernandez\*

### *Timpani/Percussion*

Samuel Carpenter  
Elise Dupont  
August Kim  
Stella Ovcharova  
Kendall Floyd^

### *Harp*

Szu-ning Tai^

\* NEC College Musician

^ Guest Musician

**Congratulations to the graduating Sr. Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble Seniors!**

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Parker Brookins  
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## **Michael Mucci**

*Music Director, 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 Lacasse**

*Assistant Director, Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensembles*

Allison Lacasse is the Director of Bands at Belmont High School in Belmont, Massachusetts. At the University of Rhode Island, Allison is the Artistic Director of the Summer Music Academy Chamber Music Intensive program and the Head Volunteer for the URI Music Alumni Network. Allison 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.

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 a Bachelor of Music degree 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.

## **Mimi Stillman**

*Soloist, Flute*

Mimi Stillman is hailed by the New York Times as “not only a consummate and charismatic performer, but also a scholar. Her programs tend to activate ear, heart, and brain.” Renowned for her “exquisite purity of sound and depth of emotion” (Diario de Yucatán), she has appeared as a soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra and “The President’s Own” Marine Chamber Orchestra, among other ensembles, and at such venues as Carnegie Hall, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, National Sawdust, the Verbier Festival (Switzerland), and Kol HaMusica (Israel). She is the founding artistic director of Philadelphia-based Dolce Suono Ensemble, and is an artist in residence at Temple University’s Boyer College of Music and Dance. At age 12, Stillman was the youngest wind player ever admitted to the Curtis Institute of Music where she studied with the legendary Julius Baker.



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