



The 38th Annual Windfest
Thursday, February 20, 2025
7:00PM

Roy C. Ketcham High School
Dr. Mark Vickers, Conductor



Dr. Mark Vickers currently serves as a music education professor at the Hartt School, University of Hartford and the University of Bridgeport. At the Hartt School, Dr. Vickers supervises student teachers and teaches various music education courses. At the University of Bridgeport, Dr. Vickers oversees all music student teachers while also teaching conducting, rehearsal leadership, and piano courses while formerly conducting the University of Bridgeport Knights' Ensemble. Prior to these positions, he served in public education in Connecticut for 35 years primarily as a secondary level instrumental music educator. He has worked with band programs with students in grades 4 – 12 and choruses with students from grades 6 – 12.

He has presented his research at various national music education conferences including the Suncoast Music Education Symposium, Desert Skies Symposium, SMTE Symposium, and CMEA Conference. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in music education from the University of Bridgeport and a Masters of Music Education degree and Ph.D. from the Hartt School, University of Hartford. His research lines include the gender stereotyping of music instruments and assessment techniques.

He serves as a flute adjudicator for CMEA inclusive of middle school and high school regionals throughout the state as well as All-State. He has adjudicated numerous music festivals staged by Music In The Parks, Fun Festivals, and Thrills and Thrills. He has worked as a guest conductor and has conducted several community bands.

As a performer, he is principal flutist with the Connecticut Symphony Orchestra and director of the New York Flute Club Flute Ensemble Program in Manhattan. Dr. Vickers studied flute extensively with Julius Baker and John Wion. He also freelances as a jazz pianist performing with Metro Jazz. He also is music director of the Silk City Jazz Band in Manchester, CT.

Program

Dr. Mark Vickers, Guest Conductor

John Jay Symphonic Band
Ryan C. Banda, Director

Amazing Grace

Frank Ticheli

Variations on a Shaker Melody

Aaron Copland

The Fairest of the Fair

John Philip Sousa
Arranged by Frederick Fennell

Roy C. Ketcham Wind Ensemble
Richard Holod, Director

Fanfare and Allegro

Clifton Williams

Dusk

Stephen Bryant

Liberty Bell

John Philip Sousa
Arranged by Jay Bocook

The Combined Ensembles

An American Elegy

Frank Ticheli

Toccata for Band

Frank Erickson

John Jay Symphonic Band

Ryan C. Banda, Director

Flute

Victoria Abt - piccolo
Izabella Mercurio
Hrudya Talasila
Karen Wong

Oboe

Abigail Pezzullo

Clarinet

Colin Carr
Viggo Forsell
Emma Mazzotta
Jacob Newsam
Elena Okon
Amanda Vidal
Charlotte Wang

Bass Clarinet

Jacob Hedges - Contrabass
Alison Van Riper

Alto Saxophone

Agastya Chennamsetty
Jack Foley
Christian Forcelli
Ved Kaderu
Sean Mangano
Nathanael Olubummo

Tenor Saxophone

Matthew Russo
Ryan Shapiro

Baritone Saxophone

Francis Leahy

Trumpet

Joseph Marra
Nicolas Pappas

Trombone

Nathaniel Eisley

Euphonium

Daniella Stanforth

Tuba

Nicholas Naso

Percussion

Mason Gardner
Abhay Gupta
Sophie Michaelis
Aryelle Santiago
Neil Soedler

Roy C. Ketcham Wind Ensemble

Richard Holod, Director

Flute

Shiven Dhab
Karter Griggs
Bryanna Hodge
Christian Viala

Clarinet

Alexander Arvelo
Anabelle Doering
Caroline Garnica Nieto
Gia Mejia
Eduardo Silva

Bass Clarinet

Aiden Pountain
Jackson Todaro

Alto Saxophone

Anjolaoluwa Odeniyi
Abby Ostrander
David Roe

Tenor Saxophone

Edward Schiller

Baritone Saxophone

Kathleen Bruno

Trumpets

Kelsey Bollen
Aiden Caba
Ethan Caba
Brenden Harris
Lily Secor

Trombone

Bryan Hodge
William Reitter
Isaiah Schmalz

Tuba

Armando Ayala-Birriel

Percussion

John DiNonno
John Harkins
Kayla Letbetter
Nathan Lutz
Austin McQueen



Past Guest Conductors

2024	Julia Baumanis	2005	Mark Fonder
2023	Todd Nichols	2004	James McRoy
2022	Michael Schaff	2003	Edward S. Lisk
2021	no festival	2002	Patrick Jones
2020	Victor Izzo	2001	William Garlette
2019	Todd Nichols	2000	Ronald Sutherland
2018	Curt Ebersole	1999	Michael Schaff
2017	Emily Threinen	1998	Scott Lavine
2016	Darryl Bott	1997	Sarah McKoin
2015	Marian Stewart	1996	Charles Peltz
2014	James McRoy	1995	Stephen Melillo
2013	Victor Izzo	1994	Rebekah Covell
2012	Kraig Williams	1993	Robert Spradling
2011	William Berz	1992	Scott Lavine
2010	Paula Holcomb	1991	Anthony Maiello
2009	Charles Peltz	1990	no festival
2008	Richard F. Regan	1989	Timothy Topolewsky
2007	Michael Schaff	1988	Larry Rachleff
2006	William Berz	1987	Anthony Maiello

Upcoming Events

Mar 19 Band North Pyramid Concert @ RCK
Mar 19 Band South Pyramid Concert @ JJ
Mar 28-30 Proscenium Presents *Curtains* @ JJ
Apr 11-13 Masque & Mime Presents *Grease* @ RCK
Apr 25-26 NYSSMA Solo Festival @ Lagrange MS (jazz & drum set)
May 17 75th Festival of the Arts @ Mesier Park
May 9-10 NYSSMA Solo Festival @ Carmel

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