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Junior Winds Program

Heritage March

Emily Johnson, Conducting

Steve Hodges

In Simple Faith

Linda Gammon, Conducting

Louis M. R. Stead

Jungle Dance

Laurel Phillip, Conducting

Brian Balmages

Last to Defend

Linda Gammon, Conducting

David Shaffer

Senior Winds Program

Windsprints

Jonathan Phillip, Conducting

Richard L. Saucedo

Riften Wed

Jason Miller, Conducting

Julie Giroux

Armenian Dances

Denny Stokes, Conducting

Alfred Reed

George Washington Bicentennial March

Jonathan Phillip, Conducting

John Philip Sousa

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2022 - 2023 Junior Winds

Flute

Anna Stokes
Nicole Liao
Elise Ko
Allison Kim
Saanvi Gupta
Shravya Chindepali
Adeline Lewis

Oboe

James Llanas
Annalina Pickens

Clarinet

Kerrington Baker
Nathan Lee
Gabriella Sanders
Ele Amoyaw
Odessa Jansen
Saif Syed

Bass Clarinet

Colton Monroe

Percussion

Maddy Fontenot
Liam Lasmanis

Euphonium

Ethan Hubbard
Christine Bruening

Alto Sax

Jaayla Davidson
Donovan Tran
James Kahler

Bari Sax

Holly Cotton

Trumpet

Aidin Hoffman
Elijah Frenchak
Kovi Monga
Kenneth Benitez-Carvajal
Lizzie Stokes
Scott Pickens
Aiden Stoll

French Horn

Vivien Berg
Helene Johnson
Henry Sorensen
Faye Pimentel

Trombone

Shane Gibson
Alden Shapiro

Tuba

Adam Irvine
Jordan Hall
Aaron Vieveli
Christina Park

2022 - 2023 Senior Winds

Flute

Parv Gosai
Kathryn Lang
Anchal Mehta
Noah Nguyen
Neha Amarnath
Sophia Caires
Alison Mattice
Jeremy Tomy
Ophelia Tulchinsky

Oboe

Betsy Cotton
Elena Kim
Mark Gullien
Reagan Monroe
Emma Parzow
Immanuel Gonzalez

Bassoon

Anmol Karan
Samantha Kelly

Bb Clarinet

Ashley Powell
Rhett Schaer
Anderson Evitt
Caroline Klein
Meredith Turcotte
Hope Hayes
Arzu Yavuz
Owen Hochwald
Katie Chen
Olivia Lee
Jack Shinkman
Nathan Huang
Nathan Tuo

Bass Clarinet

Nathan Nguyen
Andrew Islas
Emerson Garmendia-Arevalo
Joel Jesuraj

Alto Saxophone

Grant Kahler
Seth Alexander
Brandon Shen
Margaret Smallwood
Sean Walter
Victor Wang

Tenor Saxophone

Violet Teague
Brooke Ehmann-Jones

Baritone Saxophone

Sophia Lunsford

Trumpet

Calvin Hodor
Lex Koo
Oliver Aminoff
Peter Sheridan
Shane Gomez
Samantha Marder
Alena Gupte
Malak Ammar
Margaret Hunter

French Horn

Christopher Hurley
Jack Patterson
Margaret Kinzer
Sydney Suma
Alex Martinez
Harsha Sivakumar

Trombone

Eugene Seo
Ian White
Jake Bae

Bass Trombone

Lucas Pederson
Nicolas Gonzalez

Euphonium

Jack Bird
James Haddock
Dillon Johnson
Sabrina Ehmann-Jones
Austin Cotton
Emily Medina

Tuba

Kayden Odom
Jamal Adan
Tree Nguyen
Nicholas Miller

Percussion

Liz Morad
Josh Park
John Laun
Andrew Harper
Dominic Cardinal

Conductors



Denny Stokes is one of the founding conductors of the Virginia Winds Academy. Prior to assuming this position, he directed high school bands at three schools in Fairfax County, VA for thirty-two years. In 2011, he became the founding conductor of Northern Virginia Youth Winds, and continues to serve as a clinician, conductor and adjudicator in the eastern United States.

Mr. Stokes is the only high school band director in the United States to have earned the prestigious Sudler Flag of Honor with two high school bands. Elected to the American Bandmasters Association in 2005, he also maintains professional affiliations with the National Band Association, Music Educators National Conference, Virginia Music Educators Association, Virginia Band & Orchestra Directors Association, Fairfax Band Directors Association and Phi Beta Mu. Mr. Stokes is a 2017 inductee to the Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity Hall of Fame, and in 2022 the VBODA Hall of Fame. He has served VBODA as chairman in two districts and as President of VBODA, and continues as an active past president.

Mr. Stokes attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in music education. He holds a Master of Music degree in conducting from George Mason University.



Linda J. Gammon is the director of the Virginia Winds Academy Junior Division. Prior to assuming this position, she directed middle school bands in Fairfax County, VA for over 30 years. She is a native of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine and received her Bachelor of Science degree in music education from Clarion University of Pennsylvania and a Master of Arts degree in conducting from George Mason University.

Under Ms. Gammon's direction, her middle school bands enjoyed state, regional and national recognition including four appearances at the Virginia Music Educators Association Professional Development Conferences and the 1993 and 2000 Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago. In 1997 Ms. Gammon and the Robinson Middle School Symphonic Band were awarded the prestigious John Philip Sousa Foundation Sudler Silver Cup Award, the highest honor bestowed on a middle school band program.

Ms. Gammon is active as an adjudicator, guest conductor, and clinician across the country. She is a Past President of the Virginia Music Educators Association, Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association, and Fairfax County Band Directors Association. Ms. Gammon also served as the VMEA State Executive for 6 years following her retirement. In 2003 she was recipient of Women Band Directors International Scroll of Excellence, 2007 Virginia Outstanding Music Educator of the Year Award, and 2014 Fairfax County Band Director of the Year. In 2018 she was inducted into the *Phi Beta Mu Hall of Fame*, 2019 the *VBODA Hall of Fame* and in 2020 *VBODA Phil Fuller Award* for her contributions to music education in Virginia. In 2021 Ms. Gammon received the James Madison University *Dr. Gary K. Ritcher Outstanding Service in Music Education Award* and the *VMEA Lifetime Achievement Award*. Ms. Gammon was elected into the *American Bandmasters Association* in 2023.



Jonathan Phillip is an associate conductor of the Virginia Winds Academy, Senior Division. Mr. Phillip is a graduate of James Madison University and holds a master's degree from George Mason University. He is also certified to be a K-12 Administrator through The George Washington University. He studied tuba with Mark Thiel and Kevin Stees.

Mr. Phillip has the honor of being the band director at Lightridge High School in Aldie, Virginia. Lightridge was the only brand-new school in the country to open in 2020. The Lightridge Band Program serves students with 3 concert bands, percussion ensemble, and marching band. The program also offers more opportunities for musical growth with indoor color guard, pep band, various small ensembles, and a thriving private lesson program. Mr. Phillip enjoys spending his free time with his wife, Laurel Phillip, and their daughters, Hannah and Andrea.



Laurel Phillip is the associate conductor of the Virginia Winds Academy, Junior Division. Mrs. Phillip enjoys teaching band at Willard Intermediate School in Loudoun County! At Willard she is responsible for directing concert bands, percussion ensembles and serves as music department chair. She graduated from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville earning bachelor degrees in music education and flute performance. She earned her Master's degree in Education from George Mason University.

Mrs. Phillip began her career at Seneca Ridge Middle School in Sterling, VA. She has also taught at Rachel Carson Middle School in Fairfax County. Throughout her career her bands have consistently received superior ratings at State Assessments and Festivals.

Laurel Phillip is a member of NAFME and is the Registration Coordinator for the Virginia Music Educators Conference. She is a nationally recognized Suzuki flute teacher through the Suzuki Association of the Americas. During her summers she spends time teaching at various band camps throughout Northern Virginia.

Mrs. Phillip lives in Aldie, Virginia with her family. She enjoys spending time with her husband Jonathan and daughters, Hannah and Andrea. You will oftentimes see the whole family at marching band rehearsals in the late summer and fall months!



Jason Miller is an Associate Conductor of the Virginia Winds Academy, Senior Division. Mr. Miller is the Associate Band Director at John Champe High School in Aldie, VA. At Champe, Mr. Miller co-directs all four of the concert bands, co-directs the Marching Knights, and directs the Jazz Band. In addition to the classes he teaches, Mr. Miller is one of the Tri-M Music Honor Society sponsors at JCHS. Before coming to Champe, Mr. Miller was the Associate Band Director at Lake Braddock Secondary School from 2016-2020. While at Lake Braddock, Mr. Miller's bands received Excellent and Superior ratings at Concert and Marching Assessments. Under Mr. Miller's direction, the Jazz Ensemble at Lake Braddock received consistent Superior ratings at The Chantilly Jazz Festival including a 3rd place finish in finals at the festival.

Mr. Miller is a graduate of George Mason University where he played in the jazz ensemble and served as principal saxophonist with the GMU Wind Symphony. While at GMU, Mr. Miller performed with many ensembles that Mason had to offer, including The Green Machine, GMU Symphony Orchestra, GMU Symphonic Band, GMU Saxophone Ensemble, GMU Saxophone Quartet, and the GMU Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble.

Mr. Miller is excited to be a founding Associate Conductor with the Virginia Winds Academy. Prior to working with VWA, he served as Winds Advisor with the Northern Virginia Youth Winds. Mr. Miller is an alumnus of the organization playing baritone saxophone the inaugural year of the group. He was the first alumnus and first conductor to guest conduct both the Junior and Senior Winds.

Mr. Miller is a member of various professional organizations including, VBODA, VMEA, and NAFME.



Artistic Staff

Denny Stokes, Conductor, VWA Senior Division
Linda Gammon, Conductor, VWA Junior Division
Jonathan Phillip, Associate Conductor, Senior Division
Laurel Phillip, Associate Conductor, Junior Division
Jason Miller, Associate Conductor, Senior Division
Kristen Sheridan, Woodwind Advisor/Clinician
Adam Stokes, Brass Advisor/Clinician
Jacob Zerega, Senior Division Advisor
Emily Johnson, Woodwind Advisor
Dwight Fontenot, Percussion Advisor
Melissa Hall, Junior Division Advisor
Jacob Kohut, Band Buddies

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Schools and Directors Represented in VWA

Alexandria City Public Schools & High School	Timothy Grant
Annandale High School	Tyron Barnes
Battlefield High School	Mike Britcher
Briar Woods High School	Duane Minnick
Dominion High School	Ryan Rowles
Fairfax High School	Noah Freeman
Freedom High School	Jonathan Schiffler
George C. Marshall High School	Paul Vesilind
Herndon High School	Kathleen Jacoby
John Champe High School	Adam Foreman, Jason Miller
Justice High School	Brian Thomas
Langley High School	Doug Martin
Lake Braddock Secondary School	Michael Luley
Lightridge High School	Jonathan Phillip, Jaimeson Carr, Jacob Zerega
Millbrook High School	Jamie Tucker
Park View High School	Claude LeGrand
Prince William County Public Schools	
Robinson Secondary School	Andrew Loft, Katie Dever
Rock Ridge High School	Justin Ratcliff
South County High School	Kevin Engdahl
The New School of Northern Virginia	
Thomas A. Edison High School	Charlie Mitchell
TJHSST	Steve Ballard
Washington Liberty	Alex Robinson
West Potomac High School	Steve Rice
West Springfield High School	Wolson Gustama Jr.
Woodson High School	Aaron Morgan
Franklin Middle School	Dan Hill
Frost Middle School	Daniel Tilman
Glasgow Middle School	Andrew Sharrock
Immanuel Christian School	Dr. Donny Albrecht
Katherine Johnson Middle School	Charlie Burts
Kings Glen Elementary School	Holly VanValkenburg
Mercer Middle School	Melanie Manning
Poplar Tree Elementary	Emily Johnson
Rachel Carson Middle School	Tiffany Hitz
Robinson Secondary School MS Bands	Judy Einuis
Rocky Run Middle School	Eric Raecke
South County Middle School	Scott Niehoff
St. Timothy Catholic School	
Sterling Middle School	Jasmeen Miller
Stone Hill Middle School	Brian Morton
Thoreau Middle School	Patrick Smith
Willard Middle School	Laurel Phillip

Private Music Instructors Represented in VWA

Donny Albrecht

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Robyn Chew

Josh Cohen

Lydia Consilvio

Dave Detwiler

Dave Doescher

Dennis Edelbrock

Claire Eichhorn

Paul Erickson

Ed Fraedrich

Aaron Furry

Dan Freeman

Greg Freeman

Lewis Gilmore

Laura Grant

Zach Granger

J.B. Greear

Cory Haley

Susan Hayes

Daniel Heagney

Natalie Hill

Andrew Hitz

Lois Hofmann

Amy Horn

Gul Jang

Fred Koch

Ryan Koesterer

Jacob Kohut

Clark Lee

Crystal Lee

Brett Lemley

Robert Little

Alexis Lovelady

Anamaria Martinez

Brian McCurdy

Jake McCray

Rebecca McFarland

Marco Mejia

Jasmeen Pantleay Miller

Leslie Mincer

Erin Fleming Morgan

Colton Morris

Larry Oates

Steve Owen

Mary Riddell

William Riddell

William Richards

Charlene Romano

Bridget Sheridan

Kristen Sheridan

Steve Shin

Lindsey Smith

Jody Stein

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Kelly Stratil

Chris Tolbert

Chris Troiano

Jennifer Trujillo

Danny Villanueva

Ariel Williams

Michael Williams

John Wright

Mrs. Youn

Jacob Zerega



Virginia Winds Academy Mission Statement

Who We Are: Virginia Winds Academy, its staff and musicians, exists to contribute to the vibrant musical education and performance community in the Northern Virginia region. The Academy's ensembles represent cooperative efforts of music educators in collegiate, secondary, and primary music education environments. The participating members also reflect the talent and collective musical prowess of the formidable private music instruction available in Northern Virginia.

Participants: The Academy contributes to the music education environment by strengthening the technical, expressive and intellectual skill sets of its members. These players, hailing from more than forty different schools and learning environments, share concepts, model expectations, and encourage excellence in performance, each in their own local communities.

Artistic Staff: Virginia Winds Academy is blessed with an experienced and diverse team of music educators. In addition to the conducting staff, the Academy features instrumental specialists, versatile player coaches and a support staff of experts in process, production and media outreach.

Environment: Academy sessions function as an incubating environment for the future corps of music educators and performers in our culture. Via active participation in rehearsal, individual practice, and public performance, Academy players function as both learners and leaders. Advanced ensemble performance expectations, founded on the pursuit of excellence, represent both processes and goals of the Academy experience.

Methods: Academy sessions prepare for performances and more; they function as a laboratory learning environment for music educators in training, modeling best practices of large and small ensemble methods. The scope and sequence of the Academy repertoire, performed by all ensembles, explores a wide categorical range of musical genres. This diversity of literature provides players, leaders, and listeners with a comprehensive introduction to wind band literature.

Outcomes: The collaborative nature of rehearsals and performances engenders camaraderie, trust, inspiration and interconnectivity among all who are a part of the process. Enthusiasm for both the product and the process is infectious, and a source of joy for all who contribute to Virginia Winds Academy.

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Support Virginia Winds Academy

We believe that learning and performing music enhances the lives of our band students and contributes to their personal and academic development. Your help allows us to provide an unparalleled program of music education with performance opportunities – something we've been doing with your support since 2011. We are fortunate to work with our regional band directors and private music teachers so we can provide this educational opportunity to student musicians across the Northern Virginia region. A dedicated staff of band directors and instrument instructors provide intense instruction supported by tuition fees; state and county grants; and donations from businesses, foundations, and individuals!

Gifts of any amount help provide meaningful musical opportunities for young band students and help ensure our and their continued success for years to come.

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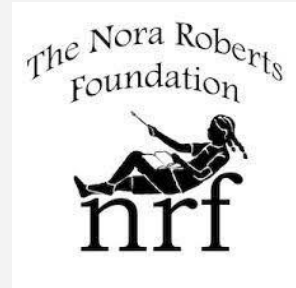
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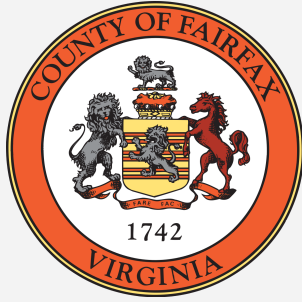
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VWA Band Buddies

Virginia Winds Academy strives to promote excellence in pre-college music education and performance. From the very earliest school band experience through the highest levels of high school band, to show the very youngest band members that a world of musical possibilities exists just around the corner, we've created VWA Band Buddies. Band Buddies is a free after-school virtual program that pairs VWA high school musicians with beginning band students for private tutoring sessions. Connecting with and establishing a strong friendship with an older musician will help our young students unlock their potential and encourage their own musical growth. This program gives them the opportunity to:

- Develop their musical skills in a fun and friendly atmosphere
- Receive mentorship and practice help from a VWA student
- Attend VWA concerts as a "VIP"
- Receive a really cool VWA Band Buddies T-Shirt

VWA member high school student mentors have the opportunity to:

- Learn how to teach private lessons through coaching with VWA staff
- Gain practical private teaching experience, giving them a marketable skill they can use for a lifetime
- Create meaningful interactions with their young students
- Receive service hours for school, religious, or scout organizations

Elementary student "buddies" will be paired with a VWA volunteer high school student mentor, who will be guided by Dr. Jacob Kohut and Mrs. Kristen Sheridan. Mentors will independently coordinate with their buddies and their parents to schedule virtual lesson dates at mutually convenient times.



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Season 12 Performances

Sunday, December 11, 2022
Sunday, February 12, 2023
Friday, May 12, 2023

George C. Marshall HS, 3 PM
Lightridge HS, 3 PM
Capital One Hall, 7 PM

2023-2024 Season 13 audition registration is open!
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