

VIRGINIA WINDS ACADEMY

SEASON 11
2021 - 2022

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Spring Concert

3 PM ~ May 15, 2022

West Springfield High School

Free admission.

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Junior Winds Program

March of the Belgian Paratroopers Pierre Leemans arr. James Swearingen

Softly Speaks the Night Carol Brittin Chambers
Laurel Phillip, Conductor

Sunchaser Carol Brittin Chambers
Carolyn Robblee, Conductor

Sovereign Variants James Curnow
Junior Winds and Alumni

Flute

Sthavir Vinjamuri
Jeremy Tomy
Caroline Tso

Oboe

Elena Kim*

Bassoon

Maya Pendleton*

Clarinet

Arzu Yavuz*
Hope Hayes
Olivia Lee
Naomi Willis
Josely Otero Cortes

Alto Sax

Brooke Ehmann-Jones
Luke Pynchon
Jaayla Davidson
Violet Teague

Donovan Tran

Nate Vailikit

Bari Sax

Sophia Lunsford
Abhinav Yaniagadda

Percussion

Mingmei Williams*
John Meyers
Maddy Fontenot

Euphonium

Austin Cotton

Trumpet

Aidin Hoffman
Elijah Frenchak
Kovidh Monga

French Horn

Jack Patterson*
Sydney Suma
Alex Martinez

Trombone

Shane Gibson
Kurtis Finrock

Tuba

Adam Irvine

* 3 year member of VWA Junior Winds

Senior Winds Program

FLORENTINER Grand Marcia Italiana

Julius Fucik, edited: Frederick Fennell

OCTOBER

Eric Whitacre

THE PINES OF ROME

Respighi, Transcribed for Concert Band by Guy M. Duker

I. The Pines of the Villa Borghese

II. The Pines Near a Catacomb

III. The Pines of the Janiculum

IV. The Pines of the Appian Way

Eric Sabatino, Harpist
United States Air Force Band



2021 - 2022 Senior Winds

Flute

Parv Gosai (picc)
Caroline Gallotta*
Lily Walters*
Sierra Manja*
Allison Mattice
Danica Fielding
Anchal Mehta
Neha Amarnath
Noah Nguyen
Ophelia Tulchinsky

Oboe

Aidan Callahan*
Sophia Perry*
Betsy Cotton

Bassoon

Sarah Chernesky
Oren Rodas*

Bb Clarinet

Daniel Kim*
Caty Campbell*
Joanna Chappell
Erin Oviatt*
Rhett Schaer
Ashley Powell
Anderson Evitt
Meredith Turcotte
Julia Reed
Henry Wung*

Bass Clarinet

Jeb Barker*
Andrew Islas
Nathan Nguyen
Nirel Amoyaw*

Alto Saxophone

Sam Park*
Bridget Sheridan*
Grant Kahler
Nate Casey*

Tenor Saxophone

Amanda Draznin

Bari Saxophone

Margaret Smallwood

Trumpet

Max Cotton
Alex Ferrari
Grace Holloway*
Lex Koo
Jun Young Park
Philip Paul
Emma Reed
Peter Sheridan
Shane Gomez

Horn

Sara Kakatkar*
Henry Owens
Margaret Kinzer
Christopher Hurley
Harsha Sivakumar

Trombone

Sunjum Mehta*
EJ Norton
Paul Kim
Meriwether Jones

Bass Trombone

Lucas Pederson

Euphonium

Jenna Hoffman*
Zach Tunick*
Jack Sheridan*
Jack Bird
Sabrina Ehmann-Jones

Tuba

Paul Long

Percussion

Liz Morad
Ryan Payne*
Joshua Park
William Pierce

*denotes Seniors, Class of 2022

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, Virginia 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. 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 BS in music education. He holds an MM in conducting at George Mason University.



Linda J. Gammon is the director of the Virginia Winds Academy Junior Band. 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.



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 Junior Virginia Winds Academy. 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, Virginia. 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.



VWA Staff

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
John Kilkenny, Collegiate Advisor
Kristen Sheridan, Woodwind Advisor/Clinician
Adam Stokes, Brass Advisor/Clinician
Colton Morris, Percussion Advisor/Clinician
Carolyn Robblee, Junior Division Advisor/Clinician
Allison Hunter, Junior Division Advisor/Clinician

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Schools and Directors Represented in VWA

Annandale HS	Tyron Barnes
Battlefield HS	Michael Britcher
Bishop Ireton	Melinda M. Hall
Brambleton MS	Martin Blount
Briar Woods HS	Duane Minnick
Canterbury Woods ES	Jacob Kohut
Dominion HS	Ryan Rowles
Edison HS	Charlie Mitchell
Fairfax HS	Patric Buchroeder
Frost MS	Daniel Tilman
Glasgow MS	Andrew Sharrock
Hamm MS	Katherine Hanckel
Herndon HS	Kathleen Jacoby
Immanuel Christian	Ben Frenchak
Jefferson HSST	Steve Ballard
John Champe HS	Adam Foreman, Jason Miller
Justice HS	Brian Thomas
Lake Braddock SS	Michael Luley, Krista Pezold, Brandon Gilbert
Lightridge HS	Jonathan Phillip, Jamieson Carr
Lunsford MS	Andrew Manning, Andrew Duncan
Madison HS	Michael Hackbarth
Millbrook HS	Jamie Tucker
Navy ES	Jessica Porter
Rachel Carson MS	Tiffany Hitz
Robinson SS	Andrew Loft, Judy Einuis, Katie Dever
Rock Ridge HS	Justin Ratcliff
Riverside HS	Bram Smith
South County HS	Kevin Engdahl
South County MS	Scott Niehoff
Sterling MS	Jasmeen Miller, Bryan Fay
Stone Hill MS	Robyn Lawrence
Swanson MS	Paul Norris
Washington-Liberty HS	Alex Robinson
West Potomac HS	Giovanni Garcia
The Newton School	
West Springfield HS	Eric Hoang
Willard MS	Laurel Phillip, TJ Miles
Woodson HS	Aaron Morgan

Private Music Instructors Represented in VWA

Amanda Tabor
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Jennifer Lappel
Jennifer Trujillo
Jonathan Baumgarten
Kathryn Farenish
Kelly Stratil
Kristen Bowers
Kristen Sheridan
Larry Oates
Lewis Gilmore
Lindsey Smith
Madelyn Austin
Mary Riddell
Matt Penland
Parv Gosai
Paul Erickson
Phil Franke

Phillip Eberly
Rebecca McFarland
Robert Little
Robyn Chew
Seth Almond
Shane Smith
Susan Hayes
Wayne Titerence
Zac Gomez
Jake McCray

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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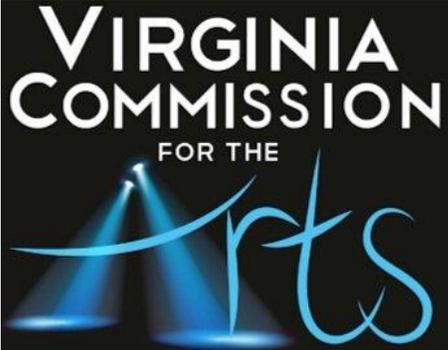
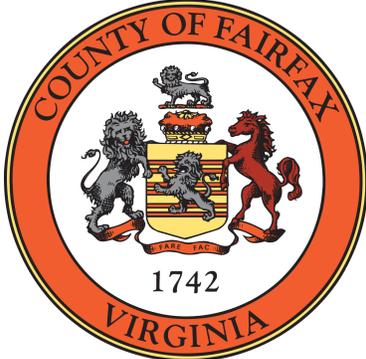
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VWA Band Buddies

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"; and
- 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.



Season 11 Performances

Sunday, December 12, 2021
Sunday, February 20, 2022
Sunday, May 15, 2022

Centreville HS, 3 PM
Lightridge HS, 3 PM
West Springfield HS, 3 PM



2022 - 2023 Auditions

Join us next season!

Audition registration for the 2022 - 2023 season is open.
Create an audition application at <https://app.getacceptd.com/virginiawindsacademy>.

Guidelines for Membership

Junior Division: rising 6th - 8th grades

Senior Division: rising 9th -12th grades

Please review the guidelines for membership at
<https://www.virginiawindsacademy.band/guidelines>.

Audition Requirements

Junior Division Audition Requirements

Senior Division Audition Requirements

Optional Senior Winds Snare Audition Etude

Optional Senior Winds Mallets Audition Etude

Junior Winds Snare Audition Etude

Junior Winds Mallets Audition Etude

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