

VIRGINIA WINDS ACADEMY

SEASON 11  
2021 - 2022

*Let the music continue.*

*Premier Concert  
December 12, 2021  
Centreville High School*

*VirginiaWindsAcademy.band*    

## **Greetings Season 11!**

Bravo to the musicians of Virginia Winds Academy Season 11 and our return to in-person rehearsals and performances.

Band kids always show up. That means you take the initiative, build skills, develop teamwork, show leadership, practice, perform, discern, excel, support each other, show up on time...you PLAY. These qualities are timeless with band kids. You show up.

Covid19 has been one for the books. Happening so early in your lives, you will share its lessons with generations yet to be born. And because you show up, I can congratulate each of you for your future accomplishments, from teaching the next generations of "band kids," filling the concert stage, leading in society, education, government. You will be found from the band room to the settlement on Mars (don't laugh: the first astronaut on the moon was a band kid!\*).

Thank you for showing up, for Season 11, for each other, and for our world.

Let the music...CONTINUE.

Denny Stokes

*\*Neal Armstrong, Euphonium, Purdue University*

# *Junior Winds Program*

March to Castlerock

Steve Hodges  
Carolyn Robblee, Conductor

Shenandoah Triptych

Brian Balmages

Blue

Robert W. Smith

Holiday Bobsled Ride

Robert Sheldon

# *Senior Winds Program*

Centreville High School  
Melissa Hall, Host Director

American Fanfare

James M. Stephenson

Our Yesterdays Lengthen Like Shadows

Samuel R. Hazo

Three London Miniatures for Band

Mark Camphouse

I. Westminster Hymn  
II. For England's Rose  
III. Kensington March

Silverado

Bruce Broughton/Randal Bass

Joyous Celebration

Matt Bandman\*  
\*Alumni Member, Virginia  
Winds Academy

# 2021 - 2022 Junior Winds

## **Flute**

Sthavir Vinjarmuri  
Jeremy Tomy  
Alessandro Lyons  
Caroline Tso

## **Oboe**

Elena Kim

## **Bassoon**

Maya Pendleton

## **Clarinet**

Arzu Yavuz  
Hope Hayes  
Naomi Willis  
Josely Otero Cortes

## **Percussion**

Mingmei Williams  
John Meyers

## **Euphonium**

Austin Cotton

## **Alto Sax**

Brooke Ehmann-Jones  
Luke Pynchon  
Violet Teague  
Donovan Tran  
Nate Vailikit

## **Bari Sax**

Sophia Lunsford

## **Trumpet**

Elijah Frenchak  
Kovidh Monga

## **French Horn**

Jack Patterson  
Sydney Suma  
Alex Martinez

## **Trombone**

Shane Gibson  
Kurtis Finfrock

## **Tuba**

Adam Irvine

# 2021 - 2022 Senior Winds

## Flutes

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

## Oboes

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  
Anjika Ganjoo

## 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

# 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. Linda 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 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 Winds  
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 Roblee, Junior Division Advisor/Clinician  
Allison Hunter, Junior Division Advisor/Clinician

## **VWA Board Members, Managing Staff**

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Jennifer Stokes, Secretary, Senior Division Personnel  
Miriam Hunter, Junior Division Personnel  
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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 Middle	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
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  
Amy McCabe  
Anamaria Martinez  
Andy Schuler  
Ann Marie Collins  
Ben Frenchak  
Billy Wolfe  
Brad Weil  
Brandon Chaney  
Brian McCurdy  
Bruce Docherty  
Charlene Romano  
Charlotte Day  
Chris Troiano  
David Babich  
David Bandman  
Amy Horn  
David Porter  
Laura Kaufman  
Steve Owen  
Ed Fraedrich  
Elaine Baughman  
Elizabeth Bley  
Emily O'Brien  
Fred Koch

Gabriel DiMartino  
Greg Freeman  
Helen Landers  
Ilycia Silver  
Jacob Kohut  
Gul Jang  
Jasmeen Miller  
Jeffrey Ward  
Jennifer Jo  
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

# *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.

# *Community Support*

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Centreville High School, Melissa Hall, Band Director  
Lightridge High School, Jonathan Phillip, Jamieson Carr, Band Directors  
West Springfield High School, Eric Huong, Band Director  
John Champe High School, Adam Foreman, Jason Miller, Band Directors  
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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.

Donate online via the PayPal button below or by check payable to Virginia Winds Academy.

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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





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