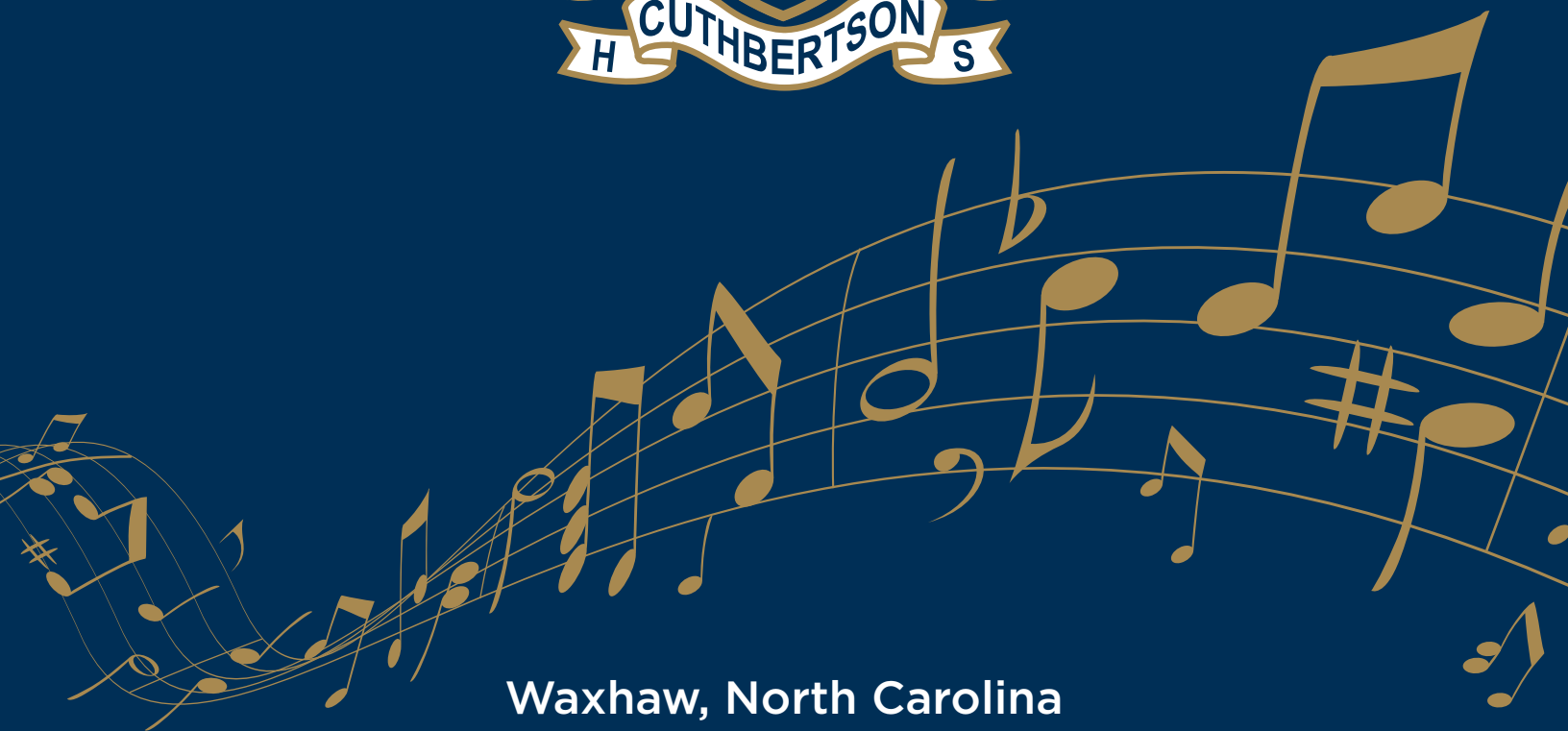


Cuthbertson High School Blue Note Winds

2012



Waxhaw, North Carolina

**The North Carolina Bandmasters Association
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present

Cuthbertson High School Blue Note Winds

**Todd Ebert, Director of Bands
Katie Ebert, Assistant Director of Bands**



**North Carolina Music Educators
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Monday, November 12, 2012
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Dear Music Educators:

As Superintendent of Union County Public Schools, I would like to officially welcome you to the 2012 North Carolina Music Educators Association Annual In-Service Conference. This is a time to celebrate the contributions of our music educators and students as we enjoy performances by some of North Carolina's most outstanding musicians.

I am incredibly proud to congratulate the members of the Cuthbertson High School band and band directors Todd and Katie Ebert on representing Union County Public Schools at this prestigious event. Since the school opened its doors in 2009, the Cuthbertson instrumental music program has celebrated a journey of excellence. The invitation to perform for you today continues that journey and serves as a representation of the honor and distinction that has come to be associated with Cuthbertson High School and Union County Public Schools' performing ensembles.

Please join me in celebrating the hard work, commitment, and musical talent of the students and staff at Cuthbertson High School by enjoying today's performance.

Best wishes for a successful conference!

Sincerely,

Mary B. Ellis, Ed. D.
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On behalf of the students, staff, and parents of Cuthbertson High School, I would like to thank you for inviting our band to perform at the 2012 North Carolina Music Educators Association Annual In-Service Conference. Our school community is incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication of our band students and directors. It is always gratifying when hard work is both recognized and celebrated.

The 2012-13 academic year marks the fourth anniversary of the Cuthbertson instrumental music program's existence. During this time, the high school program has grown from an inaugural class of 29 students to over 100 and currently fields a marching band of over 145 members. The high school instrumental music program supports two Concert bands, a Jazz band, an Indoor Percussion ensemble, a Winterguard unit, the "Mighty Marching Cavalier" Marching band, and an innovative rock band. The band's tradition of excellence, under the leadership of directors Todd and Katie Ebert, is credited to our student performers, an excellent parent booster organization, and a supportive school community.

Our band has brought much honor and distinction to our school and to our community, and we appreciate the honor you granted Cuthbertson High School to perform for you today. We hope you enjoy the show!

Sincerely,

Kim Warr
Principal
Cuthbertson High School



Growing Possibilities...

Todd Ebert

Director of Bands
Cuthbertson High School
Waxhaw, North Carolina



Todd Ebert is director of bands for Cuthbertson High School, a Union County Public School in Waxhaw, N.C. He has served in this capacity since the school opened in 2009.

Throughout Mr. Ebert's 13-year career teaching public school, each of the ensembles under his baton has experienced growth and increased visibility as the result of superior adjudication ratings. In 2002, his McIntosh County Academy marching band in Darien, Ga., earned the Class A Music Performance caption award at the Bands of America Florida Regional. In 2005, the concert band was invited to represent the state of Georgia in New York City, performing a commissioned piece for an event sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars marking the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. In 2011, Cuthbertson High School's Mighty Marching Cavaliers performed in the Thanksgiving Day Parade of Bands at Walt Disney World® Resort. Over the course of his career, Mr. Ebert has directed ensemble performances in Atlanta, Ga.; Charlotte, N.C.; Jacksonville, Ala.; New Orleans, La.; New York City; Orlando, Fl.; Savannah, Ga.; Washington, D.C.; and Williamsburg, Va.

Mr. Ebert holds a bachelor of arts degree in music education from Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Ga., as well as a master of arts degree in music education from Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. While at Western Carolina, Mr. Ebert served as a teaching assistant with the Pride of the Mountains Marching Band, Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band. In addition, he assisted the teaching of beginning and advanced conducting classes for undergraduates and brass pedagogy for undergraduates. He holds memberships in the National Association for Music Educators, North Carolina Music Educators Association, Union County Bandmasters Association, Pi Kappa Lambda, and is faculty advisor for the Cuthbertson Tri-M Music Honor Society chapter.

Mr. Ebert, who recently was named Cuthbertson High School's Teacher of the Year for 2012-13, team teaches the Cuthbertson instrumental music program alongside his wife, Katie, who directs the middle school instrumental music program. The Eberts live in Waxhaw and are proud parents to new daughter, Aramina.

The Cuthbertson Blue Note Winds are honored to be a featured performing ensemble at the 2012 North Carolina Music Educators Association state convention.

About the Cuthbertson High School Instrumental Music Program

Cuthbertson High School opened its doors to students in August 2009. Since then, the instrumental music program has challenged students to pursue a musical journey of excellence.

Now in its fourth academic year, the instrumental music program has grown from 29 students during its inaugural class to more than 100 today. In fall 2012, the marching band, The Mighty Marching Cavaliers, reached 138 members. In addition, the program supports two concert bands, jazz band, indoor percussion ensemble, winter guard unit and innovative rock band.

The high school Blue Note Winds have received superior ratings at North

Carolina state MPA events each year since the program was established. In 2011, the Western Carolina University Wind Ensemble, based in Cullowhee, N.C., chose Cuthbertson High School as a selected stop on its high school band recruitment tour. The same year, the Mighty Marching Cavaliers, who have competed in three states and participated in Bands of America regional events, were invited to perform in the Thanksgiving Day Parade of Bands at Walt Disney World® Resort. This year, the concert band commissioned a work titled *Remembrance*, which it will perform at the 2012 state convention.

Students of the Cuthbertson instrumental program are active participants in several performing opportunities. Cuthbertson students are frequently invited to participate in county, district, state and regional honor bands and university-sponsored clinic bands throughout the Southeast.

The success of the Cuthbertson instrumental music program is credited to its student performers, supportive school and district administration, excellent parent booster organization and the husband and wife teaching team of Todd and Katie Ebert.



Cuthbertson High School Blue Note Winds

Flute

Katelynn Bennett
Kelsie Dwyer
Alyssa Finkelstein
Bobby Kaloyanov
Justin Laramée
Monica Mehareb
Emily Morris
Abby Tesar

Oboe

Colby Hathaway
Garrett McCloskey

Clarinet

Jennifer Barber
Samantha Calderon
Isabel Campbell
Emily Hampson
Libby Higdon
Bria Hilliard
Taylor Lee
Tessa Lockhart
Jane Marryat
Seth Regan
Samantha Trentham

Bass Clarinet

Katie Izzo
Bob Kelly
Lindsay Nicholas
Rachel Schauer

Bassoon

Alex Abuaita
Katherine Davidson
Nick Laramée

Alto Saxophone

Drew Markiewicz
Danny Stueber

Tenor Saxophone

Troy Simpson

Horn

Philips Clarke
Rachel Evans
Charlie Giordano
Ben Kopaskie
Samuel Strader

Trumpet

Aaron Bowman
Earl Christian
Mackenzie Coe
Elizabeth Davidson
Tristan Galuppo
Brandon Gendreau
Lauren MacKenzie
Meghan Margies
Karlye Regan
Kai Stinson

Trombone

Ryan Burnett
Hunter Duke
Patrick Foray
Bryan Griffin
Adrienne Messina
Allie Patterson
Alec Schiefelbein

Baritone

Jacob Botros
Daniel Gilliam
Bobby Olsen
Jamila Saahir

Tuba

Connor Hamilton
Ben Laramée
Ryan Milford

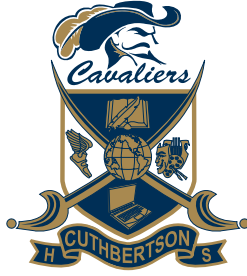
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Caleb Spencer

Percussion

Reece Baldwin
Quinn Bannon
Jacob Bowman
Josh Dalli
Matt Dudzik
Matthew Estevez
Amber Findel
Caden Jones
Matt Lampron
Allie Smith
Gwen Spencer
Megan Stephens
Gabby Struve
Tyler Whiting





Program

Todd Ebert, Conductor

To Walk With Wings Julie Giroux

Mock Morris Percy Aldridge Grainger
arr. Kreines

Oboe Concerto in E-flat Vincenzo Bellini
arr. Zurmuhle

Colby Hathaway, Oboe

Remembrance Bill Locklear

I Bought Me A Cat Aaron Copland / Quincy C. Hilliard

**Alyssa Finkelstein, Flute; Colby Hathaway, Oboe;
Jennifer Barber, Clarinet; Alex Abuaita, Bassoon; Samuel Strader, Horn**

Foundry John Mackey



Program Notes

***To Walk With Wings* – Julie Giroux**

Julie Giroux (b. 1961) composed *To Walk with Wings* on commission from the U.S. Air Force Band of the Rockies. It's dedicated to her mentor, Bill Conti, who helped launch her Hollywood career in the 1980s. The thematic material takes the listener through the history of flight, from the mythology of Icarus and Daedalus, through the historic flight of the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk, to the Challenger Space Shuttle disaster. The music conveys a sense of the trial and error involved with the human pursuit of flight as well as a sense of the reward achieved as pilots soar through the heavens in search of new heights.

***Mock Morris* – Percy Aldridge Grainger**

George Percy Aldridge Grainger (1881-1961) was a conservatory-trained concert pianist whose compositions were pivotal in the revival of British folk music in the early 20th century. In *Mock Morris*, Grainger strays from his traditional use of folk melodies to produce an original composition. The Morris style of English folk dance incorporates a rhythmic aspect, whereby participants execute choreographed movements, sometimes with sticks or swords held in the hands. Grainger's composition, while "Morris-like" in tempo and feel, does not follow traditional Morris forms or instrumentation. Grainger arranged this work several times, the last time in 1950 for Leopold Stokowski. This wind band arrangement by Joseph Krines is based predominantly on Grainger's string orchestra arrangement of 1910.

***Oboe Concerto in E-flat* – Vincenzo Bellini**

Vincenzo Bellini (1801-1835), from a family of Sicilian musicians, was an important figure in the *bel canto* ("beautiful singing") style of Italian opera popular in the first half of the 19th century. The style is expressed in this work through the phrasing of lines and use of breath control to evoke a mastery of the melodic material, particularly through the oboe of featured soloist Colby Hathaway. Miss Hathaway, an 11th-grader at Cuthbertson and student of Dr. Rebecca Nagel, has participated in several local and state honor bands and intends to pursue a career in music.



Colby Hathaway, Oboe



Remembrance – Bill Locklear

In 2011, Cuthbertson Bands commissioned Bill Locklear (b. 1947) to compose *Remembrance* to honor a fellow Cuthbertson student musician who lost his life that spring in an automobile accident. The work is based on the 9th-century Latin hymn, *Veni, Creator Spiritus (Come Holy Spirit, Creator Blest)*, which is used widely in the Roman Catholic Church for solemn events as an invocation of the Holy Spirit. The words of the first verse read:

VENI, Creator Spiritus/mentes tuorum visita,/imple superna gratia/quae tu creasti pectoral

(Come, Holy Spirit, Creator Blest/and in our souls take up Thy rest/come with Thy grace and heavenly aid/to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.) Translation by: www.preces-latinae.org

“These simple sentiments were my inspiration to mold this simple yet graceful melody into a musical tribute. Far from being a lament for the absent life, I wanted the music to be a commentary on God’s (the Universe’s) pledge that death is not an ‘end’ but a beginning of what is next.” – Bill Locklear

I Bought Me A Cat – Aaron Copland / Quincy C. Hilliard

I Bought Me a Cat is a whimsical children’s song, arranged in 1950 by Aaron Copland (1900–1990) for Benjamin Britten’s Aldeburgh (England) Festival of Music and the Arts. In this arrangement, the soloists impersonate various animals while the other quintet members simulate barnyard sounds in Old McDonald style. The piece, originally appearing with four other songs as part of the Old American Songs Set 1, was an instant classic. This version of *I Bought Me a Cat* is arranged by Quincy C. Hilliard for a standard woodwind quintet.

Foundry – John Mackey

John Mackey (b. 1973) is an emerging American composer, noted for his works for orchestra and concert band as well as for modern dance and ballet. His compositions often appear on various state Music Performance Adjudication (MPA) lists, and he’s in high demand for commissioned works. *Foundry* was written to be a Grade III MPA work and features the percussion section. In addition to traditional percussion instruments, the 12 percussion parts are written to be performed on “found” instruments. The score calls for types of sounds rather than the use of distinct instruments.



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