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BAND FESTIVAL

NDSU

CHALLEY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

MARCH 3-4, 2026

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY
CHALLEY SCHOOL OF MUSIC
DANIEL LEE, DIRECTOR OF BANDS

MARCH 5, 2026

SHEYENNE HIGH SCHOOL
JAMES LANDMAN, BAND DIRECTOR

SCAN HERE FOR
DIGITAL PROGRAM



TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 — NDSU CHALLEY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

8:00 AM Sacred Heart Middle School Band | Director, Donald Pochmara

Air and Variations — Joseph Kreines
A Song for My Friends — Larry Daehn
Project March — Bennett arr. Clark

8:25 AM Oak Grove Concert Band | Director, John Juhl

Abracadabra — Frank Ticheli
Loch Lomond — Frank Ticheli
Exaltation — James Swearingen

8:50 AM Davies Wind Ensemble | Directors, Darcy Brandenburg and Kristine Strege

Cenotaph — Jack Stamp
Safely Rest — Nicole Piunno
Halcyon Heart — Katahji Copely

9:15 AM Hawley 9th Grade Band | Director, Erik Ault

Force Field — Adrian B. Sims
Rippling Watercolors — Brian Balmages
Vigilante — Michael Markowski

9:40 AM Hillsboro Junior High Band | Director, Mandy Smallbeck

Incantation and Ritual — Brian Balmages
Serenade — Robert Sheldon
Stumptown Stomp — Steve Hodges

10:05 AM Underwood High School Band | Director, TJ Pelanek

Blue Ridge Reel — Brian Balmages
Into the Storm — Robert W. Smith

10:55 AM Hawley Concert Band | Director, Erik Ault

Journey Through Orion — Julie Giroux
Remembering the Remarkables — Grace Baugher
Magnolia Star — Steve Danyew

11:20 AM Hancock High School Band | Director, Sophia Strand

Cajun Folk Songs — Frank Ticheli
i. La Belle et le Capitaine
ii. Belle

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 — NDSU CHALLEY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

11:45 AM NDSU Wind Symphony | Director, Daniel Lee

To be selected from:

Four Scottish Dances — Malcolm Arnold, arr. John Paynter
The Seal Lullaby — Eric Whitacre
Nitrous — Kevin Day



12:40 PM Breckenridge High School Band | Director, Emily Christensen

Russian Sailor's Dance — arr. Lavender
Cajun Folk Songs — Frank Ticheli
The Maelstrom — Robert W. Smith

1:05 PM Aitkin 8th Grade Band | Director, Taylor Meeks

Terracotta Warriors - Scott Watson
Ye Banks and Braes O'Bonnie Doon - Arr. Michael Sweeney
Behemoth - Adrian B. Sims

1:55 PM Sheyenne Symphonic Band | Director, James Landman

Cloud Dancing - Richard Saucedo
Nettleton - arr. Johnnie Vinson
Granite Bay Overture - John O'Reilly

2:20 PM Roseau Wind Ensemble | Director, Chris Barnes

Rivers - Samuel R. Hazo
Halcyon Hearts - Katahj Copley

2:45 PM Aitkin High School Band | Director, Taylor Meeks

Rumba De La Tumba — JaRod Hall
Scarborough Fantasy — Christina Huss and R. Alan Carter
Blue Ridge Saga — James Swearingen

3:10 PM Long Prairie Grey Eagle Concert Band | Director, Chuck Speer

Manhattan Beach — John Phillip Sousa
The Witch and the Saint — Steven Reineke

3:35 PM Davies Symphonic Band | Directors, Darcy Brandenburg and Kristine Strege

Shipyard Trudge — Matthew Manning
Toccata — Frank Erickson
Letter from Sado — Jodie Blackshaw

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 — NDSU CHALLEY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

4:00 PM **Fargo North Wind Ensemble | Director, Kelsey Dragosovich**

Things that Never Were — Travis Cross

Seal Lullaby — Eric Whitacre

Ruckus — Randall Standridge

5:00 PM **Award Ceremony**



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026 — NDSU CHALLEY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

8:00 AM **West Fargo High School Symphonic Band | Director, Dan Christianson**

At the Crossroads — Robert W. Smith

Dier in De — Warren Barker

Backlash — Katahj Copley

8:25 AM **Fargo North Symphonic Band | Director, Jeff Dasovick**

Cenotaph — J. Stamp

Intermezzo for Band — J. De Haan

Rampage! — T. Stalter

8:50 AM **Shanley High School Band | Director, Donald Pochmara**

Credo for Concert Band — James Barnes

Balladair — Frank Erickson

March to Nowhere — Vaclav Nelhybel arr. Bernotas

9:15 AM **Sheyenne High School Concert Band | Director, James Landman**

Falcon Fanfare — Brian Balmages

Me (reAffirmation) — Randall Standridge

Skybridge Suite — Robert Sheldon

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026 – NDSU CHALLEY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

9:40 AM Moorhead High School 9th Grade Band | Director, Pam Redlinger

Inspiration Fanfare – Adrian Sims
Unraveling – Andrew Boysen, Jr.
St. Petersburg March – Johnnie Vinson

10:05 AM Carrington High School Concert Band | Director, Annette Hovey

Soothsayer – Eric Rath
The Red Covered Bridge – Robert Sheldon

10:30 AM Breckenridge Middle School Band | Director, Emily Christensen

All Ye Young Sailors – Pierre LaPlante
Down By The Salley Gardens – arr. Michael Sweeney
Ancient Voices – Michael Sweeney

10:55 AM Valley City High School Concert Band | Director, Tedi Dimmer

Silver Wings March – Robert W. Smith
Highbridge Excursions – Mark Williams
i. Song of the Lake
ii. Festive Dance

11:20 AM Maple Grove Senior High Wind Ensemble | Directors, Wade Schroeder and Peter Buller

River East Overture – Steve Hodges
Carrickfergus – Traditional Irish Folk Song arr. Patrick Roszell
Fandango – Carol Brittin Chambers

11:45 AM NDSU Wind Symphony | Director, Daniel Lee

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Four Scottish Dances – Malcolm Arnold, arr. John Paynter
The Seal Lullaby – Eric Whitacre
Nitrous – Kevin Day



12:40 PM Moorhead High School Symphonic Band | Director, Pam Redlinger

Rhythms and Riffs – Brian Balmages
Chasing Sunlight – Cait Nishimura
The Raptor Rides the Whale – Andrew David Perkins

1:05 PM Grafton Concert Band | Director, Chris Loeffler

Afterburn – Randall Standridge
(Risk) Everything for a Dream – Richard L. Saucedo
Squirrel Chase – Carol Brittin Chambers

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026 — NDSU CHALLEY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

1:30 PM Devils Lake High School Concert Band | Director, Ryan Strid

The Footlifter — Henry Fillmore, arr. Andrew Balent
Fantasia Espanol — Joe Wood
Ironclads (The Monitor and The Merrimack) — William Owens

1:55 PM Davies Concert Band | Directors, Darcy Brandenburg and Kristine Strege

Flight of the Thunderbird — Richard Saucedo
Summer Song — Randall Standridge
Now and Forever — Tyler Grant

2:20 PM Century High School Wind Ensemble | Director, Chris Dasovick

Brighton Beach — William Latham
At Kitty O'Shea's — Johan de Meij

2:45 PM Moorhead High School Wind Ensemble | Director, Pam Redlinger

Fanfare Esprit — Carol Brittin Chambers
Cafe 512 — Ryan George
Them Basses — Getty H. Huffine, edited by Van B. Ragsdale

3:10 PM Maple Grove Crimson Winds | Directors, Peter Buller and Wade Schroeder

American Fanfare — Rick Kirby
Land of the Midnight Sun — Robert Buckley
Pablo! — Richard Meyer

3:35 PM Sheyenne High School Wind Ensemble | Director, James Landman

Choose Joy — Randall Standridge
Mountain Song — Hayato Hirose
Tarantella — Carol Brittin Chambers

4:00 PM West Fargo High Wind Ensemble | Director, Dan Christianson

Women of the Podium — Virginia Allen
Cajun Folk Songs — Frank Ticheli
Undertow — John Mackey

5:00 PM Award Ceremony



THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026 — SHEYENNE HIGH SCHOOL

8:25 AM Fargo North Freshman Concert Band | Director, Kelsey Dragosavich

Inspiration Fanfare — Adrian B. Sims
Song of Hope — Swearingen
Byzantine Dances — Carol Brittin Chambers

8:50 AM Central Cass High School Band | Director, Brandon Noffze

Moorside March — Gustav Holst arr. Shabazz
Kirkpatrick Fanfare — Andrew Boysen Jr.

9:15 AM Wyndmere High School Band | Director, Callie Girodat

Jungle Dance — Brian Balmages
Appalachian Morning — Robert Sheldon
Thawing — Kazuki Shimoda

9:40 AM Fargo South Band II | Director, Noah Johnson

Shadow Cove March — Randall Standridge
Our Kingsland Spring — Samuel Hazo
Celtic Air and Dance — Michael Sweeney

10:05 AM Liberty Middle School 7th Grade Band | Directors, Amy Johnson; Alan Lambert; Nicole Rumppe; and Hannah Baum

Antz — Carol Brittin Chambers
Shadow Realm — Tyler S. Grant

10:30 AM Detroit Lakes 8th Grade Band | Director, Nino Tarara

Dedication Fanfare — Carol Brittin Chambers
Lavender's Blue — Arr. Rob Romeyn
Truckin'! — Amanda Harberg

10:55 AM Stephen-Argyle Junior High Band | Director, Brianna Meissner

The Spirit of an Eagle — Larry Clark
Loch Lomond — arr. JaRod Hall

11:20 AM Horace Concert Band | Director, Eric Pelletier

Spoon River — Percy Grainger arr. Michael Story
Energy — Adrian B. Sims
Red Giant — Jorge L. Vargas

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026 – SHEYENNE HIGH SCHOOL

11:45 AM **NDSU Jazz Ensemble | Director, Matthew Patnode**

Program to be announced.



12:40 PM **Heritage Middle School 8th Grade Band | Directors, Gabrielle Helfrich and Steven Keller**

Spring – Randall Standridge
Heroes Triumphant – William Owens

1:05 PM **Fargo South Band III | Director, Noah Johnson**

Country Gardens – Percy Grainger, ed. Brant Karrick
Song for Lyndsay – Andrew Boysen Jr.
Opa! – Julie Giroux

1:30 PM **Liberty Middle School 8th Grade Band | Directors, Amy Johnson; Nicole Rumppe; and Hannah Baum**

Dedication Fanfare – Carol Brittin Chambers
Three Minutes to Midnight – JaRod Hall

1:55 PM **Detroit Lakes High School Laker Band | Director, Tim Siewert**

First Suite in Eb – Holst, arr. Story
Chasing Sunlight – Cait Nishimura
The Great Rubber Chicken Galop – Randall Standridge

2:20 PM **Park River High School Band | Director, Zach Fischer**

Dedication Fanfare – Carol Brittin Chambers
Shenandoah – Frank Ticheli
The Washington Post March – John P. Sousa, arr. Michael Story

2:45 PM **Grafton Junior High Band | Director, Chris Loeffler**

Castles and Crowns – Robert Buckley
Me (Reaffirmation) – Randall Standridge
Above and Beyond – James Swearingen

3:10 PM **Oak Grove 7th and 8th Grade Band | Director, John Juhl**

Thunderbolt Fanfare – Brian Balmages
Jupiter from "The Planets" – Gustav Holst, arr. Mark Williams
Captain America March – Alan Silvestri, arr. Johnnie Vinson

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026 — SHEYENNE HIGH SCHOOL

3:35 PM Horace Symphonic Band | Director, Eric Pelletier

Red River Railroad — JaRod Hall

El Camino Real — Alfred Reed, arr. Robert Longfield

March of the Belgian Paratroopers — Pierre Leemans, arr. James Swearingen

4:00 PM Fargo South High School Band I | Director, Tristan Byer

Marche Diabolique — Brian Balmages

Down by the Salley Gardens — Traditional, arr. Sweeney

Spero — Randall Standridge

Sunchaser — Carol Britton Chambers

5:00 PM Award Ceremony

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2026 RAGING RED BAND FESTIVAL ADJUDICATORS



Dr. Christopher M. Cicconi

Director of Bands and Professor of Wind Conducting
James Madison University

Dr. Christopher M. Cicconi is Director of Bands and Professor of Wind Conducting at James Madison University. Conductor of James Madison University School of Music's premiere concert band, the Wind Symphony, he also teaches courses in undergraduate as well as graduate conducting, wind ensemble literature, advises Masters and

Doctoral Conducting students, and provides visionary leadership for as well as oversees the School of Music's comprehensive band program. Coupled with his duties at James Madison, Dr. Cicconi serves as the Principal Conductor of the Baltimore Symphony Youth Orchestra, the Music Director of the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra, and a Conductor of the New England Music Camp Symphony Orchestra and Symphonic Band. Prior to his arrival in Maryland, Dr. Cicconi earned a Doctoral of Musical Arts Degree in Instrumental Conducting from the University of Miami, where he was awarded a Henry Mancini Fellowship and was a student of Mr. Gary D. Green. He completed a Master of Music Education Degree, with an emphasis in Instrumental Conducting from Arizona State University and earned a Bachelor of Music Education Degree (summa cum laude) from Youngstown State University. He is a member of College Band Directors National Association, Florida Music Educators Association, National Association for Music Education, Pi Kappa Lambda, and an honorary member of Kappa Kappa Psi, Phi Beta Mu, Phi Mu Alpha, Tau Beta Sigma.



Dick Clardy

Director of Instrumental Music
Forth Worth Independent School District

Dick Clardy is the Director of Instrumental Music for the Fort Worth ISD which is an urban school district in Texas that has a vibrant secondary instrumental music program that is growing in numbers and quality. Students have opportunities to be involved in the instrumental program which includes band, orchestra, and mariachi.

Mr. Clardy has an amazing staff of veteran music teachers who's sole purpose is to recruit and mentor our young and emerging secondary faculty. Mr. Clardy also serves on the board of The Foundation for Music Education which is a not-for-profit organization supporting music education and annually recognizes outstanding ensembles through the project entitled Mark of Excellence. Prior to his appointment to Fort Worth, Mr. Clardy spent twenty-seven years developing the band and orchestra programs in Texas. Bands under Mr. Clardy's direction have performed twice at the Midwest Clinic, the TMEA Convention-Clinic as the TMEA Class 5A Honor Band, the Tournament of Roses Parade, the American Bandmasters Association Convention, the Chicago Symphony Hall and Carnegie Hall. The John Philip Sousa Foundation honored The Colony Band with The Sudler Flag of Honor. Mr. Clardy has championed new works for band from such composers as Robert Linn, William Latham, Martin Mailman, Dan Welcher, Eric Richards and Eric Whitacre. Mr. Clardy served as the President of the Texas Music Educators Association and as the TMEA State Band Division Chair. Mr. Clardy is a member of Phi Beta Mu was elected into the American Bandmasters Association in 1997. The Texas Bandmasters Association honored Mr. Clardy with the Meritorious Achievement Award and induction into the Texas Band Director Hall of Fame In 2016.

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Teresa J. Elliott

Clarinet Instructor

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Teresa J. Elliott currently serves as the clarinet instructor for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and adjunct music faculty for the Chattanooga State Community College. Recently retired from nearly four decades of a distinguished teaching career, Ms. Elliott has taught in the public schools of Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky.

Her last post was serving the Fayette County Public Schools in Lexington, Kentucky as Director of Bands at Frederick Douglass High School, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, Beaumont Middle School, SCAPA Bluegrass, and Henry Clay High School. In addition, she has served as adjunct faculty for Asbury and Transylvania Universities. Ms. Elliott has been honored as the KMEA Middle School Teacher, Phi Beta Mu Outstanding Band Master, Ashland Teacher of the Year Finalist, Grammy Teacher of the Year Quarterfinalist, the Kentucky recipient for the National School Band and Orchestra Magazine 50 Directors Who Make a Difference, as well as the WBDNI Scroll of Excellence recipient. Ms. Elliott is honored to serve on the staff of the Kentucky Ambassadors of Music Summer European Tours, the University of Louisville Wind Band Institute, and is an active adjudicator and clinician throughout the United States. Ms. Elliott received her Bachelor of Music Education degree from Morehead State University, and has earned a Master of Music in Clarinet Performance as well as a Master of Music in Music Education and Instrumental Conducting, both from the University of Kentucky. Originally from Winchester, Kentucky, Ms. Elliott now resides with her beagle pups MAX and LILY on a beautiful mountaintop near Chattanooga, TN.



Dr. Kenneth Ozzello

Director of Bands and Professor of Music

University of Alabama

Dr. Kenneth Ozzello is the director of bands and a professor of music at The University of Alabama. Dr. Ozzello joined the University faculty in 1989. He holds a Bachelor of Music in music education and a Master of Music in conducting degrees from West Virginia University. He earned the Doctorate of Education from The University of Alabama.

Dr. Ozzello is the conductor of the Alabama Wind Ensemble, which has performed at numerous regional and national venues including National CBDNA, Southern Division CBDNA, Southern Division MENC, and the Alabama Music Educators Conference. Dr. Ozzello is also the director of The University of Alabama "Million Dollar Band," one of the most widely recognized symbols of The University of Alabama and Crimson Tide Football. In 2003 The University of Alabama "Million Dollar Band" received the prestigious Sudler Trophy, which is the only national award honoring excellence in the college marching band activity.

Prior to arriving in Tuscaloosa, Ozzello served on the staff of the West Virginia University Band Program. He also spent five years as the director of bands at Jeannette High School in the Pittsburgh area. Ozzello now heads up UA's graduate wind conducting program and maintains a busy national schedule of clinics and guest conducting engagements.

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Daniel Lee

Director of Bands

North Dakota State University



Matthew Patnode

Professor of Saxophone and Jazz Studies

North Dakota State University



ABOUT THE NDSU CHALLEY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

The NDSU Challey School of Music promotes high-quality teaching, artistic performance, outreach and scholarly excellence through its performance and degree programs. We offer bachelor's degrees in music education, performance, composition and liberal studies, master's degrees in music education, performance, conducting and collaborative piano, and doctoral programs in performance, conducting and collaborative piano.

The Challey School of Music is part of the Division of Performing Arts, which also includes the Department of Theatre Arts. For more information about our music programs or scholarship opportunities, visit ndsu.edu/music.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **NDSU Choir Tour: Home Concert**, 7:30 p.m. March 16 at Saints Anne and Joachim Catholic Church
- **Composition Studio Recital**, 7:30 p.m. March 20 in Beckwith Recital Hall
- **The Sound of Music Sing-Along**, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. March 21 at Brewhalla
- **The Sound of Music**, 7:30 p.m. April 9 - 11 and 2 p.m. April 12 in Festival Concert Hall

