

STEAMM Instrumental Department

presents:

An Evening Of Jazz



Featuring:

STEAMM Stage Dawgs

Hoover Jazz Ensembles I and II

Northwest Jazz Ensemble

Thursday April 16th, 2026

Stage Dawgs

Director: Robert Newman

Stage Dawg Swag.....Newman

Soloist: TBA

Bb Blues.....Newman

Soloist: TBA

Pentagroove.....Newman

Soloist: TBA

Dr Rock.....C. Elledge

Clarinets

Ta'Shuni Baker

Madalyn Alfas

Alto Sax

Jade Terrell

Brooklynn Jackson

Adriel Moore

Tenor Sax

Samuel Monahan

Percussion

Lucas Smith

Kaylen Sanders

Michael Johnson

Trumpets

Jeremiah Cone

Kobe Cone

Mykal Mahome

Kobe Cone

Ana Vincente

Ethan Sing

Jace Palmer

Victor Umana Erazo

Trombones

Kree Stepanovich

Tremaine Randolph

Danae Farrow

Hoover High School Jazz Ensemble One

Director: Ronald C. Varn

Rick's Lick's.....Craig Biondi
Soloists - Donovan Green-Alto Saxophone, Troy Seacrist-Trumpet, and
Brady Stroll-Drums

Tuxedo Junction.....Erskine Hawkins, Arr. Steve Wright
Soloists - Isaac Lightner-Trumpet, Aven Thomas-Flugelhorn, and
Micah Hayes-Tenor Saxophone

Mofongo De Mama.....Michael Phillip Mossman
Soloists - Troy Seacrist-Trumpet and Jackson Neitzke-Guitar

Hocus Pocus.....Larry Barton
Soloists - Addy Choudhry-Trumpet and Henry Erickson-Trombone

Alto Sax

Donavan Green-1st
Ben Griffith-2nd
Emma Smith-1st
Maison Whitacre - 2nd

Tenor Sax

Micah Hayes - 1st
Grant Rojas - 2nd

Bari Sax

Mason Chen

Trombones

Mohid Chaudhry - 2nd
Henry Erickson - 3rd
Carys Eynon - 3rd
Shane Gillogly - 1st
Kaden Lightner - Bass Trombone

Trumpets

Addison Choudhry - 5th
Maya Griffith - 3rd
Layla Isenberg - 4th
Isaac Lightner - 1st
Payton Rambaud - 1st
Troy Seacrist - 2nd

Guitar

Jackson Neitzke

Bass

Ava Givens

Piano

Dorian Draper
Renee Varn

Drum Set

Ethan Richards
Brady Stroll
Will Wright

Northwest Jazz Ensemble

Director: Kimberly Good

What, So?..... Dean Sorenson

Soloist-Joe Chapman, flute, Isabella Zantow, trumpet,
Gwindolyn Trent, flute, Dominic Minks, tuba

Night Train..... Jimmy Forrest, arr John Berry

Soloist-Aubrey Essel, alto sax, Isabella Zantow, trumpet

Jazz Hero..... George Vincent

Soloist-Joe Chapman, flute

Flute

Joe Chapman
Gwindolyn Trent

Alto

Aubrey Essel

Tenor

Wyatt Cyrus

Bari

Evalina Futrell

Bass Clarinet

Nikita Sebe

Bassoon

Colin Ankrom

Trumpet

Isabella Zantow

Trombone

Xavier Singer

Euphonium

Logan Boggs

Drumset

Darin Good

Bass

Owen Pedani

Piano

Lucas Corbin

Minerva High Jazz Ensemble

Director: Derrick Maxey

Blue Train.....John Coltrane, Arr. Sweeney

Soloist - Joey Evans, tenor saxophone

Tuxedo Junction.....Erskine Hawkins, Arr. Edmonson

Soloist - Sam Speelman, trumpet

Bubbert Goes West.....Mike Steinel

Woodchopper's Ball.....Woody Herman, Arr. Sweeney

Soloists - Bailey Price, alto saxophone, Josh Davidson, trombone

Gonna Fly Now.....Bill Conti, Arr. V. Lopez

Soloists - Joey Evans, tenor saxophone, David Bryan, drumset

Alto Sax

Bailey Price

Alexis Bryan

Everett Pancoast

Tenor

Joey Evans

Josie Stuller

Bari

Langston Richard

Trombone

Joshua Davidson

Case Sell

Guitar

Gage Dominick

Trumpet

Sam Speelman

Keegan Bigler

Evelyn Bryn

Logan Davidson

Aliyah Davidon

Alex Merrick

Drumset

David Bryan

Jake Bryan

Mackenzie Talkington

Bass

Julian Elliott

Kaygen Dimari0

Hoover High School Jazz Ensemble II

Director: David Wolf

Stomper.....Paul Clark

Soloist: Kaleigh Brackman - Baritone Saxophone; Mackenzie Allan- Drum

If I Didn't Have You.....Randy Newman/ Berry

Soloist: Brett O'Donnell - Trumpet; Gillian Glasgow - Alto Saxophone

Swing Machine.....Larry Neeck

Soloist: Brett O'Donnell - Trumpet; Alex Hedri; Andrew Wertz -Bone;
James Dawson - Alto Sax, Kalani Levels - Piano; Sawyer Carr- Set

Alto Sax

James Dawson

Gilian Glasgow

Taryn Hatzopoulos

Adrienne Gray

Tenor Sax

Kyla Fisher

Ayla Newman

Kaleigh Brackman

Trumpets

Pierce Lojkovic

Brett O'Donnell

Alex Hedri

Isaiah Wright

Trombones

Don Nguyen

Andrew Wertz

Tristan Pickard

Issac Chellinsky

Rhythm Section

Ethan Kolts- Guitar

Smith, Neeko - Guitar

Kalini Levels - Piano

Lucas De Jesso, Bass

Elliot Yoder- Bass

Percussion

Sawyer Carr

Makenzie Allan

Iliana Hughes

Robert Newman is in his 32nd and final year of teaching in Canton City Schools. He is currently the band director at STEAMM. He performs with several groups in the area which includes lead trombone with Jazz Society Big Band, french horn with the Chapel in Green Orchestra, and frequents the Alumni Jazz ensemble at Minerva and Trinity Gospel bands. Robert has been married 24 years to his lovely wife Christine and has 4 kids. He enjoys having theologian discussions and learning more about Jesus.

David Wolf is an Assistant Director of Bands at North Canton City Schools in North Canton, Ohio. He is currently in his eighth year of teaching at North Canton City Schools. There, he oversees the fifth-grade band program, the North Canton Middle School Jazz Ensemble, Hoover High School Jazz Two, Percussion Ensemble, and the Hoover High School Drumline. He also assists band students in grades 6-12. Prior to teaching in North Canton, he taught for two years in Akron Public Schools. He has taught students in grades K-12 in the following areas: general music, orchestra, marching band, concert band, and jazz band.

Mr. Wolf is a graduate of Louisville High School (Ohio). He studied percussion with Dr. Larry Snider and received his Bachelor of Music in Music Education from the University of Akron. Wolf is a multi-instrumentalist at his church as a member of the worship team. He and his wife, Gwen, frequently perform music together and reside in Stark County with their two daughters.

Graduate of The Ohio State University, **Derrick Maxey** is currently in his 21st year as band director in the Minerva Local School District. Mr. Maxey was hired in 2005 as Assistant Director of Bands. In 2006, he was named Head Marching Band Director, followed by Director of Bands in 2009. In 2009, Mr. Maxey completed his Master's in Music Education at Vandercook College of Music in Chicago, Illinois. From 2023-2025, he served as Interim Director of Bands at Malone University.

Mr. Maxey is an avid trombonist and has performed locally in the John Trapani Big Band, Kent State University Stark Concert Band, The Brass Band of The Western Reserve, and Alliance Symphony Big Band. Mr. Derrick Maxey resides with his wife Kirsten and four children Adelaide, Mia, Theo and Thaddeus Maxey in nearby Louisville, Ohio.

Ronald C. Varn

Mr. Varn is in his 39th year of teaching at North Canton City Schools and his 26th year at Hoover High School, where he serves as Director of the Hoover Marching Band, Hoover Symphonic Band, Hoover String, Chamber, and Full Orchestras, Hoover Pep Band, and Hoover Jazz One. He served as Department Chair for the music department from 1998–2003 and from 2011 to the present. He received his Bachelor of Music in Education (B.M.Ed.) from Bowling Green State University, with additional graduate study at Kent State University, Ashland University, San Diego University, and the Kanter Institute.

Mr. Varn studied conducting with the late Mr. Mark S. Kelly, Alfred Reed, Claude T. Smith, and W. Francis McBeth. He has conducted or performed in the pit orchestra for West Side Story, Li'l Abner, Tom Sawyer, Guys and Dolls, Anything Goes, The Wizard of Oz, The Music Man, Aida, Peter Pan, You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, Les Misérables, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Hello, Dolly!, Newsies, Shrek, Titanic, Cinderella, and Freaky Friday. Mr. Varn is a member of the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA), the National Association for Music Education (NAfME), the Ohio Education Association (OEA), and the North Canton Education Association (NCEA). He is an active adjudicator for OMEA in large group, marching band, and solo and ensemble events, and he currently serves as the OMEA Marching Band Adjudications Coordinator. He chaired the OMEA All-State Orchestra in 2025 and the OMEA All-State Band in 2026, and he will serve again in 2027. Mr. Varn's ensembles are active in adjudicated events and have performed at the OMEA State Conference, the Ohio Band Directors Conference, and the Bowling Green State University New Music Reading Clinic.

Mr. Varn's performance career includes study on his primary instrument with the late Edwin Betts, George Novak, and Vincent Chicowicz of the Chicago Symphony. He performed with the Camarata Brass Quintet until 2017 and currently performs with The Buckeye Brass Quintet. In 2022, Mr. Varn was named the Stark County Music Educator of the Year. He also performed with the 1986 Statue of Liberty All-American Marching Band.

Mr. Varn has three children; Michael, Maclaine, and Renee. He resides in Uniontown with his wife Ellen and daughter Renee.

Kimberly Good is currently in her 29th year of teaching. She is the middle school (grades 6-8) band director at Northwest Local Schools and assists with 5th grade band, HS marching band, concert band, and select winds. As a woodwind specialist, Kim has performed in many pit orchestras at local HS schools, Kent Stark Theatre, Players Guild, and Goodyear Theatre. She has performed in orchestras and as a soloist for local churches. She has also performed with many local bands including the John Trapani Big Band, Swing Machine, and has performed in the back up band for the Temptations. She enjoys spending time with her percussionist husband, Darin, collecting antiques for their home and antique shop and making memories with their grandsons, Spencer and Sawyer, and granddaughter Ariele.

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