

# HONOUR GROUPS

November 7, 2020

*Katlyn Redding - Honour Groups Chair 2020*



## BAND

This ensemble is made up of 82 students from across 21 communities in Saskatchewan.

## VIRTUAL

Each participant needed to record themselves playing or singing and submit it electronically. A total of 30 different communities united!

## CHOIR

This ensemble is made up of 30 students from across 14 communities in Saskatchewan.

## MAKING IT HAPPEN

*When COVID-19 suspended communal music-making, the Honour Groups chair and coordinators embraced the challenge to take this highly anticipated event virtual. Inspired by the virtual performances appearing on social media, the SMEA Honour Groups will continue with the leadership of our wonderful conductors.*

*With the addition of Dr. Justin Hubbard, audio engineer the team is excited to present a 5-song program that will be premiered in a virtual concert on November 7th at 2:30pm and available for purchase in iTunes after.*



*"How is it that music can, without words, evoke our laughter, our fears, our highest aspirations?"*

Jane Swan



## Band- Dr. Jason Caslor

Dr. Jason Caslor assumed his duties as Associate Professor of Music and Director of Bands at Arizona State University (ASU) in the fall of 2019 after four years as their Associate Director of Bands and Orchestras.

In addition to numerous regional engagements, Caslor has conducted the National Youth Band of Canada, the South Dakota All State Band, the South Dakota Intercollegiate Band, and the Alberta Wind Symphony. As a researcher, he has presented his work at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, the WASBE International Conference, and the CBDNA National Conference. Caslor completed his doctorate in conducting at Arizona State University. Prior to earning a master's in conducting from the University of Manitoba, he earned dual bachelor's in music and education from the University of Saskatchewan, Canada.

Repertoire :

*Salvation is Created* - Chesnokov arr. Michael Brown  
*Together Again* - Allan V. Daleus

The 2020 Honour Band Coordinator is Sharon Bates.

## Choir- Mrs. Cynthia Peyson Wahl

Born and raised in Saskatchewan, Cynthia Peyson Wahl holds a bachelor of Music Education (University of Regina), a diploma in Contemporary Music (Grant MacEwan University), and a Master of Music Education (University of Toronto). For fourteen years she taught choir, vocal jazz, and musical theatre at Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and directed the jazz choir at Canadian Mennonite University. She currently teaches choir, orchestra, vocal jazz and musical theatre at Campbell Collegiate in Regina, Saskatchewan, and teaches Music and Drama Education courses at the University of Regina.



Repertoire:

*I Choose Love* - Mark Miller  
*Il Cantico del Sol* - Forrest Pierce  
1. *Altissimu Onnipotente*"  
*All Ye Who Music* - Balthazar Donato

The 2020 Honour Choir Coordinator is Lauren Lohneis.

## Engineer- Dr. Justin Hubbard

Justin is currently an Assistant Professor of Music at Fort Lewis College where he leads the Fort Lewis College Symphonic Band as well as teaches saxophone, clarinet, and other courses. He also works as a freelance audio editor, producer, and saxophonist. When not performing, conducting, or otherwise making music, he enjoys camping and hiking in the Colorado wilderness and catching the occasional baseball or hockey game. Originally from Michigan, Justin moved to Reno, Nevada after his undergraduate studies where he taught band, choir, guitar, and digital music for five years. After rebuilding a successful high school band program, he went on to pursue his master's degree and later teach at the University of Nevada, Reno. While at UNR he led courses in music appreciation, was a staff member with the marching band, and directed the Nevada Concert Winds. Justin recently earned his DMA in Conducting from Arizona State University under the tutelage of Gary W. Hill and Jason Caslor. While at ASU he guest conducted both the ASU Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony, served as co-conductor of the ASU Concert Band, and assisted with conducting classes.

The 2020 Honour Groups Chair is Katlyn Redding



This year the participants learned how to integrate their musical talent and technology to bring you this amazing concert!

2:30 pm Concert Premiere  
November 7, 2020

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