

PLU Symphonic Band

Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 7pm
Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center

Pacific Lutheran University
The College of Professional Studies and School of Music, Theatre & Dance present

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Welcome to Lagerquist Concert Hall.
Please disable the audible signal on all watches and cellular phones for the duration of the concert.
Use of cameras, recording equipment, and all digital devices is not permitted in the concert hall.

PROGRAM

- Amparito Roca** **Jaime Texidor (1884-1957)**
arr. Aubrey Winter
Matt Vegh, *conductor*
- Tarantella**..... **Carol Brittin Chambers (b. 1970)**
- Song for Terra** **Yukiko Nishimura (b. 1967)**
Ron Gerhardstein, *conductor*
- Sedona** **Steven Reineke (b. 1970)**
Matt Vegh, *conductor*
- Caribana Afterparty** **Omar Thomas (b. 1984)**
Ron Gerhardstein, *conductor*

About the Conductors



Ron Gerhardstein is the Director of Bands and Associate Professor of Music at Pacific Lutheran University. Dr. Gerhardstein has enjoyed a long career as a music educator in public school and collegiate settings. At PLU, he directs the Wind Ensemble and he teaches coursework in the music education curriculum, including: Band Repertoire and Rehearsal, Woodwind Labs I/II, Percussion Lab, Music and Culture, and PLUS 100: Transitions to PLU. Dr. Gerhardstein earned a Ph.D. in music education from Temple University where he studied with Edwin Gordon and Beth Bolton. He also attended the University of Idaho, earning a Bachelor's degree in music education, and a Masters of Music in saxophone performance studying with Robert Miller. Dr. Gerhardstein is a frequent workshop clinician, guest conductor, and festival adjudicator. Prior to coming to PLU in 2014, he was the band director at West Valley High School in Yakima where his band program had a reputation for excellence in all areas (concert band, jazz band, and marching band). He has proudly served as an honor band conductor on several occasions, most notably the 2019 APAC Honor Band in Kobe, Japan, and the 2017 WMEA Junior All-State "Rainier" Band. A passionate advocate for music education, Ron is an active member of WMEA, currently serving a two-year term as WMEA President. Dr. Gerhardstein makes his home in Tacoma with his wife, Jerilyn, an elementary teacher librarian in the Bethel School District.



Matt Vegh graduated from Pacific Lutheran University in 2012 with a Bachelor's of Music Education (K-12 band and K-12 music) and Central Washington University in 2016 with a Master's of Music in wind band conducting, where he studied with Lewis Norfleet and Mark Lane. Professor Vegh also teaches at Steilacoom High School. At SHS, he directs Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, and has taught AP Music Theory. His concert bands consistently receive Superior ratings at festivals, while percussion ensemble frequently performs at the WIAA/WMEA State Ensemble Contest, and has performed as a guest ensemble with PLU's Percussion Ensemble twice. Matt Vegh's primary instrument is saxophone. He studied privately with Tracy Knoop, Dr. Erik Steighner, and online with Chad Lefkowitz-Brown. He has been fortunate to perform with the Columbia Basin Jazz Orchestra, South Sound Symphonic Band, Sophisticated Swing Jazz Band, and various other groups in the Pacific Northwest.

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Listed alphabetically by section

Flute

Ashton Allen
Kera Buckmaster
Evergreen Burling
Ellen Coburn
Kaitlynn Koehn
Iris Lee
Kade Levien
Juliyana Mandzyuk
Michelle Owen
Jadeyn Reeves
Isis Romero-Chavez
Margaret Stuart

Oboe/English Horn

Sara Atwood
Gabrielle Guerrero
Sophia Pancoast
Jayden White

Bassoon

Owen Johnson
Grace Karns
Syd Thayer-O'Brien

Clarinet

Meaghan Austin-Cortez
Abigail Caprye
Matthew Helmer
Katelyn Hight
Bethani Juarez
Riley Judd
Andrew Lee
Xavier McMains
Sophia Ramos
Bella Woodland

Bass Clarinet

Abigail Caprye
Eli Lockhart

Alto Sax

Steven Blankenship
Kyrsten Campbell
Denny Corson
Elizabeth Dawson
Abbie Hughes
Diana Kaufman
Courtney Lazzarini
Anthony Millspaugh
Piero Ramirez

Tenor Sax

Conor Beach
Brandon Harwood
Cadence Philbeck
Grace Weddle

Baritone Sax

Aidan Hille
Noah Ping

Horn

Ben Coats
James Gibson
Cameron Holden
William Lindsay
Elizabeth Oie
Roselyn Tobeck

Trumpet

Devin Bianchi-Rivera
Lydia Brannan
Clara Chabot
Gaje Dequis
Joan Fort
Allison Howes
Alby Jones
Connor Kaczkowski
Brandon Liukkonen
Sylvie Manz
Jess Mason
Levi Read

Trombone

Christian Ayala
Jasper Bragg
Lola Chargualaf
Sabien Kinchlow-McConnaughey
Max Minjares
Jaden Pulido-Hughes
Sarah Zundel

Euphonium

Josh Green
Jevon Ignaco
Cody Nutter
Nick Salas
Jenea Staples

Tuba

Preston Hill
David Hobson
Tyler Kim
Cassidy Stanhope
Lillian Woolery

Double Bass

Kindra Gonsalves
Taya Lovejoy
Campian Roberts

Percussion

Kyle Gough
Ben Hegge
Rory Lacy
Rachel Mower
Evan Nakanishi
Caden Pulido
Adrian Ragil
Ronin Schoolcraft
Jenea Staples
Joseph Wilcher
Jenna Woods