

Woodwinds, Brass, and Percussion



DEGREES

- Performance
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- Music Minor



FACULTY

Jennifer Rhyne, Flute
Craig Rine, Clarinet
Shelly Myers, Oboe
Francine Peterson, Bassoon
Erik Steighner, Saxophone
Zachary Lyman, Trumpet
Edward Castro, Trumpet
Danielle Lemieux, Horn
Ryan Wagner, Trombone
Jason Gilliam, Euphonium
Paul Evans, Tuba
Miho Takekawa, Percussion

WORLD CLASS STUDIO FACULTY

We are fortunate to have world-class instrumental faculty who make PLU their musical home as teachers, performers, and scholars. Our faculty work closely with their students to support and encourage musical growth and to inspire them to achieve their dreams in the musical arts. All of our PLU instrumental faculty participate in the vibrant arts scene of the Pacific Northwest as performers and artists.

CONDUCTOR, WIND ENSEMBLE

Dr. Ron Gerhardstein, Director of Band Studies

Ron Gerhardstein is the newly appointment Director of Band Studies at PLU. He conducts the PLU Wind Ensemble and teaches select courses in the instrumental music education sequence as well as general courses in the music department. He has extensive experience teaching music in public schools and serving as a workshop clinician, adjudicator, and guest conductor. Dr. Gerhardstein is passionate about the transformative nature of music education and he is a strong advocate for students looking to further their musical careers as performers, future educators, or simply as a vocational activity.

CONDUCTOR, CONCERT BAND

Matt Vegh, PLU Concert Band, Conductor

Matt Vegh graduated from PLU with a Bachelor's in music education and earned a Master's in wind band conducting from Central Washington University. He currently teaches at Steilacoom High School, directing multiple bands and ensembles, achieving superior ratings at festivals. His primary instrument is saxophone, and he has performed with various groups in the Pacific Northwest, studying with accomplished musicians. In addition to his full-time role, Matt holds a part-time position with PLU Music, where he engages with students as a lecturer and conductor.

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