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Every semester, 200 music majors and 600+ non-majors participate in 19 music ensembles on Concordia's campus. This newsletter is devoted to sharing information about the people, music, and events that are part of our instrumental community. Look here for announcements, upcoming performances, and additional information to stay connected to our ensembles' activity and progress.

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The Concordia Band  
The Concordia Orchestra

## THE BEGINNING OF A YEAR

Our semester began with three exciting days of auditions. Over 200 students auditioned to be part of the instrumental program, and we were delighted to welcome many new, talented musicians to Concordia. Since then, we have been preparing new music and getting to know each other. Through band retreat, orchestra retreat, the annual All-Bands picnic, and other events, our ensembles have already grown close, creating a bond that will be clear to see during our performances. Right now, one of our major rehearsal focuses is on the Homecoming Concert. We can't wait to welcome home Cobber alumni with our concert that will be held on October 12th at 6:30 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium. The band will play *Frozen Cathedral* by John Mackey as well as the world premiere of *Concordia Pasodoble*, a commissioned work by Spanish composer José Salvador González Moreno. The orchestra will play selections from Florence Price's *Dances in the Canebrakes* along with selections from *Pictures at an Exhibition* by Mussorgsky, (arr. Ravel). The Concordia Jazz band and Concordia Choir will also share some of their music, making this homecoming concert one you won't want to miss.



## UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

- Oct. 12 Homecoming Concert
- Oct. 28-Nov. 2 Orchestra Tour - ND and MN
- Nov. 3 Orchestra Home Concert
- Nov. 17 Honor String Orchestra Festival Concert
- Nov. 10 PRISM
- Nov. 24 Fall Bands Concert
- Dec. 6-8 Christmas Concerts - Moorhead
- Dec. 12 Christmas Concerts - Minneapolis

### Can't join us in person?

Many of our performances are streamed online so that you can watch events live no matter where you are! If you miss a concert, each stream is also converted into a video and put into the archive, so it can be accessed at anytime after it is uploaded.

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## CONCORDIA ORCHESTRA DOMESTIC TOUR 2019

The Concordia Orchestra will embark on a week-long tour to both Minnesota and North Dakota during the week of October 28-November 2nd. On this annual tour, the orchestra will travel to multiple towns and cities where they will spend their days sharing their passion and knowledge with orchestra students at local elementary, middle, and high schools. Director Dr. Kevin F.E. Sütterlin will lead combined rehearsals with Concordia and local students playing side by side. During the evenings, the orchestra will perform in concert, their repertoire including works such as *Pictures at a Exhibition* by Mussorgsky and a world premiere of *Concerto for Marimba* by Concordia professor, Russ Peterson.

- Oct. 28 Grand Forks, ND
- Oct. 29 Bemidji, MN
- Oct. 30 Grand Rapids, MN
- Oct. 31 Duluth, MN
- Nov. 1 Stillwater, MN
- Nov. 2 Alexandria, MN
- Nov. 3 Home Concert: Moorhead



## DIRECTOR FEATURE

### Elizabeth Jackson Kirchhoff

Elizabeth Jackson Kirchhoff holds multiple degrees, including a Ph.D. from Ohio State University. Currently, she conducts the Eden Prairie High School Wind Ensemble. One of her favorite pieces to conduct is *Give Us This Day* by David Maslanka because it is the most powerful piece of music she has ever had the privilege to conduct. Jackson Kirchhoff's passion for music education is clear, writing "I love to conduct music that reaches my students in a profound, personal, and lasting way." She encourages young conductors to get diverse experience teaching all levels of musicians and to spend free time meeting other musicians in professional settings. Jackson Kirchhoff wisely instructs, "wherever you teach, do what it takes to reach your students at their level."

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

### Anna Swanson

Anna Swanson is a senior Social Work and Music double major from Woodbury, Minnesota. As a member of both The Concordia Band and The Concordia Orchestra, she plays flute and piccolo. Her favorite thing about Concordia is the welcoming community, saying that "the professors are always willing to help in anyway they can and make you feel like you belong." As a fan of music tours, Anna notes that she loves watching our audiences' faces when we perform because "it is always fun to see and hear about the impact we have on the communities we tour to."



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### Isaac McMahon

Isaac McMahon graduated from Concordia in 2017 with a BA in Instrumental Music Education. Since then, he has worked as a band director in Breckenridge, MN and is now pursuing a Master's in Conducting at James Madison University. Some of McMahon's favorite memories from Concordia include the annual band tour, specifically noting an evening in Spain where the band "performed in an open-air castle and taught Spaniards how to dance the polka." McMahon writes that Concordia helped prepare him for his post-graduation endeavors by giving him hands-on opportunities and experiences that broaden his musical knowledge. He believes that "the better a musician you are, the better teacher you can be."

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