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PERFORMING ARTS

Present

MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY
2024 REGIONAL HONOR BANDS

Blue Band

Evan McCormick, Conductor

Gold Band

Dr. Cliff Croomes, Conductor

March 2, 2024 ○ Tritico Theatre ○ McNeese State University

A Letter from the Directors

Welcome to McNeese State University and the 2024 McNeese Regional Honor Band. We hope that you have enjoyed your weekend here on campus and have experienced some of the very best our wonderful university has to offer. Our students, faculty, and directors have thoroughly enjoyed working with you, performing for you, and most of all, getting to know you over the past few days.

In the McNeese Band Program, we often use the phrase, “**We are...**” **We are excellent musicians** who perform in one of the finest undergraduate music programs around. From the huge signature sound of the Marching Band to performing challenging major works with the Wind Symphony and rocking charts with the Jazz Band, McNeese State University offers world class musical experiences to undergraduate musicians. **We are scholars** who consistently represent a GPA at or above the campus average with students on the President’s List, Dean’s List, and many other academic honors, and the band program consists of students from across campus in practically every major offered by McNeese State University. Most of all, **We are Family**. Here in the McNeese Band program we like to think of ourselves as an extended family. A family that makes music together, travels together, studies together, and are some of the best friends and people we will ever know. Whether it is performing exciting music with the Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, or Jazz Band, or cheering on the team with the Basketball Band, or traveling with the Pride of McNeese Marching Band to awesome places and thousands of cheering fans, we do it as a family. We believe that the band family exemplifies our university’s motto of “Excellence with a personal touch.” **We are The Pride of McNeese** and **We are the McNeese Bands**, and we hope that in the future you will join us.

Thank you and Geaux Pokes!

Dr. Tim Pardue
Director of Bands

Dr. Davaron Edwards
Associate Director of Bands



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Selections from the following:

<i>Uproar</i>	<i>Michael Oare</i>
<i>With Quiet Courage</i>	<i>Larry Daehn</i>
<i>Southwest Saga</i>	<i>Robert Sheldon</i>
<i>Legend of Knife River</i>	<i>Stephen Bulla</i>
<i>Encanto</i>	<i>Robert W. Smith</i>
<i>Imminent Danger</i>	<i>Jennifer E. Rose</i>

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Selections from the following:

<i>An American Fanfare</i>	<i>Ricky Kirby</i>
<i>Waltz No. 2</i>	<i>Dmitri Shostakovich, arr. by James Curnow</i>
<i>Tico Tico</i>	<i>Zequinha de Abreu, arr. by Naohiro Iwai</i>
<i>Fandango</i>	<i>Frank Perkins, arr. by Floyd Werle</i>
<i>Adagio of Spartacus and Phrygia</i>	<i>Aram Il'yich Khachaturian, arr. by Georges Moreau</i>

About our Conductors



Dr. Cliff Croomes serves as the Associate Director of Bands and Director of the Longhorn Band at the University of Texas at Austin. Prior to his return to Austin he was the Assistant Director of Bands at Louisiana State University and the Music Director and Principal Conductor of the Civic Orchestra of Baton Rouge. Previous to his appointment the faculty he studied at LSU for his Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees. Prior to his time at LSU Dr. Croomes served as the Director of Bands at Georgetown High School in Georgetown, Texas. Under his baton, the Georgetown Wind Symphony was named a 2014

Mark of Excellence Commended Winner. Earlier in his career Mr. Croomes was the Associate Director of Bands at Douglas MacArthur High School in San Antonio, Texas. He has also taught at Westview Middle School, Pflugerville High School and Bastrop High School. He has also had the pleasure of serving on the faculty of the University of Texas Longhorn Music Camp from 2001-2014.

Dr. Croomes earned his Bachelor of Music Studies degree from the University of Texas at Austin and is an alumnus of the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps from Rosemont, Illinois. He has performed with ensembles throughout the United States, London, Paris, Switzerland, Germany, and Italy as well as serving as an international consultant throughout Japan. He has served as an adjudicator and clinician for marching and concert bands throughout the states of Texas and Louisiana.

Dr. Croomes holds an artist/educator endorsement with Innovative Percussion Inc. and is a founding board member of the composer diversity initiative “And We Were Heard” as well as a member of the Dr. William P. Foster Project advisory board. He also holds professional memberships in the Texas Bandmasters Association, Texas Music Adjudicators Association, the Percussive Arts Society, Louisiana Music Educators Association and the Texas Music Educators Association.



Mr. Evan McCormick is a graduate of Northwestern State University. While at NSU he served as Drum Major for the “SON” marching band and Director of the Purple Haze Basketball Band. Mr. McCormick completed his associates degree in criminal justice and bachelor's in business administration before completing his bachelor's in music education. Mr. McCormick is a member of Phi Beta Mu, LMAA, NAFME, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. Mr. McCormick is currently in his 13th year teaching with the majority of

that time being in the Benton School System. Under his direction, the Benton bands have received numerous awards at the District and State level. He is extremely proud of the large number of Benton students that always make the District Honor Band and All-State Bands. In 2012, Mr. McCormick was selected Young Music Educator of the year by LMEA and was also named Teacher of the Year for Benton Middle School for the 2013-2014 school year. In 2023 he was named High School Director of the year for LMEA District VIII. Mr. McCormick is happily married to his beautiful wife Jennifer Lynn McCormick and together they have two beautiful girls, Blayne Ryan and Maisyn Kate. In his free time, he loves playing golf, playing with his corgi “CAP”, going to the movies and traveling to new places.

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Participants

Gold Band

Flute

Anneallyse Anderson Pickering High School (Pickering, LA)
Niria Cazares Sulphur High School (Sulphur, LA)
Isabella Cervantes DeRidder High School (DeRidder, LA)
Daphne Rabago Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School (Orange, TX)
Carley Duhon Iowa High School (Iowa, LA)
Chloe Cramer South Beauregard High School (Ragley, LA)

Oboe

Jaden Atkins Deridder High School (Deridder, LA)

Clarinet

Abby Harris East Beauregard High School (DeRidder, LA)
Tabitha Whetstone Kinder High School (Kinder, LA)
Azlynn Kuyper Kinder High School (Kinder, LA)
Bryonyh Smith LaGrange High School (Lake Charles, LA)
Kourtney Jackson LaGrange High School (Lake Charles, LA)
Xavier Sainz South Beauregard High School (Ragley, LA)
Auston Fontenot South Beauregard High School (Ragley, LA)
Chloe Ebner Deweyville High School (Deweyville, TX)
Brenna Fruge Sulphur High School (Sulphur, LA)
Liberty Conner DeQuincy High School (DeQuincy, LA)

Bass Clarinet

Karson Parnell Sulphur High School (Sulphur, LA)
Makenzie Johnson Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School (Orange, TX)

Alto Saxophone

Hurley Maddox Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School (Orange, TX)
Bryce Labbie Sulphur High School (Sulphur, LA)
Ezekiel Berkey Iowa High School (Iowa, LA)
Gabriel Winkelman Sulphur High School (Sulphur, LA)
Calie Brones Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School (Orange, TX)
Ryleigh Riggs Deridder High School (Deridder, LA)

Tenor Saxophone

Mason Lange South Beauregard High School (Ragley, LA)
Hamilton Noah Ramirez Sulphur High School (Sulphur, LA)

Baritone Saxophone

Lukhian Green Deridder High School (Deridder, LA)

Trumpet

Elijah Honaker Iowa High School (Iowa, LA)
Diego Wade Kinder High School (Kinder, LA)
Ayden Potts Westlake High School (Westlake, LA)
Kage Fontenot South Beauregard High School (Ragley, LA)
Landon Vallery East Beauregard High School (DeRidder, LA)
David Haelden DeRidder High School (DeRidder, LA)
Joel Moore Jennings High School (Jennings, LA)
Shelby Dominique Oakdale High School (Oakdale, LA)

Horn

Hannah Bell DeRidder High School (DeRidder, LA)
Logan Robertson Sulphur High School (Sulphur, LA)
Elyse Martin Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School (Orange, TX)
Leland Rosamore Washington/Marion Magnet High School (Lake Charles, LA)
Kendall Gordon Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School (Orange, TX)

Trombone

Aidan Semien Lake Charles College Prep (Lake Charles, LA)
Riley Picklesimer Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School (Orange, TX)
Owen Ducote Sulphur High School (Sulphur, LA)
Jacob Goodwin Westlake High School (Westlake, LA)
Niel Higginbotham Sulphur High School (Sulphur, LA)
Rylie McGee Sulphur High School (Sulphur, LA)
Aidan Carlson Westlake High School (Westlake, LA)

Bass Trombone

Ryland Emarl Sulphur High School (Sulphur, LA)

Euphonium

Avery Duhon Westlake High School (Westlake, LA)
Kristian Gordon Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School (Orange, TX)
Alex Limas DeRidder High School (DeRidder, LA)

Tuba

Wyatt Dalfrey Westlake High School (Westlake, LA)
Jaydon Jordon Westlake High School (Westlake, LA)
Jenzer Cordon DeRidder High School (DeRidder, LA)
Ethan Jackson Pickering High School (Pickering, LA)
Ryan Rachford Deweyville High School (Deweyville, TX)
Hailey Parker East Beauregard High School (DeRidder, LA)

Percussion

Mason Thibodeaux Iowa High School (Iowa, LA)
Dylan Bias Iowa High School (Iowa, LA)
Kylie Munoz East Beauregard High School (DeRidder, LA)
Damon Domingue Oakdale High School (Oakdale, LA)
Parker DePriest Sulphur High School (Sulphur, LA)
Brycen Porter Sulphur High School (Sulphur, LA)
Bay Reynolds Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School (Orange, TX)

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Kaydence Corbello Iowa High School (Iowa, LA)
Micah Benoit Jennings
Kamille James Washington/Marion Magnet High School (Lake Charles, LA)
Myra Carlin Sulphur High School (Sulphur, LA)
Landon Richard Washington/Marion Magnet High School (Lake Charles, LA)
Kyra Guice Washington/Marion Magnet High School (Lake Charles, LA)

Clarinet

Mallorie Canady Jennings High School (Jennings, LA)
Abigail Finn Westlake High School (Westlake, LA)
Komora Cesar-Wright Washington/Marion Magnet High School (Lake Charles, LA)
Anna Cary Saint Louis Catholic High School (Lake Charles, LA)
Breyana Jackson Westlake High School (Westlake, LA)
Kamryn Vezia Washington/Marion Magnet High School (Lake Charles, LA)
Dakota Veillon Westlake High School (Westlake, LA)
Rayna Smith Westlake High School (Westlake, LA)
Chloe Vidrine Oakdale High School (Oakdale, LA)
Daéshonnaéya Coleman Westlake High School (Westlake, LA)

Bass Clarinet

Stacie Veillon Westlake High School (Westlake, LA)

Alto Saxophone

Tristen Kober Westlake High School (Westlake, LA)
Ayden Guillory Jennings High School (Jennings, LA)
Aidan Portier South Terrebonne High School (Bourg, LA)
MiCayla Brown Deweyville High School (Deweyville, LA)
Victoria Trammel Oakdale High School (Oakdale, LA)
Daniel Cook South Beauregard High School (Ragley, LA)
Gavin LeJeune Oakdale High School (Oakdale, LA)

Tenor Saxophone

D'Morris Marbs Oakdale High School (Oakdale, LA)
Aaron Mayo Westlake High School (Westlake, LA)

Baritone Saxophone

Daniel Skinner Sulphur High School (Sulphur, LA)
Maverick Stephens Deweyville High School (Deweyville, LA)

Trumpet

Taylor Cole Westlake High School (Westlake, LA)
Matt'n Rubin Westlake High School (Westlake, LA)
Landon Puerta DeQuincy High School (DeQuincy, LA)
Oliver Crump Westlake High School (Westlake, LA)
Collin Knight Jennings High School (Jennings, LA)
Phalan Glaude Washington/Marion Magnet High School (Lake Charles, LA)
Jamarie Sam Washington/Marion Magnet High School (Lake Charles, LA)
Caroline Cary Saint Louis Catholic High School (Lake Charles, LA)

Horn

Caelan Studabaker Sulphur High School (Sulphur, LA)
Ava O'Quinn Iowa High School (Iowa, LA)
Evin Williams Pickering High School (Pickering, LA)
Kenzlie Duhon Jennings High School (Jennings, LA)
Sean Cummings Jennings High School (Jennings, LA)

Trombone

Barley Alvarez-Whittaker DeRidder High School (DeRidder, LA)
Zia Myles Washington/Marion Magnet High School (Lake Charles, LA)
William Fountain Deweyville High School (Deweyville, TX)
Caden Johnson Westlake High School (Westlake, LA)
Jeremiah Huerta Deweyville High School (Deweyville, TX)
Sean Hebert Deweyville High School (Deweyville, TX)
Breon Robinson Kinder High School (Kinder, LA)
Avi Coleman Jennings High School (Jennings, LA)

Euphonium

Dustin Miller Sulphur High School (Sulphur, LA)
Michael Mitchell Westlake High School (Westlake, LA)
Braylin Robinson Kinder High School (Kinder, LA)

Tuba

Cody Deculus Iowa High School (Iowa, LA)
Landon Perry Jennings High School (Jennings, LA)
Landen Ward Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School (Orange, TX)
Quincy Estis DeRidder High School (DeRidder, LA)
Zachary Conner Lake Arthur High School (Lake Arthur, LA)
CJ Arceneaux Sulphur High School (Sulphur, LA)
Jiren Earl Washington/Marion Magnet High School (Lake Charles, LA)

Percussion

Reed Granger Iowa High School (Iowa, LA)
Nathan Sherwin Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School (Orange, TX)
Rashad Howard Oakdale High School (Oakdale, LA)
Isaac Collins Sulphur High School (Sulphur, LA)
Anthony Rogillio Sulphur High School (Sulphur, LA)

Join Us in 2024

We Want You!

Audition Dates:

All Instruments and Voices
Email a McNeese Band Director
to set a date!

tpardue@mcneese.edu

dedwards5@mcneese.edu

Color Guard

May 4, 2022 Band Hall or Location TBA

Drumline

May TBA



Audition Procedures

Music Majors: Play two contrasting etudes (lyrical and technical). All state audition material, district honor band audition material, or solo and ensemble material is great for this. Play two scales and a chromatic scale to the range of your instrument. Sight read a short excerpt.

All Other Majors: You may play the same material as the music major or play the McNeese Fight Song and Alma Mater (downloadable on the audition link on the website) Play two scales and a chromatic scale to the range of your instrument. Sight read a short excerpt.

Drumline: The drumline will be set through the audition/experience day in May and clinics following during the summer.

Color Guard: The color guard will be set through the audition/experience day on May 4.



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COLORGUARD AUDITIONS

Candidates should wear all black dance attire with sneakers or jazz shoes.
Equipment will be provided for you.

A \$25 deposit will be requested if you're accepted.

A video of required skills can be found on our [YouTube Channel](#)

Saturday, May 4th

MSU BAND HALL 1:00-5:00



Fill out an application now
by scanning this QR code

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email msucolorguard@yahoo.com with any questions

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McNeese State University Bands

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 5, 2024
McNeese Symphonic Band
7:00 P.M. Tritico Theatre
Presents
Music from the Movies

Friday, April 23, 2024
McNeese State University Jazz Band
7:00 P.M. Tritico Theatre

Wednesday, April 25, 2024
McNeese Wind Symphony
Presents
Dreams

Friday, April 26, 2024
McNeese State Symphonic Band
7:00 P.M. Tritico Theatre



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W.A and Dorothy Hannah Department of the Performing Arts Faculty

The McNeese State University Band Program would like to thank the outstanding faculty and staff for the W.A. and Dorothy Hannah Department of the Performing Arts for their tireless work in developing a first class performing arts department and band program and for exemplifying the university's motto "excellence with a personal touch."

Dr. Judy Hand, Flute

Dr. Michael Buckles, Dean of Liberal Arts, Strings

Dr. Ben Cold, Woodwinds

Dr. Lonny Benoit, Department Head

Dr. Spencer Brand, Trumpet

Dr. Tim Pardue, Director of Bands

Prof. Kevin McIntyre, Horn

Dr. Davaron Edwards, Associate Director of Bands

Prof. Bill Rose, Low Brass

Dr. Shane Thomas, Director of Choirs

Prof. Garrett Eckl, Music Production

Prof. Joshua Stenvick, Theatre Director

Dr. Lina Morita, Piano

Dr. HeaJu Choi, Piano

Dr. Jeff Lemke, Music Education

Ms. Hope Snider, Music Education

Dr. Jay Kecherski, Guitar

Ms. Libby Looney, Administrative Assistant

Dr. Paul Wolf, Voice

Ms. Sue Miller, Administrative Assistant

Dr. Jeremi Edwards, Music Theory

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on music and theatre performances at McNeese

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while musicians are performing.

Food and drink are prohibited in all concert halls.

Please turn off cell phones and other electronic devices.
Thank you for your cooperation.

