

**The Brass Band of Central Illinois
and Dr. Sharon Huff, Music Director,
present**

**THE *Spirit* OF
*Christmas***

**Saturday, December 9, 2023
7:00 pm**

Illinois State University
Center for the Performing Arts
351 S School St, Normal, IL



PROGRAM

The Spirit of Christmas.....Peter Graham

Truth Aflame.....Kevin Norbury

In the Bleak Midwinter.....Gustav Holst, arr. Rodney Newton

Featuring Jordyn Breast, tenor horn

“Dance of the Tumblers” from *The Snow Maiden*

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, arr. Derek Ashmore

Do You Hear What I Hear?....Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne
arr. David Stowell

Toccatina in D Minor.....J. S. Bach, arr. Ray Farr

Intermission

Christmas Flourishes.....Darrol Barry

Away in a Manger.....arr. Peter Graham

Featuring Myles Singleton, flugelhorn

Winter Wonderland.....Felix Bernard and Richard Smith
arr. Gordon Langford

The Christmas Song.....Mel Torme and Robert Wells
arr. William Gordon

Featuring Kelly Rackauskas, vocals

Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!.....Jule Styne
arr. William Gordon

Kings of Orient.....arr. David Ayma

The Glory of Christmas.....arr. William Gordon

BRASS BAND OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS

Dr. Sharon Huff, Music Director

E♭ Cornet

Brandon Czubachowski

B♭ Cornet

*Kelly Rackauskas

*Sherman Lewis

*Gabe Myers

Margaret Mills

David Zehr

David Osenga

Tom Fatten

Brian Choban

Mark Smith

Laurie Smudzinski

*Steve Turbett

Repiano Cornet

*Josh Myers

Flugelhorn

Myles Singleton

E♭ Tenor Horn

Michele Carnahan

Kristi Lewis

Jordyn Breast

Chris Render

Baritone

Laura Ramseyer

*Bob Stadsholt

Euphonium

Sean Breast

Phil Hash

Leanna Horton

Trombone

Michael Archer

*Laurel Passantino

Stan Cain

Bass Trombone

*Jim Wellwood

E♭ Tuba

Tim Schachtschneider

Mary Estell

B♭ Tuba

Alex Borst

Travis Atchison

Emily Kinder

Percussion

*Gordon Warren

Genaro Cantu

Sara Eckert

Mike Shifflet

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ABOUT OUR SOLOISTS



MYLES SINGLETON

Illinois State University alumnus Myles Akeem Singleton is one of the earliest members of the BBCI, performing with the band around the time of its founding in 2005. A 17-year employee at State Farm, Myles also keeps an active performance schedule with a multitude of bands, shows, and musicals, including the local Heartland Jazz Orchestra and the Community Concert Band. When not performing, Myles spends his evenings with his wife and foster children, working out, and serving his church.



JORDYN BREAST

Jordyn Breast holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Illinois State University and a Master of Horn Performance from James Madison University. At JMU, she had the opportunity to play with the JMU Brass Band, where she found her love for tenor horn and has not been able to stop brass banding since! Jordyn has taught at Broadway High School (VA), Washington & Lee University, and Southern Virginia University. She is now an Academic Advisor at ISU in the Department of Family & Consumer Sciences and lives in Bloomington with her husband, Sean, and their dog and two cats.



KELLY RACKAUSKAS

Kelly Rackauskas is the band and choir director for the Heyworth School District in Heyworth, IL. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in music education from Illinois State University. Kelly has enjoyed playing cornet and singing with the Brass Band of Central Illinois since 2008. She currently resides in Normal with her husband, Jarrod, and their three girls, Ava, Harper, and Elizabeth.

ABOUT THE BBCI

The Brass Band of Central Illinois was formed in 2004 to actively promote the cultural awareness and tradition of brass bands. It also provides a musical outlet for brass players who enjoy the unique sound and instrumentation of brass band music.



Based in Bloomington as a non-profit organization, the band is dedicated to providing concerts that are both entertaining and educational. Performing a wide variety of music, the band offers indoor concerts in May and December, as well as outdoor concerts every summer. All of our concerts are free and fully accessible to the public, with no admission fee or ticket required.

Our membership is composed of volunteer musicians from all walks of life including current and retired band directors, employees of State Farm Insurance, an anesthesiologist, a civil engineer, a Dept. of Homeland Security employee, and a former railroad engineer. Many of our members reside in Bloomington/Normal, but others travel from Peoria, LaSalle, El Paso, Urbana, Monticello, Gridley, Morton, and Pontiac in order to rehearse and perform with the band.



Since 2007, Dr. Sharon Huff has been the Music Director and conductor of the band. Dr. Huff is a retired music professor and former public school music teacher who previously taught at Millikin University, Illinois State University, St. Norbert College, and Unit 5 Schools in Normal, IL. Dr. Huff is a native of Bloomington/Normal, and she holds a B.M.E. summa cum laude from ISU and a M.M. and D.M.A. from the University of Illinois.



THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG LYRICS



HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’ angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem.”
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born King!”

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o’er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger
No crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus
Lay down His sweet head
The stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O Come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye,
O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord.

SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, Holy night,
All is calm, all is bright,
'Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

JOY TO THE WORLD!

Joy to the World! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.



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