

# Wind Symphony

Scott C. Tobias, conductor  
John Hendricks, guest conductor  
John R. Locke, guest conductor

## *A Tribute to Don Wilcox*

Sunday, September 8, 2024 • 2:00 pm

Lyell B. Clay Concert Theatre

College of Creative Arts and Media

School of Music



# PROGRAM

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## WVU Wind Symphony

Scott C. Tobias, conductor

*"For Mr. Wilcox"*

KEVIN DAY  
(b. 1996)

### ***Shimmering Sunshine***

\*Welcome and comments - Scott C. Tobias\*

JULIE GIROUX  
(b. 1961)

### ***Husaria Cavalry Overture***

\*Comments - John Hendricks\*

PERCY GRAINGER  
(1882-1961)

### ***Irish Tune from County Derry***

*John Hendricks, conductor*

\*Comments - John R. Locke\*

EDWIN F. GOLDMAN  
(1878-1956)

### ***The ABA March***

*John R. Locke, conductor*

\*Comments - Lee Wilcox\*

ARR. JOSHUA HOBBS  
(b. 1990)

### ***Take Me Home, Country Roads***

GUSTAV HOLST  
(1874-1934)  
ed. C. Matthews

### ***Second Suite in F***

IV. Fantasia on the Dargason

# **WVU Mountaineer Marching Band**

## **“The Pride of West Virginia”**

Cheldon R. Williams, director

### ***Fight Mountaineers/Mountain Dew***

(Fuzzy Knight, arr. Bud Udell / Traditional, tag arr. David Williams)

### ***Simple Gifts***

(Aaron Copland, arr. by David McCullough & David Williams)

### ***Hail West Virginia***

(arr. Bud Udell)

\*Closing Comments\*

### ***West Virginia University Alma Mater***

(Louis Corson, arr. Don Wilcox & John Hendricks)

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Reception to follow in the Museum Education Center - Grand Hall

# DON G. WILCOX (1936-2024)

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**Don Wilcox's** extraordinary career led him to be regarded as one of the finest band directors and music educators in the nation. He was born and raised in Oklahoma and received his degrees from the University of Michigan and California State University - Long Beach. Following successful teaching positions in California, he came to West Virginia University in 1971, where he would stay for 34 years until his retirement in 2005. Within a decade, he grew the WVU Marching band from 88 members to almost 300. This rapid expansion was due to his extraordinary vision that included allowing women to enroll, allowing student leaders to assist in the philosophical planning and teaching, and adding memorable music and drill to the bands' pregame show – which soon became his signature legacy.

During Wilcox's time as marching band director, the band continued to grow in size and quality gaining a national reputation. This progress culminated in 1997, when the "The Pride of West Virginia" was named a recipient of the prestigious Sudler Trophy as the nation's premiere university marching band.

Wilcox's work with the Wind Symphony was also significant. His love of classic literature, traditional and circus marches, and cutting-edge repertoire helped lead to quality performances that received both regional and national recognition. Notable Wind Symphony performances included two at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and one at an international conference in Manchester, England. He also led the WVU Alumni Band on seven international tours entertaining audiences throughout Europe.

Wilcox is a Past-President of the American Bandmasters Association and has received numerous honors including: WVU's Outstanding Teacher Award, the 1993 Golden Apple Outstanding Faculty Award, the Sudler Order of Merit from the John Philip Sousa Foundation, the Distinguished Service To Music Medal from the National Council of Kappa Kappa Psi, and special citations from four Governors for his contributions to the state of West Virginia. In 2009 he was inducted into WVU's Order of Vandalia, the University's highest honor. Recently, he was elected into the Hall of Fame of the National Band Association.

Wilcox career led him to conducting bands from one-room schools in rural Appalachia to several of the major concert halls in the world, as well as in all 50 states and almost 30 foreign countries. He served several times as a conductor at the prestigious Musashino Academia Musicae in Tokyo. Upon retirement, Professor Emeritus Don Wilcox and his wife Kaye Jean moved to Northport, Michigan, where he conducted the Northport Community Band, as well as maintained an active schedule as a clinician, conductor, and adjudicator.

(provided by John Hendricks)

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## **West Virginia University Alma Mater**

*Alma, our Alma Mater,  
The home of Mountaineers,  
Sing we of thy honor  
Everlasting through the years;  
Alma, our Alma Mater,  
We pledge in song to you,  
Hail, all hail our Alma Mater,  
West Virginia U.*

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To make a donation to the WVU School of Music General Scholarship Fund  
in honor of Don Wilcox, please scan the QR code below or visit  
<https://bit.ly/wwwilcox>.



# PERSONNEL

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## Flute

- Abigail DeKam**  
*Platte, SD - Music Performance (BM)*
- Shaylee Groves**  
*Weirton, WV - Music Education (BM)*
- Greta Hultstrum\***  
*Litchfield, MN - Music Performance (BM)*
- Jackson Thee**  
*West Milton, OH - Music Performance (MM)*

## Oboe

- Alexa McIlvaine**  
*Charles Town, WV - Music Education (BM)*
- Georgia Palmatory\***  
*Morgantown, WV - Music (BA)*

## Bassoon

- Adam Ferguson\***  
*Charleston, WV - Music Education (BM)*
- Anderson Lee**  
*Pittsburgh, PA - Music Education (BM)*

## Clarinet

- Natalie Alfera**  
*New Castle, PA - Music Education (BM)*
- Jenna Carpenter**  
*Wheeling, WV - Music Education (BM)*
- Kaylee Coleman**  
*Buffalo, WV - Music Education (BM)*
- Sydni Miller\***  
*Mansfield, PA - Music Performance (MM)*
- Tiara Simon**  
*Dallas, TX - Music (BA) & Psychology (BA)*
- Savannah Wills**  
*Camp Creek, WV - Music Education (BM)*

## Bass Clarinet

- Nicky Keefover**  
*Fairmont, WV - Music Performance (BM)*

## Alto Saxophone

- Evan Barnett**  
*Ripley, WV - Music Education (BM)*
- David Gutmann**  
*Morgantown, WV - Music Education (BM)*
- Alexis Mason\***  
*Waynesburg, PA - Music Performance (BM)*

## Tenor Saxophone

- Claire Weydt**  
*Green Bay, WI - Musicology (MA) & Music Performance (MM)*

## Baritone Saxophone

- Dillon Johnson**  
*Winfield, WV - Music Education (BM)*

## Horn

- Collin Briggs**  
*Martins Ferry, OH - Multidisciplinary Studies (BA)*
- Katrina Mullen**  
*San Antonio, TX - Music Education (BM)*
- Isaac Price**  
*Paden City, WV - Music Education (MM)*
- Haley Smith\***  
*Fairfax, VA - Music Education (MM)*

## Trumpet

- Samara Chamberlain**  
*Charleston, WV - Music (BA)*
- Tyler Evans\***  
*Sturgeon, PA - Music Education (BM)*
- Mark Humbert**  
*Pittsburgh, PA - Music Education (BM)*
- Garrett Materne**  
*Buckhannon, WV - Music Education (BM)*
- Brandon Williams**  
*Salisbury, MD - Music Education (BM)*
- Joshua Lugo Zambrano**  
*Chantilly, VA - Music Performance (BM)*

## Trombone

- Ryan Hogue**  
*Dunbar, WV - Music Education (BM)*
- Ian McIntyre**  
*Shinnston, WV - Music Business & Industry (BA)*
- Badyn Woodford**  
*St. Clairsville, OH - Music Education (BM)*

## Bass Trombone

- Olivia Nixon\***  
*Canonsburg, PA - Music Education (BM)*

## Euphonium

- Cameron Cornwall**  
*Leesburg, VA - Music Business & Industry (BA)*
- Isaac Neff**  
*Paden City, WV - Music Education (BM)*
- Zachary Tunick\***  
*Fairfax, VA - Music Education (BM)*

## Tuba

- Isaac Nazelrodt\***  
*Petersburg, WV - Music Education (BM)*
- Evan Turner**  
*Hagerstown, MD - Music Education (BM)*

# PERSONNEL (cont.)

## Percussion

### Emily Arnett

Morgantown, WV - Music Composition (BM)

### Sasha Bondarchuk

Eldersburg, MD - Music Education (BM)

### Dylan Gore

Salisbury, MD - Music Education (BM)

### Braden Lloyd\*

Bethel Park, PA - Music Education (BM)

### Jeremiah Rogers

Flemington, WV - Music Business & Industry (BA)

### Jake Voight

Lake Orion, MI - Music Performance (MM) &  
Musicology (MA)

## Piano

### Ryan McWilliams

Perryopolis, PA - Music Composition (BM)

### Graham Sterling

Masontown, PA - Collaborative Piano (MM)

## Harp

### Rose Tobery

Hagerstown, MD - Engineering (BS)

\* - Principal

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## WVU Mountaineer Marching Band "The Pride of West Virginia"

## Piccolo

### Sarah Hofecker

Hollsopple, PA - Exercise Physiology (BS)

### Laura Keene

Clarksburg, WV - Nursing (BS)

### Jack Nichols

Kimberly, WV - Wildlife & Fisheries Resources (BS)

### Audrey Willard

Morgantown, WV - Marketing (BS)

## Clarinet

### Victoria Chandler

Westfield, IN - Forensics (BS)

### Kaylee Coleman

Buffalo, WV - Music Education (BM)

### Elizabeth Letrent

Bedford, PA - Biology (BS)

### Celestena Mancuso

Morgantown, WV - English (BA)

## Alto Saxophone

### Bryce Bloniarz

Morgantown, WV - Psychology (BA)

### Jakob Fedele

Princeton, WV - Aerospace Engineering (BS)

### Gregory Thorfinnson

Follansbee, WV - Engineering (BS)

## Tenor Saxophone

### Jeremie Clarke

Henrico, VA - Aerospace Engineering (BS)

### Andrew Dougherty

Westover, WV - Political Science (BS)

### Aidan Kern

Washington, PA - Engineering (BS)

## Mellophone

### Cooper Coursey

Erie, PA - Biology (BS)

### Kaitlyn Graham

Frederica, DE - Exercise Physiology (BS)

### Zoe Zenker

Columbia, MD - Management Information Systems (BS)

## Trumpet

### Katelyn Airey

Forest Hill, MD - Music Therapy (BA)

### Madison Alix

Fairmont, WV - Forensics (BS)

### Benjamin Bartlett

Harrisville, WV - Management Information Systems (BS)

### Tyler Fetty

Flemington, WV - Industrial Engineering (BS)

### Joshua Lugo Zambrano

Chantilly, VA - Music Performance (BM)

### Logan Lyons

Morgantown, WV - Biology (BS)

### Dawn West

Mannington, WV - Literacy Education

## Trombone

### Matthew Howe

Clarksburg, WV - Computer Engineering (BS)

### Sarah Hughes

Whippany, NJ - Engineering (BS)

### Ian McIntyre

Shinnston, WV - Music Business & Industry (BA)

### Evan Miller

Charles Town, WV - Civil Engineering (BS)

## Baritone

### Rachel Guzzo

Mullica Hill, NJ - Business (BS)

### Ayden Jacobs-Endicott

Man, WV - Music Education (BM)

## Sousaphone

### William Burton

Morgantown, WV - Biology (BS)

### Ryan McWilliams

Perryopolis, PA - Music Composition (BM)

### Evan Turner

Hagerstown, MD - Music Education (BM)

## Drumline

### Sasha Bondarchuk

Eldersburg, MD - Music Education (BM)

### Grant Fisher

Winfield, WV - Chemistry (BS)

### Ethan Ford

Randon, WV - Health and Well-Being (BS)

### Dylan Gore

Salisbury, MD - Music Education (BM)

### Elijah Hall

Morgantown, WV - Cybersecurity (BS)

### Sarah Lojewski

Morgantown, WV - Health and Well-Being (BS)

### Brody Minnick

Sterling, VA - Music Business & Industry (BA)

## Drum Major

### Mikayla McNair

Chesapeake, VA - Psychology (BS)

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