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WILDWOOD
ARTIST
SERIES
The Power of
*Storytelling
Through Music*

Mahtomedi Public Schools
Music Faculty Concert
Sunday, October 29, 2023

Chautauqua Fine Arts Center
8000 75th Street North, Mahtomedi, Minnesota

The Wildwood Artist Series is a committee of the
Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation (MAEF)



UPCOMING 2023-2024 SERIES EVENTS

All concerts (unless otherwise stated) are held in the Chautauqua Fine Arts Center of Mahtomedi High School.

Kenwood Symphony Orchestra – Peter & the Wolf

Saturday, January 27, 2024 @ 4pm

Sing Along - TBA

A Cappella Showcase

Saturday, April 6, 2024 @ 7pm



To purchase tickets - visit wildwoodartistseries.com, scan this QR code or call 612-655-6023.

The Chautauqua Fine Arts Center provides access for people with disabilities. A ramp is available to the left side of the lobby. Public restrooms are located off the lobby in either direction. Beverages and food are limited to the lobby or high school commons and may not be brought into the Center. Fire codes prohibit seating in the aisles. Our buildings and grounds are smoke free.

WILDWOOD ARTIST SERIES VOLUNTEERS

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Consider becoming a member of the Wildwood Artist Series committee! We currently are in need of someone to help with our Programs. To learn more, contact Julie at info.wildwoodartistseries@gmail.com or (612) 655-6023.

IN-SCHOOL ARTIST RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

2016-2017	Ross Sutter at Wildwood Elementary
2017-2018	J.D. Steele at OH Anderson Elementary
2018-2019	Dr. Scott Agster with Mahtomedi Middle and High School Bands
2019-2020	Kyle Pederson with Mahtomedi Middle And High School Choirs
2020-2021	James Hersch at Wildwood Elementary
2021-2022	Peter Mayer at OH Anderson Elementary
2022-2023	Sowah Mensah Mahtomedi Middle
2023-2024	TBA - Mahtomedi High School

DONORS to ELLEN C. BRUNER PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING ARTIST RESIDENCY PROGRAM

(January 1 – September 26, 2023)

Thank you for your support of this incredible legacy program. Ellie Bruner, our founder, is so missed.

Mary Kaye & Greg Anderson | Linda Anderson
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ABOUT THE PERFORMERS

Joan Fitch has been an accompanist in the Mahtomedi schools for twenty years. She plays for the choirs, accompanies band students for solo/ensemble and vocal directs, and directs for the theater programs with both the middle and high school. Joan also works with Ashland Productions and serves as a church pianist as well.

Julie Conzemius has worked in the Mahtomedi School district for 24 years, teaching music and directing the middle school musicals. She currently sings in the choir and does solo work with St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, and has performed with Ashland Productions and The Minnesota Opera.



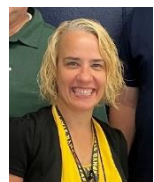
Ms. Conzemius holds a B.A. in Music from Gustavus Adolphus College, and a Masters in Music, Music Education from Boston University.

Chad Garrels, a native of Fairfield, Iowa, received his



Bachelor's degree in 1995 from Central College in Pella, Iowa, and is currently pursuing his Master of Music Education from The University of St. Thomas. Mr. Garrels' teaching career has included

classroom, choral and instrumental music education in the states of Iowa, Texas, and Minnesota. In the fall of 2015, he assumed the duties as Choral Director at Mahtomedi High School. An active member in ACDA, MMEA, and NafME, Mr. Garrels has served as ACDA-MN Metro-East district representative, 9-10 Honor Choir Co-Chair, IMEA All-State Choir audition site chair, and Iowa ACDA Honor Choir audition chair. Mr. Garrels is passionate about musical theater and has directed many shows at MHS. He has also vocal directed and been a cast member in productions at Ashland Productions, in Maplewood as well as with Fairfield Area Community Theatre in Fairfield, Iowa and Van Buren Players in Keosauqua, Iowa. During the summer and some weekends throughout the school year, you can find Mr. Garrels on the slow pitch softball field playing first base.



Laura A. Goucher (Gustavus Adolphus College - 1996) is in her fifth year as the Director of Bands at Mahtomedi High School. Her primary duties at MHS involve conducting the Wind Ensemble, Jazz

Ensemble and Wind Orchestra. In addition, she runs two extra-curricular morning jazz ensembles and an extra-curricular percussion ensemble. She also teaches a guitar class, a percussion class, a piano class and AP Music Theory. In addition, she conducts the very active Mahtomedi High School pep band, which makes frequent appearances at state tournaments! Previous schools Ms. Goucher has worked at include Hermantown High School, Nashauk-Keewatin High School, and Mounds Park Academy.

Oliver Leafblad is a member of the Adjunct Music Faculty at Mahtomedi Middle School. He started playing trumpet in 6th grade in Litchfield, MN. He went to Luther College and received a degree in music education in 2019. While at Luther, he participated in Norsemen choir, Cathedral Choir, Collegiate Chorale, Luther College Trumpet Ensemble, Jazz Band, Jazz Orchestra, Wind and Percussion Ensemble and Concert Band. In 2015, he went on a month-long tour of Brazil with the Luther College Jazz Orchestra. From 2019 to 2023, he taught 7-12 band in Montevideo. In Montevideo, he had two jazz bands, pep band, marching band, chamber ensembles, varsity band, and concert band.

Chuck Linderkamp has been a member of the Adjunct Music Faculty at Mahtomedi Middle School since 1993. He is a woodwind specialist, teaching lessons on clarinet, oboe, and saxophone. He is a member of several big bands in the Twin Cities, including the Century Jazz Ensemble based in White Bear Lake. He also has been a longtime director of handbell choirs at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church in South Minneapolis. He lives in South Minneapolis with his wife and 2 kittens.



Ashley Olson's primary instruments are clarinet and piano. She has been playing both for 15 and 17 years respectively. She began playing saxophone in middle school, and sang throughout MS, HS, and college.

She has been teaching middle school band for the last 4 years. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, being outside, dressing up her cats, and learning how to crochet.



Robert Pontius is currently in his 35th year as a music teacher. This is his 29th year in Mahtomedi and his sixth as a music specialist for O.H. Anderson Elementary School. Mr. Pontious has been an active

professional musician singing with the Dale Warland Singers and The St. Paul Chamber Orchestra Chorale. He also conducts the adult choir at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church in St. Paul, MN and has held that position since 1995. Mr. Pontious holds a BME and MA from Truman State University and an Ed. Spec. from Bethel University.

Jen Seckora is the music teacher at Wildwood



Elementary. She has bachelor degrees in Music Education and Composition as well as a Master in Education all from UW-Eau Claire. She has been teaching for 11 years and over the course of those years she has

taught band, orchestra, guitar/ukulele, piano, and general music for K-8th grade students. Outside of school, Jen directs a choir at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Stillwater, loves musical theatre, playing board games, and spending time with her husband and daughter.

ABOUT THE WILDWOOD ARTIST SERIES



The Wildwood Artist Series (WAS) is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1990 as a committee of the Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation (MAEF), a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. The goal of WAS is to present quality, diverse,

family-appropriate arts events, and to encourage an appreciation of the fine arts in the community.

Over the course of our 30+ year history, performers such as the Vienna Boys Choir, Arlo Guthrie, The Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats, Billy McLaughlin, Pat Donahue, John McCutcheon, Monroe Crossing (to name just a few) have entertained and enriched the lives of community members of all ages.

The Wildwood Artist Series is run by a volunteer committee who contribute their time, talent, and energy to bring the best and most accomplished performers to the Fine Arts Center stage.



THE ELLEN C. BRUNER PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING ARTIST RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Ellie Bruner founded the Wildwood Artist Series in 1990 to encourage an appreciation of the fine arts and to support musical education in our community. Under her leadership, WAS initiated the Wildwood Artist Series Professional Performing Artist Residency Program which funds extended residencies by professional performing artists (clinicians, composers, arrangers and artists of various cultural backgrounds) to work closely with students in the Mahtomedi school district. WAS is currently able to offer one residency per year that rotates around the four schools. Ultimately, we would like to be able to provide at least one residency experience for each student during their school career. Here is the list of talented individuals who have enriched our music programs thus far:

WELCOME!

Dear Valued Patrons,

When I attended the MAEF Zephyr Get Together at Pine Tree Apple Orchard earlier this fall, I felt such warmth when kids saw a picture of their music teacher and were very excited to point them out to their parents. The kids really were happy to see their teachers and I know that you will be impressed with their talent today!

The Mahtomedi Public Schools Music Faculty Concert is as old as the Wildwood Artist Series. They performed their first show as part of the inaugural season of concerts. Proceeds from the concert are used to provide additional funds to the music programs at each of the buildings in the Mahtomedi Public Schools.

One of the first faculty performers, Kelly Spaulding, passed away and the recital was expanded to include funding for a scholarship in her name. The Kelly Spaulding scholarship is awarded to a Mahtomedi High School senior that is pursuing a career in the fine arts.

I am so pleased that Wildwood Artist Series can bring this unique concert to our community and that we have continued the tradition of supporting school music programs and students for over 33 years.

Thank you for supporting music programs in Mahtomedi Public Schools and enjoy the show!

Julie Molitor
President, Wildwood Artist Series