

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS School of Music

presents

Winter Celebration

BYU Symphonic Band Nate Seamons, conductor

BYU Wind Symphony Shawn Smith, conductor

7:30 p.m. 9 December 2021 de Jong Concert Hall Livestreamed at BYUArts.com

PROGRAM

BYU Symphonic Band Nate Seamons, *conductor*

Emperata Overture Claude T. Smith

(1932-1987)

Minor Alterations David Lovrien

(b. 1963)

Greensleeves Traditional

arr. Alfred Reed (1921–2005)

A Christmas Overture Nigel Hess

(b. 1953)

SHORT INTERMISSION

BYU Wind Symphony Shawn Smith, conductor

Symphonic Dances from West Side Story

Leonard Bernstein

(1918-1990)

The Night Before Christmas

Randol Alan Bass (b. 1953)

Shea Owens, narrator

Combined BYU Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band

Shawn Smith, conducting

Russian Christmas Music
Carol of the Little Russian Children
Antiphonal Chant
Village Song
Cathedral Chorus

Alfred Reed

Antiphonal Brass, BYU Cougar Marching Band

SYMPHONIC BAND FALL 2021

PICCOLO

Emma Allgaier

FLUTE

Camryn Porter* Megan Saunders Emily Secrest Alina Williams Olivia Coleman Emma Maughan Keersty Bigler

OBOE

Kaylee Smith* Ariana Johnson Hailey Wilkerson (English Horn)

BASSOON

Eleanor Smith* Blake Lind Caleb Chilton Blake Charlton

CONTRABASSOON

Dallin Christiansen

CLARINET

Jacob Johnson*
Cambria Farr
Mandy Masters
Taina Carvalho
Liah Meredith
Jackson Harwood
Lucy Draper
Arianna Dodge

BASS CLARINET

Ashley Wilson

CONTRABASS CLARINET

Amber Stephenson

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Jonathan Asay* Logan Beck Rachel Owens

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Luna Alvarez

BARI SAXOPHONE

Ethan Peterson

TRUMPET

Josh Hickman* Clark Lovell Ty Young Ann Bateman Victoria Dixon Allison Condie Kylee Bergstresser

HORN

Christopher Rose* Carsten House Jacob Curtis Spencer Sonnefeld Amanda Lund Cailyn Griffiths

TROMBONE

Graeme Clayton*
Quinton Porter
Michael Hogg
Amanda Rich
Elizabeth Banks
Carson Hanks
Benson Stockdale

EUPHONIUM

Melissa Ault* Chip Harbin Olivia Hiatt

TUBA

Emma Hogge* Jarod Searle Garrett Yatteau

HARP

Alexah Coon

PERCUSSION

Thomas Biggs*
Kara Kelsch
Matthew Farnsworth
Amelia Nicholson
Marshall Haight
Kaitlyn Loden

*Principal

WIND SYMPHONY FALL 2021

PICCOLO

Amanda Landen

FLUTE

Kaitlyn Ritter* Hadley Holman Rebekah Holladay

OBOE

Jessica Dortch* Sydney Keenan

ENGLISH HORN

Camdyn Crosby

BASSOON

Madeline Wickard* Emma Johnson

CLARINET

John Burton John Bateman

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Simon Cheek
Carolyn Hong
Emi Ferderber
Zadia Hughes
Nick Rowe
Amy Dickson
Simone Jones

BASS CLARINET

Amber Christiansen

ALTO SAX

Bryson Vanderwel* Josh Olson

TENOR SAX

Spencer Carlson

BARI SAX

Sam Sullivan

TRUMPET

EJ Miranda*

Evan Jones

Bryant Jordan

Soren Lee

Josh Foutz

Branden Haynie

HORN

Jenny Wagstaff* Kyle Bishop Michael Calvin Collin Lambert

TROMBONE

Macy Weber* McKay Humpherys Kevin Lovell Alexis Judd, bass

EUPHONIUM

Luke Liechty* Gregory Knapp

TUBA

Sam Clawson* Michael Zackrison

PERCUSSION

Anna Judd* Elizabeth Eldridge Bailey Minnich Michael Memmott Isaac Romer

STRING BASS

Carson Baker

PIANO

Hanae Yamamoto

HARP

Bailey Jorgenson

*Principal

BYU COUGAR MARCHING BAND ANTIPHONAL BRASS

FRENCH HORN

Truman Kautzman Hannah Humpherys Nathan Meredith Heath Woodruff

TRUMPET

Kevin Bateman, cornet Tyson Tolman, cornet Romney Olson Kayla Slavik Brandon Vergara William Wallace Jonathan Young Morgan Petersen Matthew Stutzman

TROMBONE

Haylee Edmondson Josh Youngs Lance Dixon Kirsten Hamilton

BARITONE

Esther Hales George Sheppard

TUBA

Adelle Dorrett Ryan Hansen Alexander Potter

BIOGRAPHIES OF CONDUCTORS AND GUEST NARRATOR



Shawn Smith is Director of Bands and Associate Professor of Conducting at Brigham Young University. Smith holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in instrumental conducting from Arizona State University, and Master of Music and Bachelor of Music Education degrees from Louisiana State University and Boise State University respectively. Prior to his appointment at UNC Charlotte, Smith spent fifteen years as Director of Bands at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

In high demand as a band and orchestra conductor, clinician, and adjudicator, Smith has been invited to conduct professional and educational ensembles throughout the United States, South America, and Europe, including the Banda Sinfônica do Estado de São Paulo (Brazil), the Banda Sinfônica de la Província de Córdoba (Argentina), the Wind Orchestra of Médio Tejo (Portugal), the Corpus Christi Symphony (Texas), and members of the Charlotte Symphony (North Carolina). Smith has also been invited to conduct region and all-state bands in Arizona, Idaho, Illinois, Montana, Nebraska, North Carolina, and Texas.

Equally at home with opera and musical theater productions, Smith has conducted pit orchestras for The Marriage of Figaro and a six-week run of *Les Misérables*. His performances have been heard numerous times on American Public Media's *Performance Today*, the most popular classical music radio program in the United States. In 2015 Smith was awarded second place for the American Prize in Conducting-Professional Band Division.

From 2013–2017 Smith served as guest conductor and visiting professor of conducting for the annual International Festival of Music of Pará, Brazil, and has conducted professional and community bands throughout Brazil, from the large cities of Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo to small towns and villages in Northern Brazil.

In the area of research, Smith has been published in the Journal of the *World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles* and in *Alta Musica*, and he has presented his research at national and international conferences in the United States, Europe, and South America. Smith has also presented numerous educational clinics, workshops, and speeches, most notably at the International Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago and at state music conferences throughout the United States.

As a public school teacher, Smith served as Director of Bands and Orchestra at one of the largest high schools in Idaho, where he administered a successful comprehensive instrumental music program.

An accomplished trumpeter, Smith has performed with the Corpus Christi Symphony (Texas), the Boise Philharmonic Orchestra (Idaho), the Acadiana Symphony (Louisiana), Keith Brion's New Sousa Band, and with the Temptations.

During his tenure as Director of Bands at Texas A&M—Corpus Christi, Smith received the Texas A&M System Teaching Excellence Award twice. Smith holds honorary memberships in Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Sigma Alpha Iota, and Kappa Kappa Psi. He also

holds memberships in the National Association for Music Educators, Utah Music Educators Association, the National Band Association, College Band Directors National Association, and the World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles.



Dr. Nate Seamons serves as the Associate Director of Bands at Brigham Young University. He previously served as the Director of Bands at the Horne School of Music at Snow College (UT), American Fork High School (UT), Hurst Junior High School (TX), Lehi High School (UT), and Gunnison Valley High School, (UT). He holds degrees from Snow College (AS), Brigham Young University (BM), University of Nevada-Las Vegas (MM), and The University of Utah (DMA).

In addition to Dr. Seamons's educational ensembles, he has served as associate conductor for the Wasatch Winds (UT) and the Irving Symphonic Band (TX). He has also guest conducted the Utah Premiere Brass, and the Utah Wind Symphony.

Dr. Seamons is a student of the marching arts. His marching ensembles have achieved state, regional and national recognition. Dr. Seamons' ensembles have received such honors as Utah State Champions, BOA Region Champions, BOA Grand National Semi-Finalist, and BOA Grand National Finalist.

He has performed in Slovakia, Austria, Hong Kong, the Czech Republic, Italy and Canada. Dr. Seamons brings experience from the drum and bugle corps genre as a former member of the Anaheim Velvet Knights and Concord Blue Devils. He was a member of the Utah Premiere Brass (Utah's only British brass band). His orchestral playing includes the Orchestra at Temple Square and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and the Las Vegas Philharmonic Orchestra.

Dr. Seamons is a Conn-Selmer educational consultant, and is an active marching band show designer around the country. He lives in Highland, UT with his wife, Mary Jane and 4 children.



Shea Owens, baritone, in his final season with the Theater Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra in St. Gallen, Switzerland, was a featured soloist in Stravinsky's *Pulcinella*, Cimarosa's *Il maestro di cappella*, and Mahler's *Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen*. He will round off the season performing as Alvaro in Daniel Catán's *Florencia en el Amazonas* and the Officer in Franz Schmidt's *Notre Dame*.

In the 2019–2020 season, Mr. Owens performed the roles of Valentin in Gounod's *Faust*, Agamemnon in Offenbach's

comedy La belle Hélène, and the Baron in Pauline Viardot's Cendrillon. Roles that were postponed because of the pandemic include Gaveston in George Benjamin's Lessons in Love and Violence, Prince Ottokar in Der Freischütz, and the baritone soloist in Carmina Burana. In the previous season, Mr. Owens performed as Belcore in L'elisir d'amore, Ottone in L'incoronazione di Poppea, Prince Iwan and The Chamberlain in a double bill of Rimsky-Korsakov and Stravinsky's Kaschey the Immortal and The Nightingale, and the

baritone soloist in staged performances of Haydn's *The Seasons*.

Other past roles include Marcello in *La bohème*, Charlie in Jake Heggie's *Three Decembers*, Seneca in Jonathan Dawe's *Nero and the Fall of Lehman Brothers*, Edward Kynaston in Carlisle Floyd's *Prince of Players*, Colonel Ricci in Stephen Sondheim's *Passion*, Junius in *The Rape of Lucretia*, the title role in John Musto's *Bastianello*, and Pacuvio in Rossini's *The Touchstone*.

In addition to operatic and concert work, Mr. Owens has sung in community outreach performances, including hundreds of shows for school children as a young artist with Utah Opera, and an especially memorable collaboration with Wolf Trap Opera and Taffety Punk Theater Company to raise awareness about violence against women.

Mr. Owens is thrilled to be returning to BYU as an Assistant Professor of Voice and the Director of Opera, and very much looks forward to working with the wonderful faculty and students.

