

ARIZONA MUSIC
EDUCATORS
ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS

2025 NORTHEAST REGION HONORS MUSIC FESTIVAL



HOLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH 2025
2:00 PM

ALAN SIMPSON
NORTHEAST REGION GOVERNOR





NORTHEAST REGION FESTIVAL CHOIR
MARILEE DECKER, DIRECTOR
MINDY FLAKE, ACCOMPANIST

Windham arr. Brad Holmes

Russian Picnic Harvey Enders

The Runner Joshua Rist

Your Soul is Song Jake Runestad

I'll Be on My Way Shawn Kirchner





MARILEE DECKER, DIRECTOR NORTHEAST REGIONAL CHOIR

Marilee Decker is an accomplished choral director and music educator in Arizona with over a decade of experience. She has spent the last seven years at Mesa High School, where her choirs consistently earned superior ratings at festivals both locally and regionally. In addition to her work with choirs, Marilee served as the music director for the school's musical productions, including "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat", "Music Man", "Bye Bye Birdie", and many more.

Currently, Marilee continues to inspire and lead as the music director for both Fuse Performing Arts and Hidden Cactus Theater as they prepare "Beauty and the Beast" and "Finding Nemo the Musical" respectively.

Marilee and her husband have two sweet boys that they adopted, and love going on as many adventures as possible.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL HONOR CHOIR

SOPRANO

Eva Cornelsen.....	Show Low
Haylee Robinson.....	Show Low
Eden Coleman.....	Show Low
Clarissa Badger*.....	Show Low
Taylee Owens+.....	Snowflake
Kassidy Black.....	Show Low
Kirstyn Pettingill.....	Show Low
Briley Kleinman.....	Show Low
Grace Coleman.....	Show Low
Natelle Lisonbee.....	Show Low
Clara Tregaskes.....	Show Low
Lily Pope.....	Snowflake
Ellen Tenney#.....	Snowflake
Emma Merrill.....	Show Low
Laney Adams.....	Show Low
Grace Wong.....	Show Low
Alyse Broderick.....	Snowflake
Isabella Shumway.....	Blue Ridge
Moriah Stradling.....	Snowflake
Olivia McAdams.....	Snowflake
Olivia Reidhead.....	Snowflake
Georgia Kerr.....	Blue Ridge
Alane Reidhead.....	Snowflake
Katelyn Sedig.....	Snowflake
Macy Gardner.....	Holbrook
Lyla Crandell.....	Mogollon
Susan Peterson#.....	Snowflake

ALTO

Lydia Bowman.....	Snowflake
Sadie Altop.....	Show Low
Lucie Brewer+.....	Show Low
Rebecca Ballard.....	Snowflake
Kaybree Black.....	Show Low
Maya Layton.....	Snowflake
Kadee Larson.....	Blue Ridge
Jaylene Ortiz.....	Snowflake
Paisley Lunt*.....	Snowflake
Katee Hall+.....	Show Low
Samara Schnepf.....	Show Low
Tayly Flake.....	Snowflake
Mary Orr+.....	Snowflake
Alyssa Evans.....	Blue Ridge
Kendrick Taylor.....	Holbrook
Lacy Deets.....	Joseph City
Ashlyn Haws*.....	Round Valley
Katelyn Goss.....	Show Low
Rosemary Baker.....	Snowflake
Kira Whipple.....	Show Low
Jaelie Stanley.....	Show Low
Sydney Brimhall.....	Snowflake
Sadie Wahl.....	Show Low
Jenna Slade.....	Snowflake
Raquel Wilson.....	Show Low
Kate Schnepf.....	Show Low
Savannah McCaleb.....	Show Low

Ashtyn

Hancock.....	Snowflake
Maddie Hatch.....*made choir, chose band.....^made band, chose choir.....	Snowflake
Lenoran Bernier.....+made choir, chose orchestra.....#made orchestra, chose choir.....	Show Low

NORTHEAST REGIONAL HONOR CHOIR

TENOR

William Brimhall.....	Show Low
Daigon Millett.....	Snowflake
Isaac Peterson [^]	Snowflake
Aiden Ratliff.....	Show Low
Brock Brimhall.....	Snowflake
Kellen Brewer.....	Snowflake
Easton Stepp.....	Show Low
James Stevens*.....	Snowflake
Kai Merrell+.....	Show Low
Carter Fish.....	Snowflake
Quinn Tenney.....	Mogollon
Sawyer Stepp.....	Show Low
Alexander Owen.....	Snowflake
Riggs Tingey.....	Snowflake
Joey Meeks.....	Holbrook
August Burgess.....	Show Low
William Blair.....	Snowflake
Judd Jensen.....	Snowflake
Chris Colon.....	Holbrook
Andrew Reidhead.....	Snowflake
Dean Waite.....	Mogollon
Oliver Cordova.....	Show Low
Bridger Garvin.....	Show Low
Noah Sherman.....	Show Low
Merek Birdno.....	Snowflake
John Grannis.....	Show Low
Cobrin Millett.....	Snowflake

BASS

Lincoln Taylor.....	Show Low
Brock Bjornn.....	Snowflake
Tyler Hall.....	Show Low
Jerry Pierce.....	Snowflake
Jack Webb.....	Show Low
Owen Randall.....	Show Low
Hyrum Peterson+.....	Snowflake
Dawson Reed+.....	Snowflake
Joshua Orr.....	Snowflake
Tomas Crockett.....	Snowflake
Luke Taylor.....	Show Low
Deacon Stewart+.....	Snowflake
Joshua Stradling.....	Snowflake
Ryan Lindsey.....	Show Low
Bryan Kemp Smiths.....	Blue Ridge
Drake Hatch.....	Snowflake
Jacob Goodman+.....	Snowflake
Durham Reed.....	Snowflake
Dawson Neff.....	Snowflake
Eli Tucker.....	Show Low
Spencer Whiting.....	Blue Ridge
Ryder Lewis.....	Show Low
Linden Bartels.....	Snowflake
Hyrum Flake.....	Snowflake
Ryan Pena.....	Round Valley
Clay Perkins.....	Show Low
Kael Birdno.....	Snowflake
Elijah Murphy.....	Show Low
Dustin Good.....	Show Low

*made choir, chose band

+made choir, chose orchestra

[^]made band, chose choir

#made orchestra, chose choir



NORTHEAST REGIONAL HONOR ORCHESTRA

Andrew Burton, Director



Forever Joyful

Brian Balmages

Danse Macabre

Camille Saint-Saëns
arr. James 'Red' McLeod

Fantasia on an
Original Theme

Joseph J. Phillips

Minotaur

Richard Meyer





**NORTHEAST REGIONAL HONOR
ORCHESTRA
ANDREW BURTON, DIRECTOR**

Andrew Burton is currently the Director of Orchestras at Desert Ridge High School in Mesa, Arizona. A seventh year teacher, Mr. Burton previously taught at Desert Mountain High School and Mountainside Middle school in Scottsdale. Prior to teaching in Scottsdale, Andrew received his Master's Degree in Orchestral Conducting from Northern Arizona University, where he studied with Dr. Daniel O'Bryant. While attending NAU, Andrew served as principal conductor of the NAU Chamber and Opera Orchestras, assistant conductor of the Symphony Orchestra, and graduate teaching assistant. Andrew also holds a Bachelor's in Music Education from Iowa State University where he Cello with Professor George Work, percussion with Dr. Matthew Coley, and conducting with Dr. Jacob Harrison. As a performer, Andrew played in the Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Ames Municipal Band, and multiple opera and musical productions. During his undergrad, Andrew also took private lessons with ISU's violin professor, Dr. Borivoj "Boro" Martinic-Jercic, former concertmaster of the Phoenix Symphony. Andrew currently resides in Mesa with his wife Elaine, 4 year old daughter Annabelle, 2 year old son Ben, and their two cats, Bert and Barry

NORTHEAST REGIONAL HONOR ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN I

Isabel Ottman.....	Show Low
Emry Willis.....	Snowflake
Camila McNiel.....	Show Low
Kai Merrel*.....	Show Low
Kinsey Frost.....	Show Low
Taylee Owens*.....	Snowflake
Ellen Tenney^.....	Snowflake
Mary Orr*.....	Snowflake
Charlotte Overbay.....	Snowflake

VIOLIN II

Lacey Richardson.....	Snowflake
Laila Marshall.....	Show Low
Katee Hall*.....	Show Low
Bradyn Dickason.....	Show Low
Natalie Lindsay.....	Show Low
Deacon Stewart*.....	Snowflake
Jacob Hardy.....	Snowflake
Liefde Tenney.....	Snowflake
Ashley Varain.....	Show Low
Madelyn Curry.....	Show Low

VIOLA

Leilani Barber.....	Show Low
Brooke Shappell.....	Show Low
Susan Peterson^.....	Snowflake
Aleksa Ryan.....	Show Low
Piper Herring.....	Snowflake
Nevaeh Ortiz.....	Snowflake
Calyndra Trainor.....	Show Low
Ethan Motejano.....	Snowflake HS

CELLO

Gavin Hart.....	Show Low
Lucie Brewer*.....	Show Low
Rustin Patton.....	Show Low
Hannah Johnson.....	Show Low
Hyrum Peterson*.....	Snowflake
Susie Andrus.....	Saint Johns
Eli Hargrave.....	Snowflake
Jacob Goodman*.....	Snowflake
Thomas Tenney.....	Snowflake
Lydia Jessop.....	Saint Johns

Bass

Noah Edwards**.....	Joseph City
Maxwell Johnson.....	Show Low
Dawson Reed*.....	Snowflake
Madelyn McCullough.....	Snowflake
Mei Stradling.....	Snowflake

HARP

Lacey Richardson=.....	Snowflake
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=made another instrument, chose another instrument

** made band, chose orchestra



NORTHEAST REGIONAL HONOR BAND



Jenn Bock, Director

Ascend (3rd Movement Samuel R. Hazo
from "Georgian Suite")

Dusk

Steven Bryant

Imaginarium

Randall D. Standridge

Hands Across the Sea

John Philip Sousa





NORTHEAST REGIONAL HONOR BAND JENN BOCK, DIRECTOR

Jenn Bock has been the Assistant Band Director and Marching Band Director at Highland High School in Gilbert, Arizona since 2017. The bands at Highland consistently receive the highest ratings at festivals throughout the Southwest. Prior to joining the team at Highland, she served as the Band Director at Poton Junior High School in Mesa for 9 years where the Concert Band was honored with performances at the AMEA State Conference in 2011 and 2017.

Jenn received her Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from Montclair State University and her Masters in Music Education at Arizona State University. She has served on the ABODA Board as both Secretary, V.P. of ES/JHS Band Activities and is currently the V.P. of HS Band Activities. She was the Central Region Band Chair for three years and was the AMEA Vice-President of High School Activities. Jenn has presented several clinics at the AMEA Conference and regularly serves as a guest conductor for honor groups throughout Arizona. She was the recipient of KTVK3's Silver Apple Teacher Award in 2014 and was selected as one of Yamaha's "40 Under 40" in Music Education for 2021. She has performed locally on flute with the Arizona Wind Symphony, Desert Echoes Flute Project and the Scottsdale Community Band. She lives in Mesa with her amazingly talented husband Matt and their dog-child, Lady.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL HONOR BAND

PICCOLO

Drake Neumann.....Kingman

FLUTE I

Serenity Cabrera.....Show Low
Ellie Lemmon.....Blue Ridge
Kalena McShan.....Show Low

FLUTE II

Ziggy Smith+.....Saint Johns
Lana Hooper.....Round Valley
Kivrin Richins.....Round Valley
Chellena Castillo.....Holbrook

OBOE

Gabe Johnson.....Blue Ridge

ENGLISH HORN

Gabe Johnson.....Blue Ridge

CLARINET I

Clarissa Badger.....Show Low

CLARINET II

Daniel Lyman.....Snowflake
Amber Hennessey.....Payson

CLARINET III

Miles Everson.....Show Low
Roman Rowell+.....Blue Ridge
Alex Villegas.....Blue Ridge

BASS CLARINET

Roman Rowell.....Blue Ridge

ALTO SAXOPHONE I

London-Lisette Montoya.....Saint Johns

ALTO SAXOPHONE II

Benton Wilson.....Stone Oak Academy
Isaac Luna.....Payson

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Shelby DeWitt.....Round Valley
Benton Wilson+.....Stone Oak Academy
London-Lisette Montoya+.....Saint Johns
Ziggy Smith+.....Saint Johns
Emily Kellogg.....Stone Oak Academy

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

London-Lisette Montoya+.....Saint Johns
Ziggy Smith.....Saint Johns

NORTHEAST REGIONAL HONOR BAND

TRUMPET

Aden Johnson.....Show Low
James Stevens.....Snowflake
Talmage Flake.....Snowflake
Salvador Kreuger.....Snowflake
Brennan Brown.....Round Valley

FRENCH HORN

Owen Rhoton.....Snowflake
Corbin Waite.....Saint Johns
Ashlyn Haws.....Round Valley

TROMBONE

Noah Edwards++.....Joseph City
Glory Prestich.....Snowflake
Matthew Ramirez.....Snowflake
King Robinson.....Joseph City

EUPHONIUM

Paisley Lunt.....Snowflake
Alexis Fitzgerald.....Show Low

TUBA

Randall Brooks.....Payson
Kayton Adams.....Snowflake

PERCUSSION

Samuel Simpson.....Snowflake
Peter Garcia.....Show Low
Jonny Rauch.....Payson
Demetria Bigelow.....Show Low
Lucius Clark.....Holbrook
Dylan Bolin.....Payson

+made another instrument, chose other instrument

* also made choir, chose choir

^ also made choir, chose band

** also made orchestra, chose band

++ also made orchestra, chose orchestra

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Northeast Region would like to thank Show Low High School and its faculty, administration and students for hosting the band, choir and orchestra auditions. Northeast Region would also like to thank Holbrook High School and its Principal Clete Hargrave and Superintendent Dr. Robbie Koerperich for making the facilities available for two days to host the Northeast Region Festival. We realize that it displaces classes and their support and cooperation is invaluable to the success of this festival.

The Directors and Clinicians would like to thank the parents of these talented students for your encouragement and dedication to the arts in your students' life. Your support through the years has helped create hard working, well-rounded individuals that will one day make our world better.

Parents, Schools and communities that recognize the value of arts education in the 2024-25 school year and beyond should ensure that: Arts education programs continue to be funded. Curriculum and scheduling designed to address "learning loss" includes the arts. Resources that are critical to an arts program's success should always be available. Arts classes are offered across all areas and appropriately scheduled. Arts educators continue to be employed and teach in the discipline for which they were trained. Facilities built and furnished for arts-based activities be used for that purpose.

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Northeast Region Audition Team

Orchestra

Christian Baker, Violin/Viola/Harp
Kevin O'Connell, Cello/Bass

Choir

Laura Blomstrand, Soprano solo
Scott Gentry, Alto solo
Carson Saline, Tenor/Bass solo
Mindy Flake, Sightreading
Laura Shumway, Sightreading
Anneka Kotterman, Sightreading
Cami Bjornn, Sightreading
Amanda Bailey, Sightreading
Maura Downs, Tabulator

Band

Laura Scholten, Flute/Oboe/Piccolo
Daria Mason, Bb Clarinet/Eb Clarinet/Bass Cl
Brian Flores, Saxophone
Dana Small, Trumpet/French Horn
Marshall Pratt, Bassoon/Trombone/Euphonium/Tuba
Mike Buskirk, Percussion
Raymond Shumway, Tabulator

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PURPOSES OF THE ARIZONA FESTIVAL OF PERFORMANCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL MUSICIANS

The Arizona Music Educators Association, Inc. is comprised of over 1700 music educators who provide instruction at all levels of the Arizona educational system, and students who are enrolled in music teacher preparation programs in the state colleges. Through its choral and instrumental constituent organizations, AMEA annually sponsors the regional and state festivals of performance for musically talented high school students. These festivals serve the following educational purposes:

- to recognize skill in instrumental and vocal performance.
- to encourage further development of outstanding musicianship.
- to provide a performance opportunity to the state's future music leaders that is otherwise not available at the high school level.
- to emphasize with school administrators and the public at large the importance of music as a part of a well-rounded education of Arizona students.
- to establish for the youth of Arizona special performance opportunities comparable to those available to young people in any of the other 49 states.
- to bring nationally recognized conductors to instruct, inspire, and evaluate the accomplishments of students the Arizona high schools.
- to maintain and raise the level of musical performance at the high school level.
- to make available a unique in-service education opportunity for Arizona music educators.

IN APPRECIATION...

We, the directors and music teachers want to thank you for your support of our music programs by attending concerts and encouraging your children to strive for music excellence. We hope our efforts produce life-long musicians and/or music appreciation, positive character traits, and good citizens. You play an important part. You can help our effectiveness by encouragement in the home, influencing other parents, and informing principals, administrators, and district superintendents of your appreciation and the importance of the music programs in your schools. If you don't let them know about the positive aspects, they may assume nothing is going on. The administration may consider cutting a worthwhile music program. Again, thanks for your children and your support.

Your Music Teachers and Directors

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE FESTIVAL

Approval for the All-Region Festival of Performance for High School Musicians is given by the Arizona Music Educators Association, Inc.

The All-Region Festivals have been initiated in an attempt to involve more students in festival activities. Students completing the Regional Festivals will qualify to audition for the All-State Festival.

Students are auditioned for participation by teams of specialists selected from members of the Choral and Instrumental sections of AMEA. These auditions emphasize not only performance ability but overall musicianship as well. Any choral or instrumental music teacher unfamiliar with the content and procedures used for these auditions is invited to attend and participate in the AMEA planning sessions.

The festival must be self-supporting but is not intended as a money-making event. Any deficit is underwritten and absorbed by the AMEA.

The Arizona Music Educators Association welcomes constructive suggestions for improving the Festivals of Performance for High School Musicians. Such Suggestions should be in writing and may be sent to the AMEA president or the vice-president in charge of the choral or instrumental section of AMEA.