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2025 NORTHWEST REGION HONORS MUSIC FESTIVAL



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025
2:00 P.M.

ERIN JOHNSON, WEST REGION
GOVERNOR





NORTHWEST REGION FESTIVAL CHOIR
DR. EDITH COPLEY, DIRECTOR
STEPHANIE GALLOWAY, ACCOMPANIST



Measure My Sky

Elaine Hagenberg

O Vos Omnes

Tomas Luis de Victoris,
ed. John Leavitt

TaReKiTa

Renna Esmail

Can We Sing the
Darkness to Light

Kyle Pederson

I'll Fly Away by
Albert Brumley

Craig Courtney





DR. EDITH COPELY, DIRECTOR NORTHWEST REGIONAL CHOIR

Dr. Edith A. Copley is a regents' professor emerita at Northern Arizona University. During her 31-year tenure at NAU in Flagstaff, she conducted the Shrine of the Ages Choir, Chamber Singers, and University Singers, and taught courses in undergraduate and graduate conducting, secondary choral methods, and graduate choral literature. Prior to her NAU appointment, Copley taught secondary choral music for seven years in Iowa and four years at the American International School in Vienna, Austria.

Copley has received numerous honors, including the NAU Centennial Teacher of the Year, AZ Music Educator of the Year, AZ-ACDA Lifetime Achievement Award, The Weston H. Noble Award from her alma mater, Luther College, and most recently, the 2025 AZ Choral Educators Lifetime Achievement Award.

Copley has contributed articles and chapters for several publications and has conducted all-state choirs in over 30 states. She has conducted international choral festivals in Germany, the Netherlands, Japan, Luxembourg, Tasmania, England, Australia, China, Oman, Turkey, Ireland, Austria, and France.

In retirement, she continues to be in high demand as a guest conductor, adjudicator, and conference clinician. She returns to Carnegie Hall for her eighth appearance conducting a National Youth Choir in March 2025.

Copley has served the American Choral Directors Association in various leadership roles over the last 30 years and is currently ACDA National Vice-President and Conference Chair for the 2025 ACDA National Conference in Dallas.

NORTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR CHOIR

SOPRANO

Brielle Bennion.....	Bradshaw
Laurynn Van Doren.....	Bradshaw
Kaylee Rollins.....	Cactus Shadows
Cadence Ryan.....	Sunnyslope
Olivia Ulrich.....	Sunnyslope
Emily Johnson.....	Prescott
Gretchen Woods.....	Sunnyslope
Sara Morris.....	Flagstaff
Lyra Earles.....	Mingus
Carmela De La Cruz.....	Sunnyslope
Adiana Chunglo.....	Prescott
Natalie Fox.....	Sunnyslope
Mekenzie Combs.....	Mingus
Sierra Dimare.....	Mohave
Haley Hulem.....	Mohave
Mayline Sanchez-Torress.....	Sunnyslope
Kaytlin Garrow.....	Sunnyslope
Cynthia McCann.....	Cactus Shadows
Mattie Christensen.....	Bradshaw
Kylie Robertson.....	Page
Madison Mckee.....	Mohave
Emmalynn Wischmann.....	Page
Paloma Smalley.....	Cactus Shadows
Charly Dunn.....	Prescott
Melody Pettit.....	Sunnyslope

ALTO

Cassidy Goettl.....	Sunnyslope
Isabella Ayrapetov.....	Cactus Shadows
Alyssa Koscak.....	Prescott
Asia Martin.....	Sunnyslope
Riley Llewellyn.....	Mohave
Blythe Turely.....	Sunnyslope
Sienna Wertz.....	Page
Jaxson Hackney.....	Coconino
Amara Burroughs.....	Sunnyslope
Danielle Lawless.....	Bradshaw
Alexa Soper.....	Mohave
Miley Anderson.....	Mohave
Abigail Garcia.....	Flagstaff
Annabelle Berg.....	Sunnyslope
Stella Rufkahr.....	Sunnyslope
Paola Angulo.....	Cactus Shadows
Eden Everitt.....	Mingus
Karcyn Mangum.....	Page
Mylee Metz.....	Page
Alyssa Wilkerson.....	Prescott
Kris Lupica.....	Sunnyslope
Charlotte Berty.....	Washington
Owen Thompson.....	Mohave
Lacey Lee.....	Prescott
Kaytlin Mosher.....	Sunnyslope

NORTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR CHOIR

TENOR

James Nolan.....	Page
Samuel Robertson.....	Page
Jordan Kasovac.....	Sunnyslope
Kaleb Bennion.....	Bradshaw
Byron Haraldsen.....	Sunnyslope
Reed Nolan.....	Page
Finley Danks.....	Sunnyslope
Gabriel Burroughs.....	Sunnyslope
Wyatt Shields.....	Prescott
Michael Downey.....	Mohave
Timothy Kidman.....	Page
Martin Jones.....	Sunnyslope
Niesmer Horruntiner Cuesta.....	Cortez
Yandel Lopez.....	Washington
Braydon James.....	Prescott
Orrin Hildebrand.....	Flagstaff
Timothy Irving.....	Washington
Jaylin Branch.....	Sunnyslope
Eduardo Villa.....	Sunnyslope
Ani Novak.....	Mingus
Juan Cruz.....	Cortez
Sabine Briggs.....	Mingus
Jorge Favela.....	Lake Havasu

BASS

Peter Buskirk.....	Sunnyslope
Michael Pfister.....	Bradshaw
Carter Thompson.....	Prescott
Jack Barker.....	Sunnyslope
Elliott Andrews.....	Sunnyslope
Kolby Fitzgerald.....	Mohave
Joshua Nielsen.....	Prescott
Izeyah Pinales-Quevedo.....	Sunnyslope
Marcus Szabo.....	Page
Ethan Johnson.....	Mohave
Christian Morales Perez.....	Sunnyslope
Jareth Alegria.....	Mingus
Fabian Garibay.....	Washington
Cade Coughlin.....	Mingus
Christopher Monge.....	Mohave
Cole Castro.....	Mingus
Michael Lewis.....	Bradshaw
Jacob Reyes.....	Sunnyslope
Jacob Chisholm.....	Bradshaw
Santiago Mendez.....	Wickenburg
Ruben Tirado.....	Washington
Davon Rodriguez.....	Coconino
Troy Tunnell.....	Sunnyslope
Logan Eyler.....	Bradshaw
August Shea.....	Mingus



NORTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR ORCHESTRA

Bethaney Cross, Director



Gravitas

Soon Hee Newbold

Symphony 7 Movement 2

Beethoven

Overture to Nabucco

Giuseppi Verdi
arr. Sandra Dackow



**NORTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR
ORCHESTRA
BETHANEY CROSS, DIRECTOR**

Bethaney Cross has been the Director of Orchestras at Mountain View High School since 2023 and had previously been the Assistant Orchestra Director from 2019 - 2023. Her education includes a Master of Music degree in Music Teaching and Learning from Arizona State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Viola Performance from Northern Arizona University. Mrs. Cross also conducts the Phoenix Youth Symphony Orchestras, String Orchestra Ensemble. She has guest conducted the Northeast regional orchestra, the MPS Junior High Orchestra Festival, Gilbert District Honor Orchestra, and the Greater Phoenix Union Honor Orchestra. Under her direction, the Mountain View Orchestra program has received Superior with Distinction ratings at Fall, Area, and State Concert festivals. In addition, the program has received the William E. Richardson program of Distinction Award for the 2023-2024 School year. Recently, her Symphony Strings performed at the Arizona Music Educators Association conference through the Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association as an honors performance. As a music educator, Mrs. Cross strives to develop a collaborative learning environment amongst her ensembles and build a community of friendship while learning how to deliver a polished performance.

Mrs. Cross is a native of Arizona and currently resides in Mesa with her husband and four children. When she isn't teaching, you will find her and her family out camping and hiking.

NORTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN I

Elenor Rushall.....	Northland Prep
Nathan Spencer.....	Prescott HS
Kate Gregory.....	Flagstaff HS
Makaila Cardon.....	Coconino HS
Alice Kirk.....	Northland Prep
Abigail Hernandez.....	Washington HS
Sophia Howard.....	Flagstaff HS
Elizabeth Shenouda.....	Flagstaff HS
Chloe Paxton.....	Prescott HS
Ava Bassett.....	Northland Prep
Harper Wagner.....	Northland Prep
Kieran Louchart.....	Flagstaff HS
Lydia Logan.....	Northland Prep
James Kang.....	Bradshaw Mountain HS
Christy Branstetter.....	Coconino HS
Julia Overhiser.....	Flagstaff HS

VIOLIN II

Jose Perez Diaz.....	Washington HS
Judah Denny.....	Coconino HS
Sadie Sperle.....	Flagstaff HS
Elora Anderson.....	Northland Prep
Manuel Lagarda.....	Sunnyslope HS
Kellen Koder.....	Northland Prep
Ivy Huffmon.....	Flagstaff HS
Hans Kugler.....	Sunnyslope HS
Riley Lyndon.....	Coconino HS
Rudy Wakefield.....	Sunnyslope HS
Asa Gray.....	Flagstaff HS
Aria Stevenson.....	Flagstaff HS
Aaliyah Nichols.....	Winslow HS
Elba Rojas.....	Sunnyslope HS
Darren Mark.....	Winslow HS
Rainee Saganey.....	Coconino HS
Abigail Barriga Ruiz.....	Coconino HS
Kyren Tso.....	Winslow HS
Kimora Mark.....	Winslow HS
Isaac Kelley.....	Winslow HS

NORTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR ORCHESTRA

VIOLA

Christopher Lee.....	Flagstaff HS
James Janik.....	Flagstaff HS
Ian Trent.....	Prescott HS
Vanessa Bugarin.....	Bradshaw Mountain HS
Veola Abraham.....	Sunnyslope HS
Gabriel Gerber.....	Winslow HS
Hailey Jimmie.....	Winslow HS
Anahi Hernandez Torres.....	Sunnyslope HS
Julianna Jack.....	Winslow HS
Ashley McCabe.....	Winslow HS
Angela Whitfleet.....	Bradshaw Mountain HS
Taylor Renfro.....	Prescott HS

CELLO

Maddox Pond.....	Flagstaff HS
Makayla Morriss.....	Coconino HS
Tatiana Togba.....	Washington HS
Makenzee Stapleton.....	Prescott HS
Jasmine MacMullin.....	Sunnyslope HS
Thalynn Yazzie.....	Flagstaff HS
Predrag Grubic.....	Sunnyslope HS
Samuel Roanhorse.....	Winslow HS
Sabino Chatter.....	Northland Prep
Ava Reel.....	Flagstaff HS
Lena Kootswatewa.....	Winslow HS
Elizabeth Green.....	Flagstaff HS
Maya Benham.....	Winslow HS
Arielle Tullie.....	Coconino HS

BASS

Joy Smith.....	Sunnyslope HS
Carl Mahan.....	Prescott HS
Zachary Short.....	Sunnyslope HS
Bradlee Tsosie.....	Sunnyslope HS
Janie Waara.....	Prescott HS
Noah Selchow.....	Sunnyslope HS
Chance Yocum.....	Prescott HS
Walton Francis.....	Winslow HS
Wyatt Podbielski.....	BASIS Prescott

NORTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR ORCHESTRA

FLUTE

Dylan Forrest.....Flagstaff HS
Griffin Robinson.....Coconino HS

OBOE

Abigail Daniels.....Prescott HS

BASSOON

Jake Van Quatham.....Sunnyslope HS
Madalynn Singer.....Lee Williams HS

CLARINET

Gabbie Nichols.....Flagstaff HS
Kaci Devens.....Northland Prep

BASS CLARINET

Marilyn Lopez.....Washington HS

HORN

Hazel Hirachita.....Sunnyslope HS
John Chavez.....Winslow HS
Shyanne Gonzales.....Sunnyslope HS

TRUMPET

Abraham Lezcas.....Cortez HS
Lillian Heck.....Cactus Shadows HS
Russell Pierie.....Prescott HS

TROMBONE

Grant Ellis.....Northland Prep
James Lechlitter.....Bradshaw Mountain HS
Joseph Tucker.....Flagstaff HS

TUBA

Joseph McCoy.....Kingman HS

PERCUSSION

Osman Werner.....Northland Prep
Luke Dolle.....Flagstaff HS
Wesley Kelly.....Flagstaff HS
Alex MacMullin.....Sunnyslope HS
Harrison Keen.....Bradshaw Mountain HS



NORTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR BAND

James G. Hudson, Director



American Folk
Rhapsody

Clare E. Grundman

British Eighth (March)

Zo Elliot,
arr. Quincy C. Hilliard

Mountain Thyme

Samuel R. Hazo

Thrash

Randall Standridge



NORTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR BAND JAMES G. HUDSON, DIRECTOR

James G. Hudson serves as Director of Athletic Bands and is in his 18th year at Arizona State University. His duties include coordination and direction of the Sun Devil Marching Band, and Athletic Bands. During his tenure with the SDMB, they have consistently been selected by the College Band Directors National Association as an exemplary collegiate program. They have performed with Tower of Power, Little Richard, OAR, and the Boston Brass and are one of two bands in the Pac 12 to have been awarded the prestigious Sudler Trophy.

Prior to his appointment at the ASU, he served for three years as Director of Athletic Bands at the University of Kansas and for eleven years as Director of Bands at Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University). While at the University of Kansas, he directed the University of Kansas Marching Jayhawks, the Volleyball and Basketball Bands, KU Jazz Ensemble II and the University Band. He also serves as coordinator of the Midwest Music Camps. While at Southwest Texas, the Pride of the Hillcountry Marching Band performed internationally in Switzerland, Italy, France, and Ireland and nationally at the 1999 Bands of America Grand National Championships. The band also performed extensively in Texas for the University Interscholastic League and Bands of America. In 1995, the "Pride" was selected to appear on the Video Express production "Best of the College Bands".

His public school teaching experience includes one year at Harmony Community Schools in Farmington, IA and nine years at Oskaloosa Community Schools in Oskaloosa, IA. While at Oskaloosa his band received many honors and distinctions including 4 Bands of America Summer National Class A Championships, performances at the Fiesta Bowl National Pageant of Bands and Parade, 1990 State 3-A Jazz Champions, and 1990 Iowa Bandmasters Honor Jazz Band.

His family includes his wife Denise, who is currently a Colorguard Instructor for the Sun Devil Marching Band and FENIX Independent Winter Guard, and has been on the instructional staff at Gilbert High School (AZ) Oskaloosa High School, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Southwest Texas State University, the University of Kansas, Blue Springs High School (Mo), and the Sky Ryders Winterguard. Additionally, she was co founder of the Millennia Winterguard from Texas. They have one son, Aaron, who is a recent graduate as a History and Anthropology Major at ASU and alumni of the Colts Drum and Bugle Corps.

Mr. Hudson received a Bachelors of Music Education Degree from Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University) and a Masters of Music in Wind Band Conducting from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. His professional affiliations include CBDNA, Kappa Kappa Psi, Tau Beta Sigma, Phi Mu Alpha, Phi Beta Mu, MENC, Texas Music Educators, Texas Bandmasters, Kansas Music Educators, Kansas Bandmasters, Missouri Music Educators, Missouri Bandmasters, and Iowa Bandmasters. He is a very active adjudicator, drill designer and clinician, and has adjudicated for Bands of America, Western Band Association, University Interscholastic League (Texas), Kentucky Music Educators Association, Kansas Music Educators Association, Oklahoma Bandmasters Association, Iowa High School Music Association, and the Iowa Jazz Championships, Inc. as well as many University Sponsored Festivals and Contests.

He is also currently on the instructional staff for Bowl Games of America and has assisted in the production of halftime shows for the Liberty Bowl, the Alamo Bowl, the Orange Bowl, the Sugar Bowl, and the BCS National Championship Game.

NORTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR BAND

PICCOLO

Drake Neumann.....Kingman

FLUTE

Alexis Modina.....Sunnyslope
Mya Fleming.....Lee Williams
Sawyer Cornick-Jones.....NPA
Ashton Miller.....Flagstaff
Rita Echols.....Lee Williams
Hazel Villatoro.....Mohave
Lila Tenney.....Prescott
Yatzaret Ramirez.....Sunnyslope
Maddison Greenaway.....Bradshaw Mountain
Katherine Wall.....Kingman
Owen McCoy-Byrd.....Lee Williams
Olivia Wagner.....Winslow

OBOE

Ian Garrison.....Coconino
Madison Guin.....Kingman

BASSOON

Jose Valle Morales.....Washington
Ibett Almanza.....Prescott

CLARINET

Caleb Thompson.....Bradshaw Mountain
Ashlyn Ellenberger.....Flagstaff
Alex Swain.....Coconino
Sammy Bowers.....NPA
Nickolas Garcia.....Flagstaff
Eleni Owens.....Flagstaff
Clayton Smith.....Coconino
Estrella Gabow.....Washington
Nicole Saville.....Kingman
Kiera Shurtz.....Kingman
Taylor Haynes.....Prescott
April Collins.....Bradshaw Mountain
Shawn Swain.....Coconino
Caden Yap.....Sunnyslope
Sara Duncan.....Cactus Shadows
John Delgado.....Washington
Kai Hunt.....Mohave

NORTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR BAND

BASS CLARINET

Olivia Wright.....Sunnyslope
Tesla Gill.....Kingman
Arly Lopez Lopez.....Washington

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Shaelyn Braithwaite.....Prescott
Benjamin Rodriguez.....Bradshaw Mountain
Elijah Cadena.....Bradshaw Mountain
Tyler Ingram.....Cactus Shadows
Jaydin Kilgrow.....NPA
Lukas Lira.....Sunnyslope

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Caden McEwen.....Cactus Shadows
Elizabeth Rodas Quintanilla.....Kingman

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Evan Marlatt.....Prescott
Coltin Younger.....Lee Williams

TRUMPET

Shaelyn Van Doren.....Bradshaw Mountain
Alex Larson.....Flagstaff
Mauro DePasquale.....Mingus
Sam Kaltenstein.....Flagstaff
Anthony Gaona.....Sunnyslope
Anthony DeSantis.....Lee Williams
Luis Silverio.....Sunnyslope
Lucy Byrom.....Page
Erick Chavez.....Bradshaw Mountain
Bryce Blumenthal.....Cactus Shadows
Joshua Nielson.....Flagstaff
Jacob Flagg.....Lake Havasu
Charles Mitchell.....Sunnyslope

FRENCH HORN

Kaitlyn Hendriksen.....Lake Havasu
Taleisha Nez.....Winslow
Giovani Jaramillo.....Sunnyslope

NORTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR BAND

TROMBONE

Scott Warren.....	Kingman
Adriana Glaze.....	Coconino
Brandon Skelton.....	Flagstaff
Heidi Gabbard.....	Prescott
Davian Dominguez.....	Washington
Kayden Stapleton.....	Prescott
Zachary Lecher.....	Lee Williams
Maren Corlett.....	Sunnyslope
Gabriella Nieves.....	Lake Havasu

EUPHONIUM

Gabriel Trilling.....	Flagstaff
Olivia Umprey.....	Flagstaff
Richard Harding.....	Bradshaw Mountain
David Dawavendewa.....	Page

TUBA

Mathew Soto.....	Lee Williams
Benjamin Garippa.....	Flagstaff
Benjamin Anderson.....	Cactus Shadows
Lyra Thevanin.....	Flagstaff
Makenzie White.....	Bradshaw Mountain
Victor Marek-Martinez.....	Coconino

PERCUSSION

Ella Gregory.....	Flagstaff
Lezz Smith.....	Flagstaff
Morgan Benedict.....	Coconino
Savannah Jerumbo.....	Flagstaff
Jorge Gonzalez.....	Mohave
Justin Miller.....	Prescott

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Northwest Region would like to thank Flagstaff High School for hosting the band, choir, and orchestra auditions. Northwest Region would also like to thank Yavapai College and Mr. Chris Tenney for making the facilities available for three days to host the Northwest 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' lives. Your support through the years has helped create hard-working, well-rounded individuals who will one day make our world better.

Parents, schools, and communities that recognize the value of arts education in the 2024-2025 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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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.