The University of Arizona Wind Symphony

Flute
Noah Wellman
Josh McCune
Isabella Scopel
Giselle Vasquez
Charity VanHardenberg

Piccolo
Jack Martinez*

Oboe
Payton Kilrain*
Ryan Wright

Clarinet
Nathaniel Stieger*
Thatcher Eleam
Kyra Wykes
Devin Pease
Christopher Te
Billie Reyes Martin

Bass Clarinet
Madeline Lynes

Alto Saxophone
Michael-Anthony Rodriguez*
Sam Egan
Henry Blodorn
Corinna Hibbs

Tenor Saxophone
Daniel Reyes*
Zoe Juliano

Baritone Saxophone
Andrea Winford

Horn
Cameron Tescher*
Kailey Gueths
Tiff Gonzalez
Ema McWilliams
Sofia Silva

Trumpet
Esteban Alejandro*
Anna Pitcock
Brandon Rodriguez
Nate Roth
Brant Ralph
Grant Pierie
Jay Reichle
Fox Pruitt
Alejandro Covarrubias

Trombone
Mayson Garcia*
Gabriel Gutierrez
Aaron Brown
Austin Maytorena
Heloise Declercq

Euphonium
Mariana Jimenez-Garcia*
Michael Barahona
Nestor Rojas-Badillo

Tuba
Guthrie Weishapl*
Atreylen Freeman

Percussion
Ian McFarland*
Vivian Smith
Morgan Benedict
Ethen Goldberg
Gabrielle Gernert
Tyler Lea
Parker Allen

String Bass
Juan Flores*
Dylan Cook

Harp
Sisiki Bidleman-Owens

Piano
Yixi Wen

Graduate Teaching Assistants
Parker Allen (MM)
Dylan Cook (MM)
Amber Sturdevant (DMA)

*Principal

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Joyride ..... Michael Markowski
(b. 1986)
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O Magnum Mysterium ..... Martin Lauridsen, trans. H. Robert Reynolds
(b. 1943 / 1934-2026)

Symphonic Suite from *Far and Away* ..... John Williams, arr. Paul Lavender
(b. 1958 / b. 1951)

Vanishing Point ..... Randall D. Standridge
(b. 1976)
Amber Sturdevant, graduate conductor

A Midnight Dance…Through the Poison Garden ..... Ryan George
(b. 1978)

About the Conductors

CHAD SHOOPMAN is Associate Director of Bands and Director of Athletic Bands at the University of Arizona, where he leads the Sudler Trophy-winning Pride of Arizona Marching Band, Wind Symphony, and Pep Bands. An alumnus of U of A (BM ’96, MM ’99), he previously served on faculty at Rollins College and spent 20 years as a conductor, performer, and arranger for the Walt Disney World Company.

Shoopman has led groups to national and international acclaim, including the Brass Band of Central Florida, which earned a U.S. championship and a world top-15 ranking under his direction. He has performed, recorded, or conducted in Canada, Japan, Great Britain, Germany, France, and Australia with artists and ensembles such as Gordon Goodwin’s Big Phat Band, Arturo Sandoval’s LA All-Star Big Band, and Germany’s hr-Big Band.

DYLAN K. COOK is a current graduate student at the University of Arizona, pursuing a Master’s in Wind Band Conducting and studying under Dr. Chad Nicholson. Dylan received a Bachelor’s in Music Education and Flute Performance from the University of Arizona, during which time they held the position of Assistant Director of Flutefinity. Additionally, they led performances with the Flowing Wells High School Instrumental Music Program in 2025, and the Pima Orchestra in 2024. Dylan is also an in-demand flutist, having premiered several new works by contemporary composers as part of their performance output.

AMBER STURDEVANT is a second-year doctoral student pursuing a degree in Wind Band Conducting. She received her Bachelor’s Degree and Master’s Degrees in Music Education from the University of Wyoming. During her master’s degree, she served as a Graduate Teaching Assistant for all concert and athletic bands. As a flutist, she acted as co-principal for the UW Symphony Orchestra, and played with the Wind Symphony. Before going back to graduate school, Amber was a public school music teacher in Wyoming teaching grades 5-12. In this position, she taught band, choir, private lessons, and musical theater. In her current degree at the University of Arizona, Amber serves as a Graduate Teaching Assistant. She is highly involved with the Pride of Arizona Marching Band, Pep Band, Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony, and Symphonic Band.