

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

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*
Atreyley Freeman

Percussion

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

String Bass

Juan Flores*
Dylan Cook

Graduate Teaching Assistants

Parker Allen (MM)
Dylan Cook (MM)
Amber Sturdevant (DMA)

*Principal

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Symphony No. 1, "The Lord of the Rings" Johan de Meij
I. *Gandalf (The Wizard)* (b. 1953)

Fantasy on a Gaelic Hymnsong.....David Holsinger
(b. 1986)
Parker Allen, graduate conductor

A Slavic Farewell Vasilij Agapkin, ed. John R. Bourgeois
(1884-1964); (b. 1934)
Dylan K. Cook, graduate conductor

The Test of Time.....Mat Campbell
(b. 1992)
Nathan Smith, marimba
Amber Sturdevant, graduate conductor

Armenian Dances, Part I.....Alfred Reed
(1921-2005)

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.



PARKER ALLEN is a second year at the University of Arizona, pursuing a Masters of Music of Wind Band Conducting. Before joining the class of 2026, Parker was teaching at Sahuarita High School. There, Parker acted as the front ensemble coordinator for Sahuarita Indoor Percussion; during which, the group earned its highest ratings. A Wyoming native, Parker received his Bachelors of Music Education in 2023 from the University of Wyoming. An avid percussionist, Parker spent much of his time at UW in a number of ensembles including: The Western Thunder Marching Band under the direction of Dr. Joe Carver, the University of Wyoming Wind Symphony under Dr. Bob Belser, multiple community groups, along with multiple jazz combos and orchestral groups. With a diverse background of musical styles and interests, Parker is excited to have been led to Tucson and the University of Arizona and is looking forward to continue his studies here.



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.