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O'FALLON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

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**ILLINOIS MUSIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

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# O'FALLON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND

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**MELISSA GUSTAFSON-HINDS**

DIRECTOR OF BANDS

**PHILIP CARTER**

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BANDS

**MATTHEW MURPHY**

PERCUSSION DIRECTOR

**GARRETT SCHMIDT**

GUEST ARTIST | TRUMPET

**JASON SWAGLER**

GUEST ARTIST | ALTO SAXOPHONE

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PEORIA, ILLINOIS

# PROGRAM

## MOVE YOUR RUG

BY JEFF COFFIN

ARR. BY RYAN MIDDAGH

Featuring Jason Swagler, Alto Saxophone and Garrett Schmidt, Trumpet

## SONG FOR THE HARVEST

BY TOSHIKO AKIYOSHI

## I REMEMBER CLIFFORD

BY BENNY GOLSON

ARR. BY SAMMY NESTICO

Featuring Bryce Mikos, Trumpet - O'Fallon Township High School, Senior

## MIDNIGHT BEAT

BY STEVEN FEIFKE

Featuring Jason Swagler, Alto Saxophone

## INTO THE UNKNOWN

BY KRISTEN ANDERSON-LOPEZ, ROBERT LOPEZ

ARR. BY CALLUM AU





# **MELISSA GUSTAFSON-HINDS**

## DIRECTOR OF BANDS

Melissa Gustafson-Hinds is in her fifteenth year as Director of Bands O'Fallon Township High School in O'Fallon, Illinois. In addition to her teaching duties at O'Fallon Township High School, Dr. Gustafson-Hinds serves as Performing Arts Department Chair at OTHS and is the Illinois Music Educators Association, Band Division President - Elect. In her time at OTHS, she has brought the band program to new heights in music excellence. Under her direction, the OTHS Marching Panthers have been consistent Bands of America (BOA) Regional and Super Regional finalists, Grand National Semi-Finalists, and a Grand National Finalist in 2018. In 2015, and 2022, the band marched in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California and in 2018 the band marched in the Hollywood Christmas Parade in Hollywood, California. The Marching Panthers have been recently selected to perform in the 2023 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The concert ensembles performed at Carnegie Hall in May 2014, and the Wind Ensemble has performed at the Illinois SuperState Concert Band Festival, Music for All National Festival, ILMEA State Convention, and The Midwest Clinic. For a week in February 2015, they hosted David Maslanka at OTHS and received intensive clinics from him, ending the week with a concert held in his honor. In 2019, O'Fallon Township was honored with the NBA Program of Excellence Blue Ribbon Award and two Music for All Advocacy Awards. In 2021 and 2022, the OTHS Music Program was awarded top Music Excellence in Ensemble and Chamber Performance for Class AA in the Illinois High School Association.

Dr. Gustafson-Hinds is originally from Monmouth, Illinois. She attended Illinois State University, earning a Bachelor's in music education and graduated with University Honors. Dr. Gustafson-Hinds earned her master's degree in Music Education from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 2000, an educational leadership endorsement from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and her Doctorate Degree in Teaching and Learning, with an Emphasis in Music, from the University of Missouri St. Louis in 2010. She has been teaching in Illinois public schools for 28 years, getting her start in the Unit 5 District in Normal, Illinois, with teachers that helped guide her career.

Dr. Gustafson-Hinds is married to Evan Hinds, who is a music arranger and drill writer and additionally serves as the Percussion Coordinator for the Marching Panthers of O'Fallon Township High School. Together they have a daughter named Evelyn who is seven.

# PHILIP CARTER

## ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BANDS



Philip Carter is originally from Collinsville, IL. He received his Bachelor's in Music Education from Illinois State University with a minor in Jazz Performance, his Master's in Music Education from the University of Georgia, and an Education Specialist Endorsement at Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville. He is currently pursuing his EdD at SIUE.

Philip is currently the Assistant Director of Bands at O'Fallon Township High School where he has been since 2018. There he works in all areas of the program, including the nationally recognized Marching Panthers, concert bands, and jazz ensembles. The Marching Panthers were a 2018 Bands of America Grand National Finalist, performed at the 2022 Tournament of Roses Parade, and will perform at the 2023 Macy's Parade. In addition, the band program performed at the 2022 Midwest Clinic and was the recipient of the Sudler Flag of Honor.

Prior to working at OTHS, Philip served as Director of Bands at Huntley High School in Huntley, IL from 2015-2018. There he oversaw the entire program where the Wind Ensemble was selected to perform at the 2018 Illinois Music Education Conference, the Illinois SuperState Concert Band Festival, and the Saxophone Quartet was selected for the 2018 MFA National Chamber Music Festival.

Philip was selected as Winner of the 2018-2019 American Prize in for both High School Instrumental Conducting and Wind Ensemble Performance, both in the high school division. He has extensively studied conducting through participation in symposia at the University of Minnesota, Ball State University, the University of Missouri – Kansas City Conservatory, Northwestern University, and the University of Illinois. He currently serves at the ILMEA District 6 Band Division Representative and is also a National Board Certified Teacher.





## **MATTHEW MURPHY**

### PERCUSSION DIRECTOR

Matthew Clarence Murphy is in his first year as Assistant Band Director / Percussion Director of O'Fallon Township High School in O'Fallon Illinois. In the 2022-23 year, the O'Fallon Marching Panthers were a BOA Grand National Semi Finalist, the O'Fallon Wind Ensemble performed at the 76th Annual Midwest Clinic, and the band program was the recipient of the Sudler Flag of Honor, an international award recognizing high school concert bands of outstanding musical excellence.

Matthew was born in North Dakota and moved to Southern Illinois around the age of ten, the same year he started playing percussion. He graduated as an instrumental music education major with a percussion emphasis from Eastern Illinois University in 2015. At EIU, Matthew was active in the Percussion Ensemble, Wind Symphony, the Eastern Symphony Orchestra, as well as many other ensembles. Matthew was the drumline section leader for the Panther Marching Band for three years. Outside of college classes, Matthew marched in the WGI ensemble Freedom Percussion in the 2013 season as a member of the snare section.

Before joining on at O'Fallon, Matthew was Associate Director of Music / Percussion Director at Cedar Valley High School in Eagle Mountain, Utah. The Crimson Regiment Marching Band were named the 5A State Percussion Champions in 2021, as well as BOA Regional Finalist. Matthew maintained a dynamic percussion studio of 92 student percussionists and led the students to competitive success at solo & ensemble festivals throughout the school year, earning superior rankings for the percussion ensemble performances each year the festivals were attended.

Matthew has instructed a number of scholastic groups in the greater St. Louis & Salt Lake areas. He is an active clinician, judge, performer, arranger, and private lesson instructor to students of all ages. Matthew previously served as a board member of The Utah Chapter of the Percussive Arts Society and is currently an educational endorser of Salyers Percussion.

# JASON SWAGLER

## ALTO SAXOPHONE



Saxophonist Jason Swagler is director of jazz studies at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. A member of the faculty since 2000, his teaching duties have included private applied jazz saxophone, concert jazz band, lab band, combo, jazz history, music history, and music theory. In 2004, a student of Jason's was selected as one of only two American finalists in The World Saxophone Competition held in London. In 2001, Jason's services were called upon when the wife of former Beatle Paul McCartney was learning to play the saxophone. He has also taught for Washington University, Southwestern Illinois College, and Greenville College. Jason is a product of the SIUE's Music Program, earning Bachelor of Music Education, Bachelor of Jazz Performance, and Master of Jazz Performance degrees from the university.

For 13 years, Jason directed the Jazz St. Louis All-Stars, the premiere ensemble in Jazz St. Louis' educational outreach program. Under his musical direction, the Jazz St. Louis All-Stars performed with internationally renowned artists such as Stefon Harris, Greg Osby, Greg Tardy, Sean Jones, Antonio Hart, Tia Fuller, and Terrell Stafford; and before concerts headlined by Sonny Rollins, Herbie Hancock, Chick Corea, Ahmad Jahmal, and Wynton Marsalis. Former members of the All-Stars have gone on to perform professionally with Terrence Blanchard E-Collective, Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, Terrell Stafford, among others.

Jason also has an active career as a jazz saxophonist. He performs and records under his own name and as a sideman for numerous artists throughout the St. Louis area and beyond. Notable artists Jason has performed with include Joey DeFrancesco, Byron Stripling, Michael MacDonald, Marilyn Maye, Dave Weckl, Anita Jackson, Denise Thimes, Regina Carter, Wycliffe Gordon, Reggie Thomas, Montez Coleman, and Brian Owens. Jason has written numerous arrangements for artist projects. In 2021, Jason's arrangements were featured in "A New Holiday," a Christmas special that aired on PBS and included performances by Wynton Marsalis, Bebe Winans, David Sanborn, etc.



# GARRETT SCHMIDT

## TRUMPET

Garrett Schmidt, Associate Professor of Jazz Studies, teaches jazz trumpet, jazz arranging, jazz combo, and directs the Concert Jazz Band at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Before moving back to Illinois, Garrett was an active musician in New York City, playing at Shapeshifter Lab, Somethin' Jazz Club, 54 Below, Tea Lounge, The Garage, and Radio City Music Hall.

Garrett is an active clinician and performer. He has performed all over the world with the Maria Schneider Orchestra (Tokyo Blue Note, Jazz Standard, University of Maryland, Elmhurst Jazz Festival, Barcelona, Luxembourg, Vienna, Zürich, Geneva, Basel). He has also performed/toured with the Ryan Truesdell's Gil Evans Project, John LaBarbera Big Band, Glenn Miller Orchestra, The Temptations, Johnny Mathis, Frankie Valli, CDZA, T-Pain, and Grease Das Musical.

In 2014, Garrett performed 8 shows a week with the Broadway production of 'Cabaret' at Studio 54. As a member of this production, he had the opportunity to play on both the Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon and The Today Show.

Garrett holds a Bachelor of Music in Jazz Studies from Eastern Illinois University and a Master of Music in Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media from the Eastman School of Music.





# ABOUT O'FALLON

O'FALLON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL  
Excellence in Education for Every Student Every Day

## MISSION:

The mission of O'Fallon Township High School (OTHS) is to access the talents of community, family, and staff to provide a positive environment that maximizes the potential of students to become informed decision makers, engaged life-long learners, and responsible citizens in an ever-changing and diverse society.

## HIGH SCHOOL

District 203 - Located in Southern Illinois, just east of St. Louis

## OVERVIEW:

Serving students in an area of fifty square miles in St. Clair County, O'Fallon Township High School has been recognized by the United States Department of Education as one of the finest high schools in the country. District #203 has a student body of 2,500 students and a faculty and staff consisting of over 200 employees.



## OTHS BAND PROGRAM

The OTHS Band Program has a long tradition of musical excellence dating back over 80 years.

The O'Fallon Township Band Program is known for the comprehensive music education it provides for our 250+ students. In 2021, the curriculum changed into a year-round concert band approach with four concert band offerings, and separate percussion and Color Guard classes.

We additionally offer Guitar Class, Music Appreciation, and AP Music Theory during the first semester. All these offerings run concurrently with our marching band season. During the second semester, the percussion is combined into concert band classes that divide into four curricular ensembles. In addition, second semester, we have an Early Bird Jazz Band class and an After School Jazz Band, along with several additional ensembles that include a variety of Chamber Music Ensembles, Pep Band, Musical Pit, and Winter Guard.

# O'FALLON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL



# JAZZ BAND

# SAXOPHONES



JACKSON GLOVER

ALEXIS PATEN

JAILYN SPELLS

MITCHELL JACQUAY

TOMMY JAMES

AUSTIN REINACHER

TYLER BALTZELL

# TRUMPETS



AIDAN SAWYER

DOMINIC OLDANI

BRYCE MIKOS

EMMA CURTRIGHT

SHAWN WHITE

# TROMBONES



NATE BREAUX

JULIAN MITCHELL

CALEB BRANDON

KATIE COVINGTON

ADEN KING

# RHYTHM SECTION

ELLIOTT HOFFMANN

DEVIN AIELLO

JORDAN GUNTHER

NATHANAEL BOSTON

LILY KRUSE

LILY COOPER



# MUSICIAN BIOS



## DEVIN AIELLO, Drum Set - Junior

Wind Ensemble, Marching Panthers Drumline, ILMEA District 6 Band, OTHS Lacrosse

Special thanks to Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Murphy, Dr. G, and Mr. Carter. Thanks also to my family for always supporting me.



## TYLER BALTZELL, Baritone Saxophone - Senior

Marching Panthers Low Reeds Section Leader, Wind Ensemble, ILMEA District 6 Band, All-State 2nd Chair

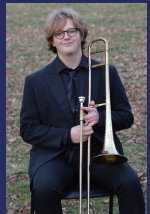
Thanks to my Mom, Dad, and Sister.



## NATHANAEL BOSTON, Guitar - Senior

ILMEA District Orchestra, ILMEA District Jazz, ILMEA All-State Jazz Band, ILMEA All-State Band (Trumpet), St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra, Marching Panthers Section Leader, Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Track

Thank you to my parents for supporting me and to my lesson's teacher, Dr. John Korak, for teaching me so much.



## NATE BREAUX, Trombone - Junior

Bi-State Honor Band Festival, Marching Panthers, Madrigal Brass, Early Bird Jazz Band, Jazz Combo, ILMEA District 6 Solo & Ensemble, Symphonic Winds

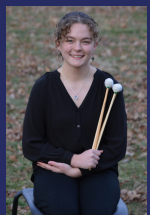
My lesson teacher has really helped take my playing to the next level, and I wouldn't be here if it weren't for the help and guidance of him!



## CALEB BRANDON, Trombone - Senior

ILMEA District 6 Concert and Jazz Band, Symphonic Winds, Model UN, Scholar Bowl, National Honors Society

I would like to thank my parents for supporting me and my band directors for helping develop my musical ability.



## LILY COOPER, Vibes - Junior

ILMEA District 6 Band, Front Ensemble Section Leader/Center Marimba, ILMEA All-State Band, Wind Ensemble, McKendree Honors Percussion Ensemble, St. Louis Academy Brass Band, Bi-State Band, Science Olympiad, Model UN, Key Club.

I would like to thank my mom and sister for supporting my performances.

# MUSICIAN BIOS



## KATIE COVINGTON, Trombone - Junior

ILMEA District Band, ILMEA All-State Concert Band, Marching Panthers

Special thanks to my mom and dad.



## EMMA CURTRIGHT, Trumpet - Junior

ILMEA District 6 Orchestra, Marching Panthers Section Leader, Wind Ensemble, All-State Honor Band, SIUE Bi-State Honor Band, All American D-Day Band

Special thanks to my mom and dad who have supported me throughout all my musical career.



## JACKSON GLOVER, Alto Saxophone - Senior

Marching Panthers Drum Major, ILMEA District 6 Band, ILMEA All-State, Wind Ensemble, Musical Pit, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Treat Yourself and Others Club

Thanks to my parents for encouraging me to try at everything I do. Also, thanks to my lesson teacher Nick Pyles for making me the best saxophonist I can be!



## JORDAN GUNTHER, Bass - Junior

ILMEA Jazz, Wind Ensemble, Model UN, Science Olympiad

Thanks Ma for helping me get into music, and Dad thanks for pushing me to try new things. Somehow we got through it all.



## ELLIOTT HOFFMANN, Piano - Senior

Front Ensemble Section Leader, ILMEA District 6 Jazz Band, Symphonic Winds, Musical Pit

I'd like to give special thanks to my parents Keri and Brian Hoffmann, my siblings, my grandparents, and my teacher Gary.



## MITCHELL JACQUAY, Tenor Saxophone - Senior

Marching Panthers Band Manager, Wind Ensemble, ILMEA District 6 Orchestra

Thanks to my supportive parents and my friends. Special thanks to my band teachers and all that they do for their students.

# MUSICIAN BIOS



## TOMMY JAMES, Tenor Saxophone/Guitar - Junior

ILMEA District 6 Orchestra (English Horn), Marching Panthers Drum Major, Wind Ensemble, O'Fallon Baseball

Special Thanks to my parents, teachers, friends, and anyone to help my up to this point.



## ADEN KING, Trombone - Senior

ILMEA District 6 Band, OTHS Marching Band, OTHS Wind Ensemble, Tri-M Honors Society

I would like to thank my family and music teachers for all the help, support and guidance along the way.



## LILY KRUSE, Drum Set - Senior

Wind Ensemble, Frolics, Musical Pit, Marching Panthers Drumline Section Leader/Center Snare, Robotics Team, Academic Challenge Team, NHS, ILMEA District 6 Orchestra, Bi-State Honor Band, Delta Epsilon Phi, Tri-M, Illinois Scholar, All-American D-Day Band

Special thanks to my parents for prioritizing music in my life from an early age and always supporting me. Also, to the OTHS Band Staff for providing the most memorable experiences of high school. A special thanks to Mr. Hinds who has developed my skills as a drummer.



## BRYCE MIKOS, Trumpet - Senior

ILMEA Honors All-State Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Marching Panthers Brass Coordinator, Robotics Club, Math Team, Academic Challenge Team, Mental Wellness Club Event Coordinator

I thank my family for getting me into music and the wonderful OTHS Band Staff.. I cannot thank you enough for the experiences that I wouldn't have had if it were not for your continued support.



## JULIAN MITCHELL, Trombone - Senior

ILMEA District 6 Orchestra, Marching Panthers Brass Coordinator, Wind Ensemble, Bi-State, NHS, Math Team, St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra musician.

Special thanks to my supportive family and my lessons teacher, Dr. Kosberg.



## DOMINIC OLDANI, Trumpet - Senior

ILMEA District 6 Band, Marching Panthers Squad Leader, Wind Ensemble, Bi-State Honor Band, National Honors Society.

Special thanks to my parents for supporting me in all of my musical activities.

# MUSICIAN BIOS



## ALEXIS PATEN, Alto Saxophone - Senior

ILMEA All District 6 Band, Marching Panthers Woodwind Coordinator, National Honors Society

Thank you so much to my parents, directors, and friends!



## AUSTIN REINACHER, Tenor Saxophone - Senior

Wind Ensemble, Marching Panthers Woodwind Coordinator, ILMEA District 6 Band, National Honors Society, Tri-M Music Honors Society

Thank you, Dad, for always being my biggest supporter. I would not be sitting on stage if it weren't for you. I hope you've enjoyed these past 8 years as much as I have!



## AIDAN SAWYER, Trumpet - Sophomore

ILMEA District 6 Concert Band, ILMEA District 6 Senior Jazz Band I, All-State ILMEA Honors Jazz Band, Composition, Wind Ensemble

I would like to thank my parents for their continuous love and support. Also, thank you to my grandparents for their commitment and guidance. You are two of my most influential teachers.



## JAILY SPELLS, Alto Saxophone - Sophomore

Wind Ensemble, Marching Panther

Thank you to my mom and dad and the rest of my family who support me doing music.



## SHAWN WHITE, Trumpet - Junior

Symphonic Winds, Marching Band,

I would like to thank my parents for giving me the opportunity to be in jazz band. Additionally, I would like to thank my lessons teacher, Dawn Weber, for the guidance in improvement of my skills in playing the trumpet.





## O'FALLON PANTHER BAND BOOSTERS

Vickie Aiello, President  
Julie Fortier, Vice President  
Sarah Koester, Secretary  
Ellen Norrenberns, Treasurer  
Elaine Toennies, Treasurer  
Patti Curtright, Band Support  
Stacy Mitchell, Band Support  
Sabrina King, General Fundraising  
Maureen Natale, Student Fundraising  
Tiffini Montoya, Student Account Manager  
Chris Kirk, Parliamentarian

## DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Darcy Benway, Superintendent  
Dr. Beth Shackelford, Director of Academics & Special Projects  
Travis Schmale, Director of Business & Operations  
Tiffany Schneider, Director of Special Services  
Dr. Kim Coley, Associate Director of Special Services  
Tom Goodrich, Director of Facilities

## OTHS ADMINISTRATION

Rich Bickel, Principal  
Twana Dollison, Vice Principal  
Randy Dickenson, Vice Principal / Activities Director  
Cory Patton, Assistant Principal  
Dan Howe, Assistant Principal  
Corey Wallis, Assistant Principal

## SCHOOL BOARD

Mark Christ, President  
Keith Richter, Vice President  
Donna Johnson, Secretary  
Rob Brown  
Steve Dirnbeck  
James Huff  
Martha Stoffel

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# ADMINISTRATIVE APPRECIATION

# BAND STAFF RECOGNITION

## BAND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

John Langham

Thank you for your hard work & dedication.

## AUXILIARY BAND STAFF

Kevin Belobrajdic  
Brandon Fink  
Scott Goodmundson  
Evan Hinds  
Brandon Huff  
Brendan Korak  
Ashley Kues  
Emily Navarro  
Brian O'Donnell  
Haley Voss

## FEEDER SCHOOL BAND DIRECTORS

Stanley Dunlap, Joseph Arthur Middle School  
Timothy Brooks, O'Fallon District 90  
Kate DeMonica, O'Fallon District 90  
Michelle White, Pontiac Middle School  
Brendan Korak, Shiloh Middle School  
Patti Curtright, St. Clare Catholic School

## PRIVATE LESSON FACULTY

Matthew Allison, Flute  
Shelly Monier, Flute  
Caren Vittetoe, Clarinet  
Blake Duncan, Oboe  
Melissa Gustafson-Hinds, Oboe  
Robert Jordan, Bassoon  
Nick Pyles, Saxophone  
Matt Bittles, Trumpet  
John Korak, Trumpet  
Dawn Weber, Trumpet  
Tim Brooks, Horn  
Adam Kosberg, Trombone  
Kate DeMonica, Euphonium/Tuba  
Brian O'Donnell, Percussion  
Matthew Murphy, Percussion  
Evan Hinds, Percussion

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Jerome Richardson Arr. by Thad Jones  
Tall and Lanky  
by Jeff Coffin Arr. by Bret Zvacek

## SPRING 2022 JAZZ BAND MEMBERS

Zach Fisher  
Sophia Hettenhausen  
Sam Norrenberns  
Brandon Snyder  
Chris Taylor

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