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Upcoming Concerts for Tennessee Valley Winds

Concert on the Lawn at Oakland's Mansion

May 3, 2026, at 6:00 pm

Spring Concert at Old Fort Park Pavilion

May 17, 2026, at 3:00 pm

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A Murfreesboro Community Band

Winter Concert

FEBRUARY 20, 2026



Guest Conductor
Mandy Boonshaft



Concerto Winner
Jeremiah Jernigan

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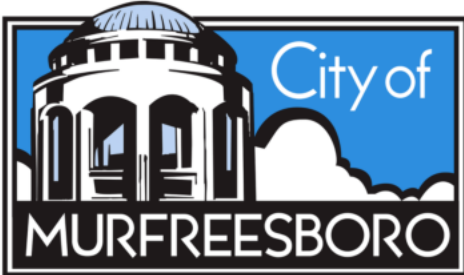
Tennessee Valley Winds History

The Murfreesboro Community Concert Band (MCCB) was a dream of Mr. Joseph T. Smith, then-current band director of the MTSU Band of Blue. MCCB gave its first concert in December 1984. In 1985 the band was a featured performance at the first MTSU Wind Band Conference, offering the band the privilege to study and perform with world-renowned guest composers and artists, each of the 36 years it was held.

As the MCCB gained recognition as an outstanding performance group, the name changed to the Tennessee Valley Winds. The TVW was honored to be able to perform at the Mid-West International Convention in Chicago and the London International Convention in England.

As Mr. Smith entered retirement, Mr. Terry Jolley took over as the group's conductor. The TVW offered free clinics and mock auditions for middle and high school students as they prepared for honor band auditions. A few years later, Mr. Erich Zimmerman accepted the position as TVW's conductor. The TVW performed at the Rising Stars Band Camp for and alongside beginner band students, offering them a glimpse of what continued playing can look like decades later, and showing them that music doesn't have to stop at graduation.

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Concerto Competition Winner - Jeremiah Jernigan is a senior tuba player from Wilson Central High School in Lebanon, Tennessee. He has participated in numerous ensembles throughout the years, holding principal positions in the All-State Band, Mid-State Gold Band, Mid-State Orchestra, Governor's School for the Arts, and the Curb Youth Symphony. He has previously been recognized as The Tennessean Student of the Month, performed in the Governor's School for the Arts Honors Recital, and received the "Semper Fidelis" Award for Musical Excellence. Jeremiah has studied with widely recognized bass trombone player Evan Clifton for over five years. He is going to major in Music Education with the plan of teaching his own high school ensemble. He is currently still undecided which university he will attend. Outside of music, Jeremiah is very successful academically, taking honors and AP level coursework. He will graduate Summa Cum Laude as well as earning Honors and Distinction status. He is involved in multiple school organizations including National Honors Society and Beta Club, as well as faith based organizations such as Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and his church's youth group.

Music Director of the Tennessee Valley Winds - Mr. Erich Zimmerman was a music educator in Middle Tennessee for 27 years. He began his teaching career as the Director of Bands at Westmoreland High School in Sumner County. He then spent 10 years teaching in the Nashville Metropolitan School System, instructing at McGavock High School, J.T. Moore Middle School, and Martin Luther King Magnet School. He then moved to Rutherford County, where he directed bands at Rock Springs and Christiana Middle Schools, and then Thurman-Francis Arts Academy. His teaching career ended with retirement after serving as assistant director of bands at Blackman High School in Murfreesboro from 2014 to 2018. He currently serves as an Educational Representative for The Music Stop in Murfreesboro. Prior to teaching, Mr. Zimmerman was a trumpet instrumentalist with the United States Navy Band, Washington D.C., where he served in concert and ceremonial capacities. His Navy tour of duty included a 1998 national tour, weekly concerts in and around the nation's capitol, and numerous ceremonial duties for the Naval District Washington. He was also an active freelance musician in the Washington D.C. area. Mr. Zimmerman's education includes receiving his Masters +30 certification from MTSU in Administration and Supervision, a Master of Music Degree in Trumpet Performance from the University of Texas at Austin in Austin, TX, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Music Education from Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville.

Mr. Zimmerman is a member of the Music Educator's National Conference, the TN Music Education Association, and the Middle Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association. As a member of TMEA, he served on the Board of Directors as State Band Chair. As a member of MTSBOA, he served as President-Elect, President, and Past-President. He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha, a professional music fraternity, and Phi Beta Mu, an honorary Band Director's fraternity.

Guest Conductor - Mandy Fara Boonshaft is currently on the faculty of South Woods Middle School in Syosset, New York. Prior to her appointment in Syosset, she was a band director at Commack Middle School and George W. Hewlett High School. In addition, Mrs. Boonshaft is the conductor of the Nassau-Suffolk Performing Arts Honor Band, a select ensemble comprised of the finest seventh and eighth grade instrumentalists from across Long Island, New York.

Mrs. Boonshaft holds a B.S. in Music Education with a concentration in flute performance (cum laude with departmental honors) and an M.A. in Wind Conducting from Hofstra University, where she served as Graduate Conducting Associate from 2005-2008, conducting the University Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble.

Bands under Mrs. Boonshaft's direction have consistently earned Gold with Distinction ratings at Major Organization Festivals and have performed at such prestigious events as the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) Eastern Division Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and the New York State Band Directors Association Symposium in Syracuse, New York. Additionally, they have performed at clinics and workshops for such composers and conductors as Robert W. Smith, Christian Wilhelm and Sean O'Loughlin. The Nassau-Suffolk Honor Band has commissioned and premiered works by renowned composers Richard Saucedo and Randall Standridge.

Mrs. Boonshaft is published by Row-Loff Publications. In addition, she continues to keep an active performance schedule. She is a founding member of the Long Island Flute Quartet and has performed with a number of regional orchestras and ensembles. She has studied flute and piccolo with Carol Wincenc, Patricia Spencer, Susan Deaver, Mindy Kaufman, John Oberbrunner, Ted Mordoff, John Littlefield and John Wion.

Mrs. Boonshaft is a certified Major Organization and Woodwind Adjudicator for the New York State School Music Association and is extremely active as a guest conductor, clinician, adjudicator and workshop presenter for universities, schools, festivals and conferences across the United States and Australia. She has served as guest conductor for the Hampton Music Educators Association High School Honors Band Festival, Suburban Council (Albany) Music Festival, Suffolk County Music Educators Association Division 2 East All-County Band, Suffolk County Music Educators Association Division 3 East All-County Band, Orange County High School All-County Band, the Bristol Township School District Honors Band in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, the Sweetwater District Honor Concert Band in Chula Vista, California, and the Murrieta Valley Middle School Honor Band in Murrieta Valley, California. She has served numerous times as an adjudicator for the prestigious Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival in Sydney, Australia; was a session presenter at the Sydney Music Education Conference, Maryborough Music Conference, New York State Band Director's Symposium and the New York State School Music Association Conference; and presented masterclasses in flute performance in Queensland, Australia. Mrs. Boonshaft was the featured artist on the KHS America Academic Alliance Reference video for Jupiter flutes. In addition, she is an educational clinician for KHS America, Jupiter Band Instruments and Azumi Flutes, as well as for Alfred Music and MakeMusic. Mrs. Boonshaft resides in Garden City, NY with her husband Peter and their two kitties, Graham and Emerson.

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Piccolo:

*+Larissa Caprio
+Heather Martin

Flute:

Tawana Box
*+Larissa Caprio
+Shirley Gauthier
+Heather Martin
Peggy Naifeh
Deb Norris
Becky Percy
Joanna Riggs
Bonnie Ward

Oboe/English Horn:

Lily Chantler
*Stacey Helmbrecht

Bassoon:

*Victor Evans
Jared Ford
Vladimir Sitnikoff

E♭ Clarinet:

Laura Marulanda

B♭ Clarinet:

Jess Baker
Randal Box
*+Amy Cooper-Crumley
Sam Davis
Kendra Estes
Gary Heagren
Debbie Hice
Laura Marulanda
Marybeth Miller
Richard Nyland
Breanne Osborne
Jen Pilat
Grace Waldrop
Michelle White

Bass Clarinet:

Joe Lewis
Shelby Davis

Contrabass Clarinet:

Randal Box

Alto Saxophone:

Ignacio Cardenas
*+Scott Hedrick
Matthew Holley
Juliet Lang
Andree Moreno

Tenor Saxophone:

Mark Barker
Blair Carlton

Baritone Saxophone:

*Boyd Barker

Trumpet:

Joel Bain
John Barker
+Mark Elbaum
Robert Fox
Timothy Gassman
*Katie Harrah
Shae Hyde
+Mark Robinson
Mike Royal
Justin Scott
Scott Tierno
Bob Tuma
Elizabeth Whalen
+Erich Zimmerman

French Horn:

Mandy Lee Bratten
Dana Fulghum
Leslie Jacobs
Ben Hall McFarlin, Jr.

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French Horn Cont.

Matt Mullins
Michelle Skelley
Charlie Torrent
Kelly Utt-Grubb
*Vicky Williams

Trombone:

Kaley Brinkerhoff
+Douglas Brown
Walt Foreman
Joshua Gumina
+Steve Holeman
*+Scott Kinney
Matt Nesland
Matthew Taylor
Becky Wyman

Euphonium:

Jeff Carden
Greg Payne
Jeff Shepherd
Josh Skinner

Tuba:

Fortune Aigbe
James Budge
Daniel Perez
Dan Pfeifer

Percussion:

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Concert Program



Guest Conductor, Mandy Boonshaft

Albanian Dance	Shelley Hanson
Our Cast Aways	Julie Giroux
Brighton Beach	William P. Latham
Mannin Veen (Dear Isle of Man)	Haydn Wood
Concerto for Tuba	Bruce Broughton
Mvt. 2 Aria	Mvt. 1 Allegro Moderato
<i>Tuba Soloist - Jeremiah Jernigan</i>	
A Childhood Remembered	Rossano Galante
Kosciuszko	Brendan Collins



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