

FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY
School of Visual and Performing Arts
presents

FHSU High School
Honor Band

Dr. Aunna Marzen
Dr. Peter Lillpopp
Conductors

Wednesday February 4, 2026
Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center
5:00 p.m.

Program

<i>Sunchaser</i>	Carol Brittin Chambers (b.1970) Dr. Peter Lillpopp conductor
<i>The Parting Glass</i>	Irish Folk Song Arr. Robert Sheldon Dr. Aunna Marzen, conductor
<i>Ritmo y Sabor</i>	Jorge L. Vargas (b. 1971) Dr. Peter Lillpopp, conductor

Program Notes

The term “sunchaser” can have various meanings, depending on the context. In aviation, it can refer to a pilot heading west who flies fast enough so that the sun doesn’t move on the horizon. It can also mean chasing after something rather unattainable. It can also refer to someone who is quite idealistic or inspirational. Even though some of these goals may seem out of reach at times, the journey definitely makes us stronger and is often the best part!

Irish folk tunes are typically quite singable, memorable, and have a way of tugging at our heartstrings. This setting of *The Parting Glass* was originally done for the United States Army's Ceremonial Band to be performed at services at Arlington Cemetery. The setting for the Ceremonial Band had to meet very specific needs and parameters for that ensemble, but the experience of arranging this lovely melody inspired the composer to write a full arrangement for concert band.

Ritmo y Sabor (rhythm and flavor) is based on the Cha cha and danzón styles of Latin music. These particular styles of music are characterized by syncopated rhythms and auxiliary percussion. Each style has its own corresponding dance moves, and both are extremely popular throughout the world. This piece has plenty of rhythm and flavor to make you want to dance!

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Flute

Jade Carver	Phillipsburg HS
Caydence Ewing	Phillipsburg HS
Heidi Gray	Colby HS
Emily Koerperich	Bennington HS
Claire Kollhoff	Abilene HS
Angela Lee	Junction City HS
Morgan Lewis	La Crosse HS
Samantha Lovett	Hoisington HS
Emma McDonald	Pawnee Heights HS
Danyelle McGuire	Junction City HS
Madison Murnahan	Abilene HS
KayLynn Noon	Bennington HS
Kenzie Racette	Bennington HS
Hannah Umbarger	Phillipsburg HS

Clarinet

Skylynn Begler	Ellis HS
Micayla Brewington	La Crosse HS
Bella Castaneda	Colby HS
Nathaniel DiNino	Abilene HS
Carl Graves	Junction City HS
Kendall June	Junction City HS
Terra Marshall	Colby HS
Amethyst Moses	Ellis HS
Leah Raub	Abilene HS
Shiana Shippy	Bennington HS
Maggie Showalter	La Crosse HS
Jaxon Wright	Colby HS

Bass Clarinet

Waylen Ault	Rock Hills HS
Tayler Schmidt	Ellis HS

Alto Saxophone

Nathaniel Bandy	Colby HS
Paige Ehm	Phillipsburg HS
Carter Lincoln	Abilene HS
Will Norton	Colby HS

Tenor Saxophone

Emma Alvord	Rock Hills HS
Warren Chesney	La Crosse HS

Baritone Saxophone

Allison Underwood	Rock Hills HS
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Trumpet

Kannon Beam	La Crosse HS
Connor Boor	Hoisington HS
Kylee Haug	Colby HS
Kaleb Hone	Bennington HS
Alayna Hrnicek	Colby HS
Jordanne Jacobs	Rock Hills HS
Andrew Kaiser	Hoisington HS
Miette Kaiser	Hoisington HS
Kaylea Pelton	Pawnee Heights HS
Nathan Vondracek	Pawnee Heights HS
Ashlyn Long	Hays HS

Horn

Amiliar Guzman	Salina Central HS
Eva Ives	Newton HS

Trombone

Nolan Grout	Rock Hills HS
Audra Oborny	La Crosse HS
Nelson Underwood	Rock Hills HS

Bass Trombone

Kenlie Delay	Abilene HS
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Euphonium

Elias Barthlemy	Lincoln Jr/Sr HS
Delaney Biel	Leoti-Wichita Co. HS
Jacob Enger	Abilene HS
Carter Grote	Phillipsburg HS
Chloe Helus	Lincoln Jr/Sr HS
Alfie Kadzevski	Junction City HS
Logan Nava	Pawnee Heights HS

Tuba

Harmon Geissinger	Abilene HS
Zachary Roberts	Junction City HS

Percussion

Alexandria Fogo	Rock Hills HS
Miley Havens	Rock Hills HS
Autumn Hueneke	Phillipsburg HS
Jett Jackson	Bennington HS
Brandon Johnson	Bennington HS
Laken Lindberg	Colby HS
Layton Richard	Colby HS