

*Tea Area  
High School  
Symphonic Band*



*In Concert at  
The 83rd Annual South Dakota  
Bandmasters Association Clinic*

*February 8th & 9th, 2019*

*Director: Stephanie Wranek  
Asst. Director: Mary Beth Sutton*



Stephanie (Kopecky) Wranek grew up in Miller, South Dakota where she first started playing trumpet under director Leo Warnke. After high school, Stephanie attended Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota where she obtained her BA in Music Education, majoring in both Vocal and Instrumental Music. Stephanie taught 7-12 band and choir in Howard, SD from 1998-2003. In 2003, she accepted a 7-12 band/vocal position in Tea, SD. That was the first year the school was going to

own district after splitting from Lennox. The Tea school district has grown exponentially since that time, and she is currently teaching 7-12 Band in her 16<sup>th</sup> year with the Tea School District. She teaches marching band, pep band, high school symphonic band, high school jazz band, middle school band and middle school jazz band.

Stephanie is a member of SD Bandmasters, SDMEA, and the Phi Beta Mu band masters fraternity. She served as the co-chair for Middle School All-State Band for 2 years and then as the chair for 2 years. She has also served on the music advisory committee for the SDHSAA and will be taking on the SDBA scholarship chair position following this school year. Stephanie has been nominated for the Tea Area Teacher of the Year Award three times. Stephanie and her husband Nick live on an acreage outside of Tea and have three children. Jake (23) lives in Winner SD, Cassidy (11) is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader in Tea and Beau (9) is a third grader in Tea. When she's not busy at school, Stephanie enjoys spending time with her family, attending their sporting and music activities and traveling with her family in the summer to watch her husband's hobby of stock car racing.



Mary Beth (Timm) Sutton began her teaching career at Simmons Junior High in Aberdeen, SD teaching three choirs and team teaching three instrumental music ensembles. Throughout her career she has gone back and forth between vocal and instrumental music. She is currently back in her sixth year at Tea Area teaching instrumental lessons, music appreciation, team teaching middle school band and high school concert band. She also

assists with music at Our Savior Lutheran Church, teaches private piano lessons in Flandreau, enjoys cooking and selling Pampered Chef.

Mary Beth received her teaching degree from Northern State University in Aberdeen. She is blessed to have a very supportive husband, Dan and such great co-workers in Tim Dingman, Janice Gilbert and Stephanie who make work so enjoyable.

## Program

Bonnie Blue (grade 3 1/2).....Kelly Bennette

Ulterior Motifs (grade 1 1/2).....Matthew R. Putnam

Matters of Kindness (grade 3).....Kenley Kristofferson

*Written commemorating the life of Madison Fleming (Olds High School, Olds, Alberta, Canada) who passed away from a long fight with diabetes at a very young age. Madison was a beacon of light in her community. Her favorite phrase was "kindness matters". One of the best things you can do for someone is be kind to them and treat them like the person of value that they are. Lead with kindness.*

Slava (grade 4 1/2).....Bernstein/Trans. by Grundman

*Soloists: Ben Brenholt (trombone), Joseph Walnofer (trumpet),  
Melissa Graue (Eb clarinet), Mikayla Young (flute)*

Spearfish Canyon (grade 2 1/2).....Jared Barnes

*Soloists: Nathaniel Fanning (trumpet) & Mikayla Young (flute)*

Infinite Hope (grade 4).....Brian Balmages

*Soloists: Katherine Lien (French horn), Joseph Walnofer (trumpet), Tiffany Young (alto sax), Anna Klocke (clarinet), Nathan Ochsner (tuba), Mikayla Young (flute)*

*"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope." MLKJ*

*Infinite Hope seeks to forge a path of faith, trust, belief and assurance amidst a world of chaos. It reminds us that hopes and dreams are all around us, and that, as Robert Fulghum said, "...hope always triumphs over experience." At some point in life, most of us experience moments that truly test our resolve—either as individuals or as a society. Despite those tests, we can always look inward and outward—and refuel on the hopes within ourselves and in others. And in that very moment, we find ourselves sharing in the magic of infinite hope.*

Metro Dances (grade 5).....Travis J. Weller

*Soloists: Nathaniel Fanning (trumpet), Tiffany Young (alto sax), Mikayla Young (flute), Anna Klocke & Melissa Graue (clarinet)*

*Driving in Pittsburgh has a unique feature in that you can see where you want to go, but rarely is it a straight shot and the trip involves a fair amount of vehicular "dancing." Metro Dances is a work in five sections that seeks to duplicate that particular—but not uncommon—driving experience. Hit the Gas!, Traffic "Jam", Big Trucks, Rush Hour, and Breaking Free*

## Symphonic Band Members

### Flutes

Mikayla Young (12)  
 Claire Godber (12)  
 Bailey Attema (12)  
 Phoebe Flaskey (11)  
 Jacky Diehl (12)  
 Olivia Opoien (11)

### Clarinets

Anna Klocke (12)\*  
 Melissa Graue (12)\*#\*  
 Hailee Pascoe (12)  
 Gabrielle Warwick (12)  
 Hannah Hank (10)  
 Kyra Blotske (10)  
 Tori Bartell (10)  
 Emma Daggett (11)

### Bass Clarinet

Jacki DeYoung (11)\*#\*

### Alto Sax

Tiffany Young (10)  
 Shaleigh Parker (12)  
 Ashley Pruss (12)  
 Taylor Stout (11)

### Tenor Sax

Liam Thomassen (9)

### Bari Sax

Bri Kepler (11)

### French Horn

Katherine Lien (11)\*#\*

### Trumpets

Nathaniel Fanning (12)  
 Joseph Walnofer (11)  
 DeLaney Krogh (11)  
 Kennedy Konrad (10)  
 Norah Graff (12)  
 Grace McLeer (11)

### Trombones

Ben Brenholt (12)  
 Izzy Hageman (11)  
 Brody Wilken (10)  
 Noah Gass (10)

### Baritones

Jarret Johnson (11)\*  
 Bryton Schlunsen (11)

### Tuba

Nathan Ochsner (12)\*#\*

### Percussion

Ethan Jaacks (11)  
 Trevor Swenson (12)  
 Damien DeVries (10)  
 Ethan Olson (11)  
 Melissa Erickson (12)  
 Caden Hank (11)  
 Gavin Bialas (10)

# all state orchestra  
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## Tea Area Music Personnel

Jeanne Krebs— K - 4 Legacy Elementary  
 Jennifer Willson—K-4 Frontier Elementary &  
 5th Grade General Music  
 Janice Gilbert - 6th - 12th Grade Choirs  
 Tim Dingman—5th - 6th Grade Band  
 Mary Beth Sutton—Assistant Director MS/HS Bands  
 Stephanie Wranek—Director MS/HS Bands





## *A Note from the Superintendant*

Dear South Dakota Music Educators,

It is an honor to have the Tea Area Symphonic Band perform at the South Dakota Music Conference and Bandmasters' Association Clinic. Our music program is part of the foundation of our District and a point of pride. As our young District grows, our music department continues to grow and flourish. Our Symphonic band is our competitively auditioned band highlighting our top musicians. Tea Area will celebrate its sixteenth birthday in July. Due to our relative infancy, the students and directors have the unique opportunity to build our legacy.

Thank you for providing this performance opportunity for our students and enjoy the show!

Dr. Jennifer Nebelsick Lowery, Superintendent  
Tea Area School District

## *A Note from the High School Principal*

What an honor for Tea Area High School to be performing today. The arts is one of the three pillars of the Tea Area School District. We are exceptionally proud of what our band and vocal programs have accomplished over the years. Today's program will feature our symphonic band as directed by Mrs. Stephanie Wranek. Mrs. Wranek, with assistance from our other band instructor Mrs. Mary Beth Sutton, have built the program to include over 90 students. The band had a successful fall, and we look forward to inspiring performances in the winter and spring.

Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Wranek, and Mrs. Janice Gilbert continue to build traditions and shape the lives of our TAHS students and we're proud of their work. Thank you, and enjoy the performance.

In Education –  
Collin Knudson  
TAHS Principal

## *A Note from the Activities Director*

On behalf of the Tea Area Activities Department, it is our honor to have the Symphonic Band perform before you. We take great pride in all of our Performing Arts programs. The leadership of our directors has made it possible for those programs to grow and flourish. Tea Area believes that students who participate in activities outside the classroom become valuable assets within the community.

I sincerely hope you enjoy the performance today and can recognize the passion Mrs. Wranek and these Tea Area students have for music. Thank you.

Brent DeBoer  
Activities Director  
Tea Area High School

## Tea Area High School

Tea Area High School was formed in the summer of 2003. We opened the doors to eighty-five high school students in August of 2003. We offered around thirty sections of courses taught by ten staff members in full or part-time roles. Today, we have 460 high school students, 42 high school staff, offering over 100 courses including honors classes, dual credit courses, AP courses plus the connections academy and the CTE Academy in Sioux Falls.

## Tea Area Bands

Tea Area has a little over 250 students in their band program 5-12. We have a 5th grade section that meets 3 times a week, 6th grade and middle school band meets every other day and we have 2 high school bands that meet everyday. We also have a middle school jazz band and a high school jazz band that meets twice a week. Marching Band and pep band are also included in the high school band curriculum. We have had many students involved in All-State Band, Orchestra, and Jazz band over the years at both the middle school and the high school levels.

## Special Thanks

To the Bandmasters— Thank you for the invitation to perform for you today, it has truly been a treat!

To SDSU music faculty —Thank you for hosting this event and the hospitality shown to us during our preparations!

To the Tea Area Music Faculty—Thank you for being a great team to work with and for supporting each other in everything we do!!

To Jake Wallace, Larry Peterson, Dale Nelson, Bob Carlson, Bob Goheen, Travis Netzer and Jerry Letcher for coming to Tea to share your expertise with the students and working with them on becoming great musicians!

To the Tea Area School District for supporting us and allowing us to perform at the convention.

To the Parents—Thank you for the countless hours you spend supporting us, volunteering your time, chaperoning, and sharing your wonderful children with us. It is our privilege to teach them and we thank you for the opportunity.

And Finally to the Students—You make me want to get up and come to work everyday. I am so proud of each and every one of you for the work you have put in preparing for not only this event, but for everything you do. You have become wonderful human beings and the world will be a better place because of each of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your dedication, work ethic, time committed, and allowing me to teach you, the honor is truly mine!

