



71st Annual South Dakota All-State Band Grand Concert



March 26th & 27th, 2021
Mitchell Performing Arts Center
Mitchell, SD



Dr. Jacob Wallace
Guest Conductor

Dr. Rolf Olson
Guest Conductor

Dr. Haley Armstrong
Guest Conductor

Dr. John LaCognata
Guest Conductor

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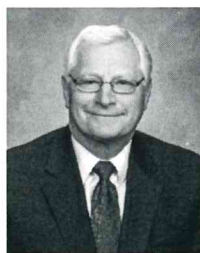


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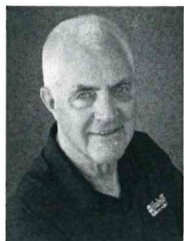
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South Dakota National Guard

All State Band Grand Concert Program

Music to be selected from the following:

Wallace Band

Dr. Jacob Wallace, Guest Conductor

- Ascent.....Alex Shapiro*
- This Cruel Moon.....John Mackey*
- Shimmering Sunshine.....Kevin Day*

Olson Band

Dr. Rolf Olson, Guest Conductor

- Mother Earth Fanfare.....David Maslanka*
- Ride.....Sam Hazo*
- Riften Wed.....Julie Giroux*

All State Band Grand Concert Program

Music to be selected from the following:

Armstrong Band

Dr. Haley Armstrong, Guest Conductor

- America the Beautiful.....arr. Dragon*
- Hibiki.....Joy of Music - Yasuhide Ito*
- Short Ride in a Fast Machine.....Adams/Saucedo*
- Volver a la Montana.....Shelley Hanson*

LaCognata Band

Dr. John LaCognata, Guest Conductor

- Canzona.....Peter Mennin*
- The Redwoods.....Rossano Galante*
- A Sacred Suite.....Brant Karrick*

Dr. Jacob Wallace Guest Conductor

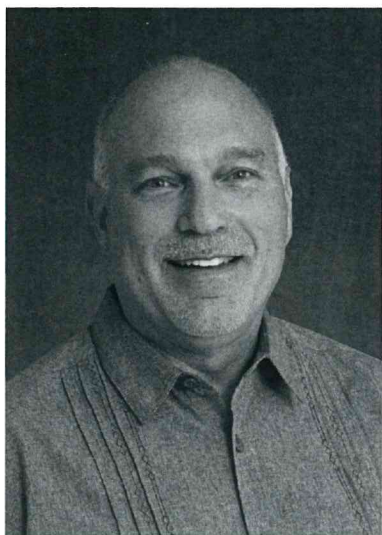


An accomplished conductor, educator, and writer, Jacob Wallace is an emergent personality in the performance of contemporary instrumental music. His efforts to present innovative and approachable programming of new works have brought modern trends to atypical places, with performances being lauded by audiences and professionals alike. Ensembles under his direction have presented world, national, and regional premiers by such composers as Jocelyn Hagen, John Mackey, Michael Markowski, Tina Tallon, and William Linthicum-Blackhorse among others. In 2019 he was awarded The American Prize in Conducting in the collegiate wind band division for excellence and artistry in collaboration with the South Dakota State University Wind Symphony.

Dr. Wallace is currently Associate Professor of Music at South Dakota State University, where he serves as Director of Concert Bands. In this capacity, he conducts and supervises instrumental ensembles; teaches coursework in conducting, literature, and education; and administers the wind ensemble activities of the School of Performing Arts as a whole. Prior to this, he served as Director of Bands at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. His writings on music have been published in nine volumes of GIA's Teaching Music Through Performance in Band series and he has become known for a series of engaging program notes, commissioned directly from a number of composers, which have helped fresh audiences understand new works on their first listening. His research in the area of diversifying composer representation in large ensemble literature has been presented at The Midwest Clinic, national conferences of the College Band Directors National Association, and other workshops and conventions. During summers, has served on the conducting faculty of the Cortona Sessions for New Music in Tuscany, Italy.

Dr. Wallace holds the degree Doctor of Musical Arts from The University of Georgia. He also has degrees from Baylor University and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. His principal conducting teachers have been John Lynch, Kevin Sedatole, and Carolyn Barber. He remains active as an adjudicator, conductor, and clinician throughout the United States and maintains professional affiliations with the College Band Directors National Association, the National Association for Music Education, and the South Dakota Bandmasters Association. He is a member of the Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity as well as the Pi Kappa Lambda music honor society and holds honorary membership in the Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Service Sorority and the Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity.

Dr. Rolf Olson Guest Conductor



Dr. Rolf Olson is director of bands, professor of trumpet, and chair of the music department at Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Dr. Olson directs the Symphonic Band and teaches conducting. Previous to NSU, Olson taught at the University of South Dakota, Augustana College, and in the public schools of Arlington and Vermillion, S.D.

Dr. Olson is an active guest conductor, having directed the Dakota Wind Ensemble, Nebraska All State Bands, South Dakota Middle School All State Band, Northwest Iowa Honor Band, and numerous other band and jazz festivals in the Midwest. He serves as adjudicator for the South Dakota All State Band auditions and other regional music competitions. Dr. Olson is co-founder of the South Dakota All State Jazz Festival, and served for many years as treasurer for the South Dakota Unit of the International Association of Jazz Educators (IAJE).

Awards received include the South Dakota Outstanding Bandmaster of the Year Award and the Distinguished Service Award from the South Dakota High School Activities Association for the furtherance of high school activities while making significant contributions that have exemplified the highest ideals of service given to the association and to the youth of South Dakota. Dr. Olson has been recognized by the National Federation of State High School Associations as the Outstanding Music Educator for South Dakota, and was nominated for the national award. He is one of only two inductees into the Vermillion High School Fine Arts Hall of Fame.

Dr. Olson is an active trumpet player as a member of the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra, the Sioux Falls Big Band, and the Dalesburg Cornet Band, of which he is cornet soloist and musical director. He has performed twice at International Trumpet Guild Conventions, and is a frequent soloist with high school bands. He has also played professionally with the Carson & Barnes Circus Band, Gene Pitney Orchestra, and Myron Floren.

Dr. Olson earned a D.A. degree in trumpet performance and pedagogy from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, an M.M. degree in trumpet performance from the University of South Dakota, and a B.M. degree in music education from Augustana College. He is a member of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association (SDBA), International Trumpet Guild (ITG), National Association for Music Education (NAFME), Music Teachers National Association (MTNA), and South Dakota Alliance for the Arts (SDAA). He has been elected to Phi Beta Mu and Pi Kappa Lambda honor societies.

Dr. Haley Armstrong Guest Conductor



Dr. Haley Armstrong is a native of Sonora, CA, and earned a Bachelor's degrees in Music Education and Trumpet Performance from Eastern Washington University. After graduation she taught middle and high school band in Medical Lake School District in WA, then earned a Master's Degree in Music education from Indiana University Jacob's School of Music, Bloomington, IN and her Doctorate in Conducting from the University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS.

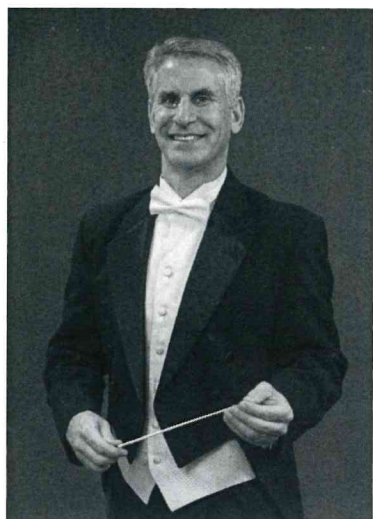
Before becoming the Director of Bands at South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, Dr. Armstrong worked as a conductor for the U.S. Air Force Band in Washington D.C. Prior to that, she was the Commander and Conductor of the Air Force Band of the Pacific stationed near Tokyo, Japan providing all the musical support for Air Force missions across 36 nations. Dr. Armstrong also held command positions for Air Force Bands in CA and OH. She started her military career as an enlisted trumpet player with three Air National

Guard Bands across the U.S. and she continues to serve as a member of the Air Force Reserves.

As a guest conductor, Dr. Armstrong had the pleasure to work with multiple international and stateside ensembles, conducting community, school and professional groups in the U.S., Qatar, Japan and Guam. She continues to work in the educational community conducting honor bands and giving clinics and masterclasses to young musicians.

Currently she is an active member of the SD Music Educators Association, the National Association for Music Education, College Band Directors Association, the World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles and SD Bandmasters Association.

Dr. John LaCognata Guest Conductor



John P. LaCognata was appointed Director of Bands at the University of South Dakota in 2017. At USD, his responsibilities include conducting the Symphonic Band; teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in conducting, applied trumpet, and wind literature; administering the USD Quad State Honor Band Festival, USD Band Directors Institute, and USD Summer Music Camp; as well providing administrative and artistic direction for the entire band program. Dr. LaCognata received his Bachelor of Science in Music Education from the University of Illinois (1986), Master of Music in Trumpet Performance from Auburn University (1989) and PhD in Music Education with an emphasis in Wind Conducting from the University of Florida (2010) where he was awarded a Doctoral Teaching Fellowship.

Prior to his appointment at USD, Dr. LaCognata held a variety of teaching positions throughout his thirty-four-year career as a music educator. At the collegiate level, he served on the faculties of the University of North Carolina-Wilmington, Iowa State University, Louisiana State University, and Southeastern Oklahoma State University. At the secondary level, he held positions at Winter Park High School (Winter Park, Florida), Cypress Creek High School (Orlando, Florida), Tavares High School (Tavares, Florida), and Hillcrest High School (Country Club Hills, Illinois). Dr. LaCognata has also been very involved in community bands, conducting the Wilmington New Horizons Concert Band (2010-2017), and co-founding and serving as the artistic director and conductor for the Wilmington Symphonic Winds, a regional professional-level wind ensemble (2014-2017).

Concert bands under Dr. LaCognata's direction have performed at the Bands of America National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana; the Florida Music Educators Association Conference in Tampa, Florida; the North Carolina Music Educators Conference in Winston-Salem, North Carolina; the South Dakota Bandmaster Association In-Service Conference in Brookings South Dakota; and most notably, the 60th Anniversary of the Midwest Clinic in Chicago, Illinois in 2006. Marching bands under his leadership have made appearances at the Autozone Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tennessee; the Blue Cross Blue Shield Fiesta Bowl National Band Championship in Phoenix, Arizona; and the Sylvania Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. LaCognata is an active conductor, adjudicator, clinician, and performer. He has served as a guest conductor for bands and honor bands throughout the United States. His professional affiliations include the College Band Directors National Association, the National Band Association, the National Association for Music Education, the International Trumpet Guild, the South Dakota Bandmasters Association, and the South Dakota Music Education Association.

All-State Personnel — Wallace Band

Flute

Abrianna Doppenberg	Garretson
Christian Spann	Gregory
Priyanka Khaling Rai	SF Washington
Eva Orth	RC Stevens
Keigan Ballard	St. Thomas More

Oboe

Emma Jensen	SF Washington
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Bassoon

Grace Dodds	RC Stevens
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Clarinet

*Evalyn Mullen	SF Lincoln
Alexander Trujillo	RC Central
Katrina Beshai	SF Lincoln
Emily Aalsburg	SF Christian
*Lauren Vander Esch	SF Lincoln
Connor Knigge	RC Stevens
Katelyn Rickrode	Aberdeen Central
Joseph Cassady	Brookings
Gracee Thompson	Huron
Kinsley Kittams	SF Lincoln

Bass Clarinet

Cody Steen	Chamberlain
Max Bruguier	Mitchell

Contrabass Clarinet

Dawson Hoffman	RC Central
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Alto Saxophone

Alex Raether	SF Lincoln
Leah Deregne	SF Lincoln

Baritone Saxophone

Mason Beunzow	Mitchell
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Tenor Saxophone

Hunter Nipp	Brandon Valley
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Trumpet/Cornet

Zac Carlson	SF Lincoln
Mason Lemaster	SF Lincoln
Claire LaFerrier	Elk Point-Jefferson
Glorya Ekstrand	RC Central
Sydnee Kurvink	SF Washington
Derek Eleeson	SF Lincoln

Horn

*Chloe Hass	Chester Area
Annika Bruner	SF Lincoln
Blake Hooegeveen	SF Christian
Maegan Questad	SF Washington

Trombone

Luke Bielfeldt	Brookings
Keegan Sigl	SF Lincoln
Ethan Boekelheide	Northwestern

Bass Trombone

Gavin Sturm	SF Lincoln
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Euphonium

*Sam Pierce	SF Lincoln
Bethany Severson	Aberdeen Central

Tuba

William Karels	Milbank
Quincy Warren	RC Central
Ashton Ormand	Aberdeen Central

String Bass

*Claire Bernard	RC Stevens
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Percussion

Katelyn Pagone	SF Lincoln
Davis Boon	SF Christian
Maria Kuchta	O'Gorman
Alexa LaCognata	Vermillion
Jesse Dodd	Mitchell

***Denotes 4 year participant**

All-State Personnel — Olson Band

Flute

Ella LaFerrier
Gabrielle Oaks
Lily Raysby
Samantha Peppel
Maddy Brooks

Elk Point-Jefferson
SF Lincoln
SF Lincoln
Chamberlain
O'Gorman

Trumpet/Cornet

Zachary Van Meter
Samantha Hansen
Nate Collette
Collin Bradberry
Brielle Clapp
Jessemy Sharp

Mitchell
SF Lincoln
Lennox
Sully Buttes
SF Christian
Aberdeen Central

Oboe

Ian Kocher

Vermillion

Bassoon

Abbie Schoenberger

RC Stevens

Clarinet

Reyna Moss
Mandy Wolles
Hannah Lias
Maggie Knippling
Jacob Portice
Thomas Jennewein
Emma Zimmerman
Madison Johnson
Taitlyn Gowlovech
Hayli Bostater

SF Christian
West Central
SF Lincoln
Huron
SF Lincoln
Vermillion
SF Lincoln
Lennox
O'Gorman
SF Lincoln

Horn

Eden Hodgins
Ava Pickard
Jimmy Ryckman
Drake Van Steenwyk

SF Lincoln
SF Lincoln
O'Gorman
Aberdeen Central

Trombone

Austin Kulm
Cole Blackett
Camden Coughlin

Flandreau
RC Stevens
Brandon Valley

Bass Trombone

Thomas Powell

Chamberlain

Bass Clarinet

Elizabeth Aaseng
Josiah Williams

Brandon Valley
RC Christian

Euphonium

John LaCognata
Aria Gruenhagen

Vermillion
De Smet

Contrabass Clarinet

Robert Hewitt

Custer

Alto Saxophone

*Mariah Koenig
Hannah Churchill

Chamberlain
RC Stevens

Tuba

Ella Ratliff
Braden Freeman
Noah Cohrs

SF Lincoln
Groton Area
Dakota Valley

Baritone Saxophone

Adam Monson

SF Lincoln

Tenor Saxophone

Nick Gauer

O'Gorman

Percussion

Alexis Ung
Oscar Hansen
Laine Mannes
Walker Haber
Maxwell Kelsey

SF Lincoln
SF Lincoln
SF Lincoln
O'Gorman
Chamberlain

***Denotes 4 year participant**

All-State Personnel — Armstrong Band

Flute

Emily Hofer	West Central
Olivia Kern	Brandon Valley
Malachi Mann	Huron
Simon Krum	Spearfish
Madeline Cox	SF Roosevelt

Oboe

Ethan Palmreuter	RC Stevens
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Bassoon

Kamal Albousafi	SF Roosevelt
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Clarinet

*Abby Helgerson	SF Lincoln
Olivia Olson	SF Christian
Reagan Brown	O'Gorman
Jordyn Kokesh	RC Stevens
Sophia New	Pierre T.F. Riggs
Emmy Clark	SF Lincoln
Lauren Harstad	Tri-Valley
Claire McDermott	SF Lincoln
Hope Mehlhoff Schaar	Leola
Madora Mott	Madison

Bass Clarinet

Kacie Under Baggage	RC Stevens
Blake Jones	Pierre T.F. Riggs

Alto Saxophone

Ethan Yu	SF Lincoln
Alex Mohama	O'Gorman

Baritone Saxophone

Brian Schneider	Brandon Valley
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Tenor Saxophone

Pearl Wigg	SF Roosevelt
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Trumpet/Cornet

Bridge Helleson	SF Roosevelt
Samuel Helgerson	SF Lincoln
Alexandra Vermeluen	Mitchell
Eli Olson	SF Lincoln
Katelyn Plucker	Lennox
Cameran Rathjen	Huron

Horn

Lindsey Mesman	SF Christian
Emily Krueger	SF Lincoln
Sophia Madsen	Aberdeen Roncalli
Alayna Kreger	SF Roosevelt

Trombone

Nicholas MacLean	SF Roosevelt
Jonathan Wenisch	Yankton
Jordan Levesque	SF Lincoln

Bass Trombone

Jessica Nelson	Tea Area
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Euphonium

*Titus Roesler	Freeman Academy
Hannah Bentz	SF Christian

Tuba

Seth Balzer	Freeman Academy
Ben Nyberg	SF Lincoln
Matthew Schwarz	Brandon Valley

Percussion

Ashton Clapp	SF Christian
Isaac Shelton	SF Lincoln
Gonzalo Quispe-Laura	Huron
Jackson Lapour	SF Lincoln
Joy Trautman	Huron
Aiden Heisinger	O'Gorman

***Denotes 4 year participant**

All-State Personnel — LaCognata Band

Flute

Abby DeKam	Dakota Christian
Kaitlynn Wellmann	RC Stevens
Rachel Bruggeman	SF Lincoln
Moriah Nyberg	SF Lincoln
Sonya Hansum	Dakota Christian

Oboe

Emma Arp	Custer
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Bassoon

Elliott Tomkins	SF Lincoln
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Clarinet

*Calista Thompson	Brandon Valley
Christian Kremer	Mitchell
*Zain Spangler	Irene-Wakonda
Norah DeBoer	SF Lincoln
Sophia Von Wald	Selby Area
Morgan Saylor	SF Washington
Mary Steffen	SF Lincoln
Keira Heider	West Central
Connor Johansen-Sallee	RC Central
Andrew Krum	Spearfish

Bass Clarinet

Makaila Mertes	Harrisburg
Hope Karels	Milbank

Contrabass Clarinet

Ashton Dykstra	SF Lincoln
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Alto Saxophone

Noah Stremmel	Brookings
Emily McCain	Brandon Valley

Baritone Saxophone

Masyn Schutter	Aberdeen Central
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Tenor Saxophone

William Laible	O'Gorman
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Trumpet/Cornet

Claire Eglad	SF Lincoln
Damien Magnuson-Willman	Yankton
Patrick Vogel	SF Christian
Luke Van Peurseem	Vermillion
Ashlee Kaup	Hoven
Bennett VanSurksum	SF Christian

Horn

Kyan Carlson	SF Lincoln
Nicole Rayhons	SF Christian
Carson Gramm	SF Lincoln
Jake Holforty	Huron

Trombone

Ethan Behrend	SF Lincoln
Tiffany Haas	Lennox
Lars Christopher Kocher	Vermillion

Euphonium

Nick Lange	SF Lincoln
Gunner Ristau	Chamberlain

Tuba

*Bailey Wolfgang	SF Lincoln
Eli Barreto	Gregory
Angel Olivo Porcayo	Huron

Percussion

Colby Jones	Brandon Valley
Augustus Sargent	SF Lincoln
Samantha Kross	RC Central
Aidan Roux	SF Lincoln
Samuel Blackett	RC Stevens
Amara Bertelson	RC Central

***Denotes 4 year participant**

It takes a lot of hard work and many hours of practice for a student to reach an All-State level in music. Today, we thank and recognize the work and guidance of the band directors from the following schools who have students in the All-State Bands.

Aberdeen Central
Brandon Valley
Brookings
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Chester Area
Custer
Dakota Christian
Dakota Valley
De Smet
Elk Point-Jefferson
Flandreau
Freeman Academy
Garretson
Gregory
Groton Area
Harrisburg
Hoven
Huron
Irene-Wakonda
Lennox
Leola
Madison

Milbank
Mitchell
Northwestern
O'Gorman
Pierre T.F. Riggs
RC Central
RC Christian
RC Stevens
Selby Area
SF Christian
SF Lincoln
SF Roosevelt
SF Washington
Spearfish
St. Thomas More
Sully Buttes
Tea Area
Tri-Valley
Vermillion
West Central
Yankton

Congratulations!

Recognition of four year participants.

The 2021 All-State Bands have 193 total students representing 43 South Dakota high schools. In this year's bands, there are 11 students who have been accepted into All-State Band for 4 years. They are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Instrument</u>	<u>School</u>
Mariah Koenig	Alto Sax	Chamberlain
Calista Thompson	Clarinet	Brandon Valley
Zain Spangler	Clarinet	Irene-Wakonda
Abby Helgersen	Clarinet	SF Lincoln
Evalyn Mullen	Clarinet	SF Lincoln
Lauren Vander Esch	Clarinet	SF Lincoln
Titus Roesler	Euphonium	Freeman Academy
Sam Pierce	Euphonium	SF Lincoln
Chloe Hass	Horn	Chester Area
Claire Bernard	String Bass	RC Stevens
Bailey Wolfgang	Tuba	SF Lincoln



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Founded in 1905, the South Dakota High School Activities Association is a non-profit organization with **181** member schools. The SDHSAA is headquartered in Pierre.



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Brief History of South Dakota All-State Band

The first South Dakota All-State Band was held in 1951 in Sioux Falls at Washington High School with Frank Simon as the guest conductor. The All-State Band project was organized by the South Dakota Bandmasters Association (SDBA). No judges were used in selecting the members of that first All-State Band. Chair placements for each section of the Band were determined by brief auditions that were held during the first hour of the day. The auditions were listened to by the band directors. Following the auditions the band was seated and the rehearsal began at 9:30 a.m. The same format was used for the All-State Band in 1952.

In 1952 the SDBA decided to hire two judges to audition students across the state. In 1961 the SDBA increased the number of All-State judges to four.

Beginning in 1962 the All-State Band began a new phase in its history when the Band became a joint project of the SDBA and the South Dakota High School Interscholastic Activities Association (SDHSIAA). The two organizations oversaw the All-State Band and both have been involved with the process until 2013. In 1965-66 the SDHSIAA changed its name to the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA). Starting in 1962 the general supervision and control of the All-State Band has been in the hands of the SDHSAA while a major part of the planning and operation of the Band being in the hands of the Bandmasters Association. Starting in 2013 the complete sponsorship of the All-State Band is operated by the SDHSAA.

Prior to 1974 the All-State Band would first meet on Friday morning, sight read the music to be performed, and then begin rehearsals for the Saturday concert. In 1973 a decision was made to give the concert music to the All-State students at the February Music In-Service. Also, a Thursday evening rehearsal was added to the schedule. These changes have allowed the All-State Band to perform some of the most difficult and best music available for bands. Since that time the quality of the South Dakota All-State band has compared with any in the nation.

Today's process for selecting the students consists of students auditioning for the same judges throughout the state within a three week period. Students are asked to prepare a solo, major scales, minor scales, and a chromatic scale. They are also auditioned on sight-reading music which is composed by the judges and the students take a test on music terminology. A composite score is compiled for each student and the students with the lowest scores in each section comprise the All State Band. This audition system has remained largely intact since 1961.

Beginning with the 2006 All-State Concert a major change in the All State Band took place when the traditional one large All-State Band was divided into two smaller, but equally talented bands. The two band format is an attempt to adapt to the band music which is now being composed for smaller symphonic bands.

SOUTH DAKOTA ALL-STATE BANDS OVER THE YEARS

DATE	CITY	CONDUCTOR
1951	Sioux Falls	Frank Simon
1952	Sioux Falls	Frank Simon
1953	Huron	Mark Hindsley
1954	Mitchell	Clarence Sawhill
1955	Aberdeen	Jack Lee
1956	Sioux Falls	Leonard Smith
1957	Deadwood	Ray Dvorak
1958	Huron	Glenn Bainum
1959	Mitchell	Hugh McMillen
1960	Aberdeen	Leonard Smith
1961	Sioux Falls	Dale Harris
1962	Deadwood	Milo Hovey
1963	Huron	W. F. Santelmann
1964	Watertown	Clarence Sawhill
1965	Sioux Falls	Paul Yoder
1966	Pierre	W. F. Santelmann
1967	Huron	Donald McGinnis
1968	Aberdeen	Leonard Smith
1969	Sturgis	Gene A. Braught
1970	Watertown	Miles Johnson
1971	Mitchell	Col. Arnald Gabriel
1972	Rapid City	John Paynter
1973	Sioux Falls	Leonard Smith

SOUTH DAKOTA ALL-STATE BANDS OVER THE YEARS (continued)

DATE	CITY	CONDUCTOR
1974	Aberdeen	Col. Arnald Gabriel
1975	Pierre	W. Francis McBeth
1976	Rapid City	John Paynter
1977	Huron	Maj. A. C. Crowell
1978	Watertown	Miles Johnson
1979	Sturgis	W. Francis McBeth
1980	Mitchell	Frank Bencrisutto
1981	Sioux Falls	Harry Begian
1982	Aberdeen	Col. Arnald Gabriel
1983	Rapid City	Stanley DeRusha
1984	Huron	John Zdechlik
1985	Mitchell	James Jurens
1986	Sioux Falls	James Curnow
1987	Pierre	Larry G. Curtis
1988	Watertown	Kenneth G. Bloomquist
1989	Huron	Miles H. Johnson
1990	Rapid City	John Paynter
1991	Aberdeen	W. Francis McBeth
1992	Mitchell	Weston Noble
1993	Sioux Falls	Dale J. Lonis
1994	Pierre	Mallory B. Thompson
1995	Huron	Timothy Mahr
1996	Watertown	Dr. Robert C. Fleming
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1998	Aberdeen	Robert Sheldon
1999	Mitchell	James Barnes
2000	Sioux Falls	Dr. David Holsinger
2001	Pierre	Robert W. Smith
2002	Huron	Anthony Maiello
2003	Yankton	Dale J. Lonis
2004	Watertown	Douglas Akey
2005	Rapid City	Dr. John R. Locke
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2007	Pierre	(L) Mark Camphouse (C) Jerry Luckhardt
2008	Sioux Falls	(C) Curvin Farnham (L) Anthony Maiello
2009	Rapid City	(L) Marcellus Brown (C) Dr. Peter Boonshaft
2010	Watertown	(C) Dr. Timothy Mahr (L) Dr. Scott A. Jones
2011	Yankton	(L) Richard Saucedo (C) Joe Hermann
2012	Brookings	(C) Dr. Jack Stamp (L) Capt. Brian Walden
2013	Rapid City	(C) Jan Van der Roost (L) Erica Neidlinger
2014	Pierre	(C) Anthony Maiello (L) Dr. Richard Mayne
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2016	Watertown	(C) Dr. John Locke (L) Dr. Linda Moorehouse
2017	Sioux Falls	(C) Dr. Elva Kaye Lance (L) Dr. Myron Welch
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