



2018 Senior Honour Concert Band

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In November, 2018, sixty-six student musicians from twenty-eight schools across the province came together for the 41st Annual Manitoba Senior Honour Band. Under the direction of guest conductor Donald McKinney, the students participated in three days of full band rehearsals. Their hard work and dedication culminated in an emotional, inspiring and expressive concert performance at Jubilee Place on Saturday, November 3, 2018.

Guest conductor Donald McKinney is Director of Bands and Associate Professor at the University of Colorado Boulder. Dr. McKinney has appeared as a guest conductor, clinician and adjudicator throughout much of the United States and Canada. Dr. McKinney's diverse experience allowed him to bring many gifts to the Honour Band experience.

The students had a fantastic experience with Dr. McKinney, delving into a highly professional experience centered on focus, musicianship and emotive playing. The students grew immeasurably through the experience, and the difference in their playing from the first day to the performance experience was remarkable.



The Honour Band program included:

- Courtly Airs and Dances (1995) by Ron Nelson
- Dusk (2004) by Steven Bryant
- Greek Folk Song Suite (2002) by Franco Cesarini
- Children's March (1995) by Grainger, ed. Rogers
- On the Mall (1977) by Edwin Franco Goldman

The Honour Band was joined on this concert by the Brandon University Symphonic Band under the direction of Dr. Wendy McCallum. The Symphonic Band's performance was an inspiring, energetic start to the events of the evening and provided the Honour Band students with a wonderful setting for their portion of the program.

The Brandon University Symphonic Band opened the concert with the following program:

- Toccata Marziale (1924) – by Ralph Vaughn Williams
- Concerto for Euphonium – Mvt. 1 (2017) – by K. Kristofferson, featuring V. Nowostawski, euphonium
- One Life Beautiful (2010) – by Julie Giroux
- Scootin' on Hardrock (1999) – by David Holsinger

Many of this year's sixty-six Honour Band members had been involved in the Manitoba Honour Band program at some level, however 36 students were participating in the Senior band for the first time. Several grade 12 students were recognized for their long-term participation with the Honour Band program, including:

- 6 Honour Bands:** Carlin Trudzik (Tuba, Teulon Collegiate Institute)
Ikjyot Bharaj (Clarinet, Vincent Massey)
- 7 Honour Bands:** Noah Bailis (Trumpet, Vincent Massey)
- 8 Honour Bands:** Connor Augusto (French Horn, Springfield Collegiate (Oakbank))
Matthew Brady (Alto Sax, Fort Richmond)
- 10 Honour Bands:** Lydia Park (Flute, Fort Richmond)

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