

**THE BRASS BAND OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS AND  
DR. SHARON HUFF, MUSIC DIRECTOR, PRESENT**



*The* **JOY** *of Christmas*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024  
7:00 pm**

**Normal West High School  
501 N. Parkside Rd.  
Normal, IL**

# PROGRAM

Fanfare Jubiloso.....	James Curnow
The Joy of Christmas.....	Robert Redhead
Slavonic Dance op. 46 no. 1.....	Dvorak, arr. Geoffrey Brand
Ding Dong Merrily on High.....	arr. Douglas Court
Featuring Sean Breast, euphonium	
The Lord is My Shepherd.....	Howard Goodall
	arr. Tom Fatten
Deck the Hall.....	arr. Barrie Gott
A Fantasy of Joy.....	Fredrick Schjelderup

## *Intermission*

Nowell!.....	arr. Dean Jones
Frosty the Snowman.....	Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins
	arr. Sandy Smith
Featuring Ryne Dresbach, tuba	
Blessings in Christmas.....	arr. Dean Jones
God Rest Ye Merry, Cha Cha Men.....	arr. John Barber
Jingle Bells.....	James Pierpont, arr. Marty Paich
	trans. Michele Kalo
Featuring Kelly Rackauskas, vocals	
The Glory of Christmas.....	arr. William Gordon

## ABOUT OUR SOLOISTS



**Sean Breast** has played Principal Euphonium in the Brass Band of Central Illinois since returning to the Bloomington area in 2023. He earned a Master of Music in Euphonium Performance from Illinois State University in 2019 and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts in Euphonium Performance at James Madison University. While studying at ISU, Sean won the

Band Concerto Competition and was a finalist for the Orchestra Concerto/Aria Competition. Sean is an alumnus of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia music fraternity and belongs to Pi Kappa Lambda, a national music honor society. Currently, he manages the local Sherwin-Williams store and teaches music lessons. Sean resides in Bloomington with his wife Jordyn (BBCL alto horn), their dog, Stout, and their two cats, Churtle and Ember.



**Ryne Dresbach** is active as a tubist, vocalist, and teacher. He currently performs with the Fox Valley Orchestra in Aurora, the IVCC Wind Ensemble, and the Brass Band of Central Illinois, and he previously performed with various ensembles at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and Northern Illinois University. He has also performed with the Illinois Symphony

Orchestra and has been featured as a soloist at TubaChristmas Chicago. Ryne obtained both his Bachelor of Music (2022) and Master of Music (2024) Degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he studied with Scott Tegge and Mark “Mickey” Moore.



**Kelly Rackauskas** holds master’s and bachelor’s degrees in Music Education from Illinois State University. While at ISU, she studied trumpet under Dr. Amy Gilreath and studied conducting under Dr. Stephen Steele, Dr. Daniel A. Belongia, and Dr. Matthew Luttrell. Kelly joined the Heyworth School District in August 2009 and currently directs the 5-12 band program and the

7-12 choir program. Kelly plays Principal Cornet and sings with the Brass Band of Central Illinois, and she also serves on the band’s board of directors. Kelly lives in Normal with her husband, Jarrod, and their three daughters, Ava, Harper, and Elizabeth.

# BRASS BAND OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS

*Dr. Sharon Huff, Music Director*

## **E♭ Cornet**

Brandon Czubachowski

## **B♭ Cornet**

\*Kelly Rackauskas

\*Gabe Myers

Sherman Lewis

David Zehr

Margaret Mills

Lauren Cancio

David Osenga

Tom Fatten

Mark Smith

Laurie Smudzinski

\*Steve Turbett

## **Repiano Cornet**

\*Josh Myers

## **Flugelhorn**

Myles Singleton

## **E♭ Alto Horn**

Michele Carnahan

Kristi Lewis

Jordyn Breast

Barbara Hutchins

Chris Render

\*April Myers

## **Baritone**

Tyler Thomason

\*Bob Stadsholt

Laura Ramseyer

## **Euphonium**

\*Sean Breast

Leanna Horton

Joe Rhykerd

## **Trombone**

Michael Archer

\*Laurel Passantino

Stan Cain

## **Bass Trombone**

\*Jim Wellwood

## **E♭ Tuba**

Robby Pratt

Emily Kinder

Mary Estell

## **B♭ Tuba**

Ryne Dresbach

Travis Atchison

## **Percussion**

\*~Gordon Warren

Genaro Cantu

Mike Shifflet

Nick Sleevar

*\*~Denotes Board Member*

*~ Denotes Band Librarian*

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# ABOUT THE BBCI

The Brass Band of Central Illinois was formed in 2004 to actively promote the cultural awareness and tradition of brass bands. It also provides a musical outlet for brass players who enjoy the unique sound and instrumentation of brass band music.



Based in Bloomington as a non-profit organization, the band is dedicated to providing concerts that are both entertaining and educational. Performing a wide variety of music, the band offers indoor concerts in May and December, as well as outdoor concerts every summer. All of our concerts are free and fully accessible to the public, with no admission fee or ticket required.

Our membership is composed of volunteer musicians from all walks of life including current and retired band directors, employees of State Farm Insurance, an anesthesiologist, a civil engineer, a Dept. of Homeland Security employee, and a former railroad engineer. Many of our members reside in Bloomington/Normal, but others travel from Peoria, LaSalle, El Paso, Urbana, Monticello, Gridley, Morton, and Pontiac in order to rehearse and perform with the band.



Since 2007, Dr. Sharon Huff has been the Music Director and conductor of the band. Dr. Huff is a retired music professor and former public school music teacher who previously taught at Millikin University, Illinois State University, St. Norbert College, and Unit 5 Schools in Normal, IL. Dr. Huff is a native of Bloomington/Normal, and she holds a B.M.E. summa cum laude from ISU and a M.M. and D.M.A. from the University of Illinois.

# THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS

## SING-ALONG LYRICS



### HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the new-born King!  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th’ angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem.”  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the new-born King!”

### ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH



Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o’er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo



### AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger  
No crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus  
Lay down His sweet head  
The stars in the bright sky  
looked down where he lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

### **O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL**



O Come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye,  
O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him,  
Born the King of Angels;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ, the Lord.



### **SILENT NIGHT**

Silent night, Holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright,  
'Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

### **JOY TO THE WORLD!**



Joy to the World! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing.  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.



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