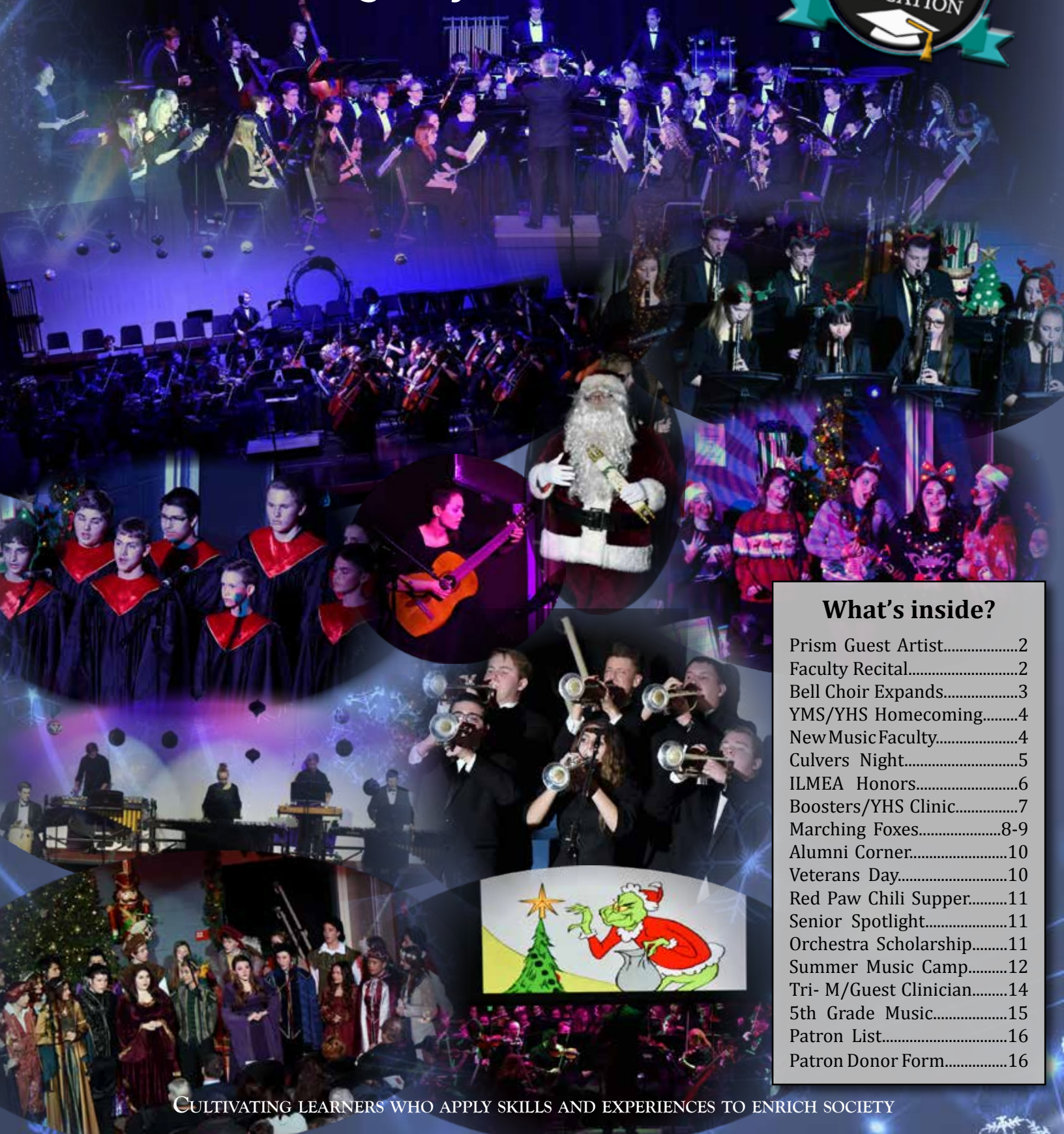


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WINTER 2018-2019



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Prism Guest Artist: Brett Axell

A native of Guyana, South America, **Brett Axell** has always pursued his vocal passion. Singing in many various styles including musical theater, opera, gospel, pop and R&B. Brett Axell is an Appalachian State University Alum as well as Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt Alum. Additionally, a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. Brett Axell uses his voice to better the lives of listeners. "I want my voice to not only stimulate your mind, but move your soul". Follow his sound by visiting www.whoisbrettaxell.com or on Instagram: [whoisbrettaxell](https://www.instagram.com/whoisbrettaxell).



Faculty Recital



Mike McHugh, Ryan Martinez,
Jens Hurty, David Smith

Monday, November 4th was the annual Y115 Music Department Faculty Recital. The recital featured performances by thirteen music faculty members and YHS accompanist, Ms. Ann Mary Wagner. The recital included solos, a string quartet, a trombone quartet, a trombone/euphonium duet, a vocal quartet, and the reveal of The Little Mermaid as this year's High School Musical.



Dan Mueller



Emily Beyer, Nissa Sampson,
Beth Darin, Kim Gyssler



Cassie Gallagher

Bell Choir Offerings Expanding at YHS

When people think of bell choir, they often think of church; however, at Yorkville High School we have the exceptionality to offer bell choir as an extracurricular activity. The Yorkville bell choir was founded in 2011 after the music boosters purchased our first set of bells. Student interest in bell choir has grown over the last several years. We are excited that this year there are enough students involved to run two full bell choirs every Friday afternoon after school. These are groups where each student learns one or two notes of a piece and together the students make a full song. Bell choir has been a staple part of YHS extracurricular offerings for many years. Over the last few years, student interest has continued to grow until we have now reached the point of needing multiple groups. This does pose a challenge as the high school only owns enough bells to rehearse one group at a time. We hope for the future, that YHS will be able to purchase another set of bells for the school or hand chimes, another form of hand bell, so the school can continue to offer this opportunity to more students.



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2018 New Music Faculty



Cassie Gallagher re-joins the Yorkville Middle School music department staff this fall. She conducts the 7th grade bands, 7th grade percussion, Lab band, and assists with the 8th grade bands. Her main instrument is French horn. Mrs. Gallagher holds a Bachelor of Mu-

sic Education degree from Illinois Wesleyan University and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from Aurora University. She previously taught bands at YIS, YMS, and YHS from 2004-2010.

8th Grade Band Performs with the Marching Foxes

On Friday, October 5th the students of the Yorkville Middle School 8th Grade Band were once again invited to perform alongside the Yorkville High School Marching Foxes for the pre-game performance at the varsity football game.

This proud tradition is always one of the favorite days of the school year for students and teachers alike! Students prepared The Star Spangled Banner and Yorkville Loyalty and took the field under the lights to perform in the mass band! The 8th grade students got a glimpse into the life a YHS Marching Band member, from the rehearsal to the pre-game performance. All students were able to cheer on the football team by playing cheer songs in the stands. The night ended with a pizza party! Thank you to the YHS Marching Foxes for being welcoming and friendly! The 8th grade band students will remember this experience for a long time to come! 🎶





Culver's Night Fundraiser

Yorkville Music Boosters hosted their semi-annual Culvers Night on Thursday, November 8th. Besides being a wonderful social gathering, several YHS Student Ensembles performed at the event including the YHS Madrigal Strings, Madrigals, Yorkville Brass, Horn Quartet, and Clarinet Choir. Culvers donated 10% of their sales which consisted of \$307 donation. Congratulations on a fun and successful event!



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Yorkville middle school successfully hosted Junior ILMEA auditions for district IX on Saturday, September 29th. Thank you to all of the parents and students who helped this huge event run smoothly! Shortly after auditions, we received the wonderful news that 12 YMS students were selected to participate in the Junior ILMEA district festival on Saturday, November 10th at Huntley High School in Huntley Illinois.

Congratulations to Jacob Abbott (clarinet), Brooke Johnson (clarinet), Matthew Warren (clarinet), Livia Dudley (bassoon), Kayla Demas (trumpet), Parker Ross (Euphonium), Liam McGovern (tuba), Maxwell Rowe (tuba), Nicholas Berkey (percussion), Jozelle Filippi (percussion), Jilliene Quell (Double Bass), and Vincent Grote (Baritone voice).



YMS All-District Musicians

Eighth grader Jozelle Filippi was also selected to participate in the ILMEA Jr. Jazz festival as a drum set player on Saturday, November 17th at Dundee-Crown High School. Congratulations!

On Saturday morning, November 3rd, thirteen **Yorkville High School** students and their directors traveled to Elgin High School to participate in the district IX music festival. For students, this was the culmination of months of practice and preparation which started when the audition music was released last January. It is a great honor for these students to be selected as there are around 3,000 students who audition for only a few hundred spots in the festival orchestra, band and choir. Auditions were held this year at Addison Trail High School on Tuesday afternoon October 2nd. From those auditions, eleven YHS students were selected to participate in the district honors festival. On the day of the festival, students rehearsed for many hours under the direction of professional and collegiate conductor/educators from around the state. The orchestra was under the direction of Dr. Daniel Sommerville, (Professor of Music, conductor of the Wheaton College Symphony Orchestra), the band was under the direction of Dr. Anthony Marinello, (Director of Bands- Illinois State University), and the choir was under the direction of Dr. Andrew Megill, (Director of Choral Activities - University of Illinois).



Festival Band Members: David Caballero (Tuba), Katie Friel (Clarinet), Caitlin Annunzio (Clarinet), Jason Wilcox (Clarinet), Catie O'Connor (Euphonium),



Festival Choir Members: Austin Zepeda (Tenor II), Scott Carter (Tenor I), Zeke Amposta (Bass I), Layla Bohl (Soprano II)



Festival Orchestra Members: Madi Childs (Clarinet) & Jake Green (Double Bass)

YHS also had two Freshman participate (Lindsey Burke, alto, Carmen Tamayo, soprano) in the fourth annual 9th and 10th grade district choir which also met at Elgin High School on November 3rd. Each high school nominated students who prepared three selections under the direction of Ms. Emily Ellsworth (Artistic director of Anima- Glen Ellyn Children's Choir)



Yorkville Music Boosters looking for help...

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(all meetings 6:00 PM at YHS)

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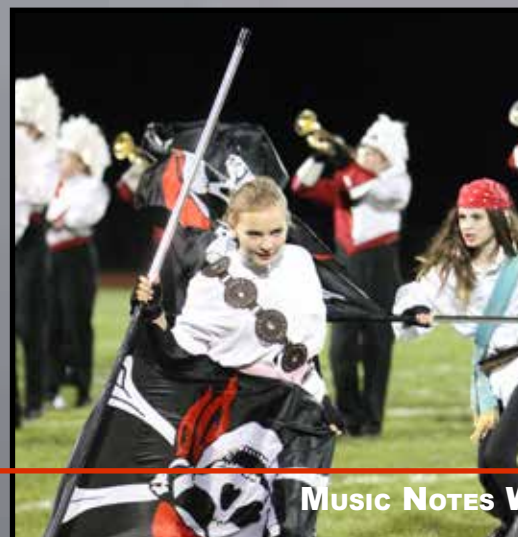
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Dr. Sergey Bogza

Students of the YHS Orchestras spent the morning of October 16th engaged in inspirational rehearsals with Dr. Sergey Bogza conductor of the Millikan-Decatur Symphony Orchestra. The rehearsals focused on musical phrasing, baroque and classical style, and practice habits. Following the rehearsals, Dr. Bogza expressed how impressed he was by the students' excitement to learn and the ensembles' continued success and advancement over the three years he has been working with our school.

2018 MARCHING FOXES



PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

Under the field leadership of drum majors Tess Fogelberg and Tori Cavey, the 2018 Marching Foxes performed Disney's Pirates of the Caribbean. This season's Marching Foxes performed at all home football games and various community performances including the Homecoming parade and pep rally, 11th annual Red Paw Chili Supper, and "Meet the Marching Foxes" assembly at Yorkville Intermediate School as part of fifth grade *Instrument Exploration Week*. In addition to performances throughout our commu-

nity, the Marching Foxes represented Yorkville at the Oswego Marching Panther Review, the NIU Red & Black Festival, the Plainfield South Marching Band Festival and the University of Illinois Marching Illini Festival.

Congratulations to the students on successful season and thank you for all of your hard work. A huge thank you goes out to our incredible parents and Music Boosters for their incredible support and dedication of time, resources, and services.



Paul Myers '08

Paul Myers is a 2008 graduate of Yorkville High School Music where he performed in Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Marching Band on bass clarinet, tenor saxophone, and trombone. Paul was also a Marching Foxes Drum Major and a "Music Student of the Term".

After receiving his bachelor degree and getting K-12 music teaching licensure from North Central College, Paul set off for Japan to work as an English teacher. As a member of the JET (Japanese Exchange & Teaching) Program, he works at a middle school in Kami machi in the Miyagi prefecture. While his primary responsibilities are teaching conversational English to middle school students, Paul has also assists with the school's band program. When he is not helping students prepare for English speaking tests or speech contests, he is often in the music room using his low-level Japanese to assist with or lead rehearsals.



Now in his fourth year in Japan, Paul regularly performs and conducts for his school's performances and festivals. He is one of the conductors for the annual district band festival in which all middle schools in the district form a combined band. He has also begun assisting with a regional marching band festival that includes elementary school, middle school, high school and adult marching bands. On the English side, Paul has created an English club for adults who wish to practice conversation. He also helps organize English events for elementary school students throughout the year. Recently, he has been leading workshops for English teachers about effective ways to team teach in Japan.



YGS Veterans Day Ceremony



On Monday, November 12 the Yorkville Grade School students and staff along with the YHS Symphony Orchestra collaborated to create a very special ceremony to honor our Veterans. Patriotic music filled the air, student artwork decorated the gym and students learned about the history and importance of Veterans Day. 3rd-grade students read a moving poem and the orchestra performed a heartwarming, special piece dedicated to those who serve or have served our country. Following the presentation, students were able to shake hands and high five Veterans as they headed back to class.

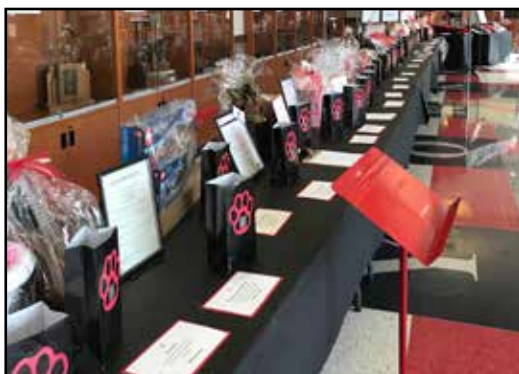


RED PAW CHILI SUPPER

The 11th Annual Red Paw Chili Supper was held on Saturday, October 13, 2018. The Red Paw Chili Supper is a social gathering & fundraiser held by the Yorkville Music Boosters. Families throughout the district provide the wide variety of chilis made available to attendees, while the high school music department provides entertainment culminating in the YHS Marching Foxes Indoor Concert. A great time was had by all and a record amount of money was raised by the fundraiser. A special thank you to our Donors and Raffle Basket Donor Patrons.



This year's crowd favorite chili was our very own music teachers, Mr. Martinez's and Mrs. Vichich's, "Chili Alleluia".



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YHS Senior Spotlight - Cristina Rodriguez

Within the music program at Yorkville High School, there are many opportunities for students to get involved beyond their music class. As a high school senior, I have been a part of a number of musical groups: I have been in a student led flute choir, jazz band, and marching band for four years. I love being a part of smaller groups because we play different genres of music and I get a chance to play different instruments. During my sophomore year, I decided to switch to the tenor saxophone for jazz band. It was tricky at first, but once I got the hang of it, I had a lot of fun. I have also had the chance to learn how to play the piccolo, alto flute, bass flute, and piano throughout high school.

I was able to learn piano through the basic piano class that is offered. I loved the class and Mr Hurty was very helpful. We learned chords and we played pop songs every Friday; it was fun! In my senior year, I am in four chamber groups, jazz band, wind ensemble, I participated in full orchestra, and I hope to be a part of pit orchestra for the musical again. Being this involved is great! I am always very busy, but I never run out of music to play! I have made many great friendships and I have learned a lot-- both about music and about life..



Cristina Rodriguez is an active Senior in our Yorkville High School Music Program who takes full advantage of the many offerings that are offered. Cristina hopes to major in music education in college.



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The Fox Valley Youth Orchestra under the direction of conductor Andrea Lafranzo awarded six full scholarships to Yorkville High School Orchestra Students. Mrs. Lafranzo was impressed by our students upon her visit to work with our students this past spring. Scholarship recipients include senior violinists

Mirage Aguilar and Savannah Johnson. Junior violinists Emma Lacey and Alexandria Meyers. Sophomore violinist Mariah Trenado, and freshman bassist Ava Fitchel.

For more information on the Fox Valley Youth Orchestra please visit their website at fvy-outhorchestra.org.

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

We had another successful summer of running our two-week elementary and middle school band camps in July and August. These two weeks of camp were a great jumpstart to this school year's curriculum and another wonderful way to socialize with other like-minded musicians from around the district.



We hope you will be able to join us in celebrating the talents of Yorkville fine arts students at the sixth annual Fine Arts Festival open house on Saturday, March 9th from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm at Yorkville Middle School, 920 Prairie Crossing Drive, Yorkville, IL 60560.

This event showcases the talents and efforts of Yorkville CUSD #115 music and art students. Various musical performances will take place throughout the day along with numerous art displays being showcased throughout the school. In addition, interactive art stations will be set up for hands-on participation.

Additional parking for the event is available at Yorkville Intermediate School and Circle Center Grade School, with a shuttle bus running every 15 minutes. Music booster patrons receive one VIP parking pass to the event; for more information about becoming a music booster patron, please visit yorkvillemusic.org.



Conductor/Composer, **Jim Hile** worked with Yorkville High School Bands on Friday, September 28th. Dr. Hile is currently the Director of Bands at Elmhurst College. Prior to his appointment at Elmhurst College, Hile served as assistant director of bands at Eastern Illinois University after teaching at Highland Park High School. He has also served as director of bands at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and began his collegiate teaching career as the assistant director of bands at the University of Illinois.



His bands have performed in Mexico, China, Japan, Italy, Slovenia, Austria and the Czech Republic. We feel very fortunate to add him to a long list of guest conductors who have worked with Yorkville students.



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On September 19th, the Yorkville High School Music Department Inducted 46 new members into the Tri-M Music Honors Society. Tri-M boasts a membership of 98 students. The Keynote Speaker for the event was Mr. Randal Swiggum. Mr. Swiggum is the artistic director and conductor of the Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra. A passionate advocate for a richer learning experience in choir, band, and orchestra, Swiggum has served as Chair of the Wisconsin CMP (Comprehensive Musicianship through Performance) Project, now in its 38th year. A frequent presenter at MENC, ASTA, and ACDA conferences, he has presented at conferences across the country. In addition, he has conducted successful performance tours to Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Canada, Scotland, and throughout the U.S. Mr. Swiggum holds degrees in music education, orchestral conducting, and is currently a Ph.D. candidate in musicology at the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Swiggum's Keynote Address was on "The Gift of Music: providing a way of seeing, agreeing, and being!"



*Mr. Randy Swiggum,
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Mr. Swiggum and the Tri-M Board



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