



The University of Kansas

Wind Orchestra

Matt Smith, conductor

Nicole Piunno, composer-in-residence

Jesse Deese, guest conductor

Grace Baugher Dunlap, guest conductor

October 29, 2026, 7:30 PM

Lied Center of Kansas

Program

Flying Jewels (2021)

James David (b. 1978)

Jesse Deese, guest conductor

Autumn Walk (1958)

Julian Work (1910-1995)

Old American Popular Songs (2026)

James Barnes (b. 1949)

The Arkansas Traveler

Kathleen Mavourneen

Comin' 'Round the Mountain

world premiere

Grace Baugher Dunlap, guest conductor

Intermission

Sunflower Studies (2023)

Nicole Piunno (b. 1985)

Waiting for the Brightness of Tomorrow

No Blue Without Yellow

Interlude

Seeking the Golden Light

Broken Colours



Program Notes



Wind Symphony

FLUTE

Johnny Hsu *Kaohsiung, Taiwan*
Gan Lei *Beijing, China*
Cameron Lynn *Overland Park, KS*
Grace Erwin *Overland Park, KS*
Melany Abarca *Vásquez, Costa Rica*

OBOE

Dylan Reed *Shawnee, KS*
Sarah Gray, English horn *Eudora, KS*

BASSOON

Mario Puentes *Selmer, TN*
Henry Wheat *Overland Park, KS*

CLARINET

Hali Alex *Tallahassee, FL*
Aaron Yu *Medford, OR*
Luke Rogers *Lawrence, KS*
Kate Crisler, E-flat *Wichita, KS*
Sydney Watson, contra *Olathe, KS*
Addison Bond *Spring Hill, KS*
Cecilia Eversole *Monument, CO*
Alex Al-Murrani, bass *Topeka, KS*
Sydney Myers *McPherson, KS*

SAXOPHONE

JJ Jamison *Rolla, MO*
Sofia Mora-Rodriguez *San José, Costa Rica*
Kathryn Yingling *Saint Joseph, MO*
Kelvin Rivera Linares *Guayanilla, PR*

TRUMPET

Keith Popiel *Lawrence, KS*
Roy Rivera *Kansas City, KS*
Peijin Ren *Beijing, China*
Cole Bichelmeyer *Lenexa, KS*
Christian Adams *Shawnee, KS*
Owen Wallander *Overland Park, KS*

HORN

Casey Chlapek *Liberty, MO*
Brooklynne McGonagle *Melbourne, FL*
Eli Johnson *Lenexa, KS*
Audrey Groth *Gurnee, IL*
Zach Nicholas *Leawood, KS*

TROMBONE

Brent Mead *Olathe, KS*
Maddie Lauffer *Olathe, KS*
Alejandro Fonseca *Quito, Ecuador*
Asher Trimble, bass *Shawnee, KS*

EUPHONIUM

Cole Cavanah *Kettering, OH*
Jack Stutler *Lawrence, KS*

TUBA

Jillian Arnold *Liberty, MO*
Adrian Gutierrez Jr. *Miami, FL*
Zane Lauer *Shawnee, KS*

PERCUSSION

Simone Ross *Tulsa, OK*
Ryne Poindexter *Overland Park, KS*
Wilson Geiler *Omaha, NE*
Collin Garcia *Junction City, KS*
Ben Willems *Lawrence, KS*
Audrey Schoenig *Olathe, KS*
Logan Smith *Olathe, KS*

STRING BASS

Noah Tucker *Lenexa, KS*

PIANO

Jair Zacarias *Lima, Peru*

HARP

Tori Freund *Olathe, KS*

Upcoming KU Band Events

Percussion Academy/World Percussion

November 8, 2026
Murphy Hall

Wind Orchestra

with Crossroads Wind Symphony
November 17, 2026, 7:30 PM

Wind Symphony and University Band

November 19, 2026, 7:30 PM

Chamber Lab Winds

November 22, 2026, 7:30 PM
Swarthout Recital Hall

KU Wind, Brass, and Percussion Faculty

Daniel Velasco, flute

Margaret Marco, oboe

Midori Samson, bassoon

Stephanie Zelnick, clarinet

Geoffrey Landman, saxophone

Steve Leisring, trumpet

Aaron Romm, trumpet

Kelly Misko, horn

Michael Davidson, trombone

David Earll, tuba and euphonium

Garrett Arney, percussion

Dylan Bassett, percussion

Erin Wood, harp