

The St. Cloud Municipal Band Presents

Colors!



Monday, May 8th, 2023 • 7:00 pm

Paramount Center for the Arts
Downtown St. Cloud



ANDREW NELSON

Andrew Eric Nelson is director of bands and music department chairperson at Milaca High School. He is a 1988 graduate of Litchfield High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society and the 1987 MMEA All-State Band. He was a high school recipient of the John Philip Sousa Award, as well as the National School Choral Award and the United States Marines Semper Fidelis Bandman award. Mr. Nelson received his Bachelor of Science Degree Summa Cum Laude from St. Cloud State University in 1993, and His Masters Degree in Education from St. Mary's University in 2004. Active in the Music-Education field, he is a member of the Minnesota Chapter of Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity, and a past president of the Central Minnesota Band Directors Association. In 2007 Mr. Nelson was awarded Milaca "Community Member of the Year", and in 2014 he was a Semi-Finalist for the Education Minnesota Teacher of the Year. In 2019 Mr. Nelson was awarded the Minnesota VFW SMART/MAHER National Citizenship Education Teacher Award of the year for his work with the Milaca Public Schools Veterans Day Concert. In 2022 Mr. Nelson was selected as the Minnesota representative in School Band and Orchestra Magazine's "Directors who Make a Difference." Mr. Nelson has twice conducted bands at the MMEA Midwinter Clinic (Red Wing 2002, Milaca 2006) and in 1998 his Marching Band at Blaine High School performed a halftime show for the Minnesota Vikings. In 2021 Mr. Nelson assumed the conductor duties of the St. Cloud Municipal Band. In addition to his instructional duties at Milaca High School, Mr. Nelson serves as an active adjudicator with the Minnesota State High School League and the Tri-State Band Judging Association.

Mr. Nelson lives in Foreston, Minnesota with his wife Christine and daughters Natalie and Nicole.



LOWELL LARSON

Lowell Larson received a Bachelor of Science degree in music education from Bemidji State University in 1979. He taught instrumental music grades 5-12 in Royalton, MN for 7 years. He then moved to Annandale Public Schools in 1986 to teach classroom music, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade middle school bands, jazz band, and marching band at both the middle and high school levels. While at Annandale, he received his master's degree in music education from St. Cloud State University in 1989. He retired in 2013 after 27 years of teaching at Annandale.

Lowell's role in the St. Cloud Municipal Band has varied from playing euphonium and trombone, co-directing for 10 years, and serving as associate conductor since the fall of 2009. He had the privilege of conducting the band on its 2014 tour of Germany, Austria, and Italy.

He resides in St. Cloud, MN with his wife, and has three adult children with ten grandchildren.


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Andrew Nelson • Lowell Larson

- Firework!**.....Jan Van der Roost
- Deep Purple**..... Peter De Rose
- Handel in the Strand**.....Percy Grainger
- Pavane, Op. 50**..... Gabriel Fauré
- The Black Horse Troop**..... John Philip Sousa
- What's Up at the Symphony?**..... arr. Jerry Brubaker
- St. Louis Blues**W.C. Handy
- Variations on a Korean Folk Song**..... John Barnes Chance
- The Red Covered Bridge**..... Robert Sheldon
- Sunburst**.....Eric Osterling
- Blue Danube Waltz**..... Johann Strauss
- Choose Joy**.....Randall D. Standridge



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