

Palmetto Concert Band Presents

1776 ♦♦

*An American
Retrospective*

May 24th 4:00 p.m.

Koger Center for the Arts

The National Anthem
Smith

The Washington Post March
Sousa

Chester
Schuman

Hymn to the Fallen
Williams/Arr. Lavender

Concord
Grundman

Amazing Grace
Trad./Arr. Himes

Fantasy on Yankee Doodle
Trad./Arr. Williams

Memorial Day
Locklair/Arr. Martin

Six Service Songs
Goodwin

America the Beautiful
Ward/Arr. Dragon

The Stars and Stripes Forever
Sousa



About the Band...

The Palmetto Concert Band was founded in 1999 by James K. Copenhaver and William J. Moody. The ensemble is comprised of professional and semi-professional musicians from throughout South Carolina as well as North Carolina and Georgia. A large majority of the ensemble's members are alumni of the University of South Carolina School of Music, and more than half of its members are public school band directors. The experienced performers, who receive no compensation for participating, choose to play with the ensemble because of their passion for making music and performing outstanding repertoire composed or transcribed for wind band.

The Palmetto Concert Band performs annually for the University of South Carolina Band Clinic in February, at its Memorial Day Concert honoring members and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, and on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

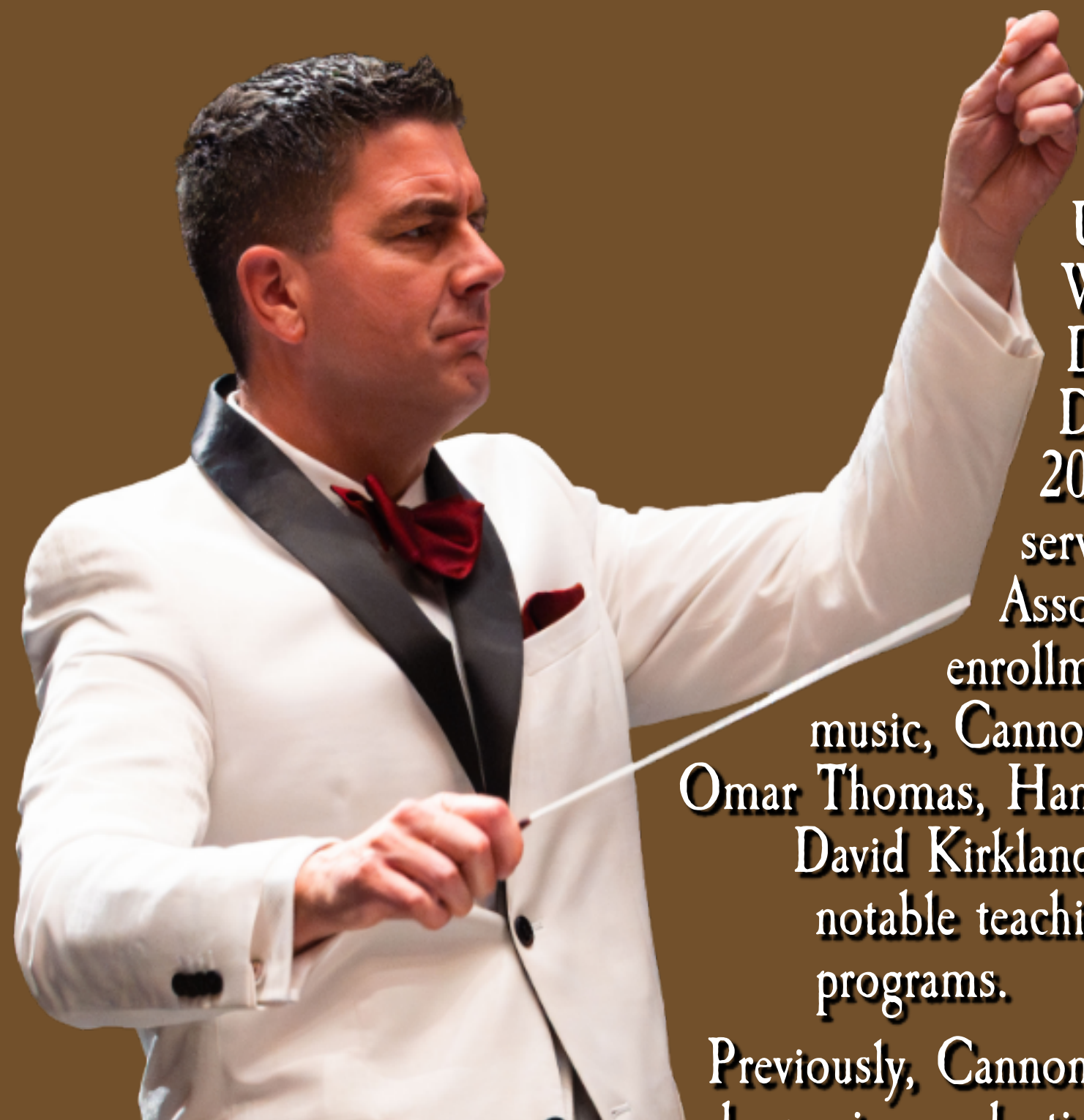
In addition to performing a season of free concerts in the Columbia area, the ensemble has also been featured on the international stage. Based upon a recording of its premier performance at the Koger Center for the Arts in February 1999, the ensemble was invited to perform the finale concert at the 1999 Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, Illinois. The Palmetto Concert Band is proud to have been given this honor two additional times with performances at the Midwest Clinic in December 2008 and December 2016.

Other featured performances include the South Carolina Music Educators Convention in Charleston, SC in February 2005 and Columbia, SC in February 2017, and the North Carolina Music Educators Convention in Winston-Salem, NC in November 2011. In March 2010, the ensemble performed at the American Bandmasters Association's 76th Annual Convention and gave the finale concert at the 2016 National Band Association Convention, both in Charleston, SC.



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Cormac Cannon

Music Director and Conductor

Dr. Cormac Cannon is the 3rd Music Director and Conductor in the history of the Palmetto Concert Band. He is also Director of Bands and Associate Professor of Music at the University of South Carolina, where he conducts the USC Wind Ensemble, guides the graduate wind conducting program, and oversees all aspects of the band program. During his time at USC, ensembles under his direction have given feature performances at the College Band Directors National Association National Conference (2023), the CBDNA Southern Division Conference (2018, 2022), and the South Carolina Music Educators Association Annual Conference (2018, 2024). Cannon currently serves on the Board of Directors of CBDNA. His appointment as Director of Bands follows four years as Associate Director of Bands and Director of Athletic Bands, during which time the Carolina Band enjoyed record enrollment and was a featured performer at the CBDNA National Conference. As a passionate proponent of new music, Cannon has commissioned and premiered works by composers including Joel Puckett, Frank Ticheli, Ricardo Lorenz, Omar Thomas, Han Lash, Jennifer Jolley, James Stephenson, James M. David, Timothy Mahr, Dan Welcher, John Fitz Rogers, and David Kirkland Garner, among others. Cormac's students in the wind conducting program at USC have gone on to secure notable teaching positions at colleges and universities as well as continued study in some of the nation's top conducting programs.

Previously, Cannon served for six years on the music faculty at Michigan State University. He earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in conducting at the University of Texas at Austin in 2009. He received the Master of Music degree in wind conducting from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, and the Bachelor of Music degree in percussion performance and music education from the University of Iowa. From 2001-2005 Cannon served as director of bands at Williamsburg High School in Williamsburg, Iowa, and from 2006-2007 was music director and conductor of the Cincinnati Youth Wind Ensemble.

Cannon has a diverse background as a conductor, composer, arranger, lecturer, and author. He has been a featured presenter at numerous state and national music conferences, including the Midwest Clinic. Dr. Cannon is co-author of *The Complete Marching Band Resource Manual*, published by University of Pennsylvania Press. He is featured in *Composers on Composing for Band Volume IV* and has contributed to the *Teaching Music Through Performance in Band* series, both published by GIA Music.

Cormac resides in Lexington, SC with his wife Laura, a pharmacist, and their three sons, Colton, Bailey, and Greyson.

The Palmetto Concert Band

Flute

Lisa Catalanotto
 Esther Clonts
 Amy Craighead
 Robyn Doherty
 Jessica Drew
 Barbara Rearden

Attorney
Flute Teacher
Instructional Writer
Accountant
Wedding Coordinator
Ret. School Psychologist

Oboe

Emma Cox
 Wyatt Savage

Student
USC Student

Bassoon

Matthew Page
 E. Katherine Vaz

Band Director
Band Director

Clarinet

Bill Arledge
 Matt Carl
 Melanie Ingram
 Dawn Keller
 Jenny McKeown
 Maria Manaeva
 David O'Shields
 Amanda Pike
 Emily Prado

Pharmacist
Band Director
Band Director
Graduate Coordinator
Nurse Practitioner
Student
Retired Band Dir.
Grad. Program Coord.
ABC Institute

Bass Clarinet

Brandon Armstrong
 Ben Hipp

Band Director
Business Owner

Alto Saxophone

Hunter Reese
 Leah Turner
 Keith Williams

Band Director
Retired Band Director
Retired Band Director

Jennifer Jablonski
 Dillon Smith

Music Assistant Dean
Band Director

Baritone Sax

Connor Shadday

Band Director

Trumpet

Nick Annan
 Alex Clark
 Thomas Cotter
 Craig Davis
 Thomas Finigan
 Kevin Hebert
 Brian Lamkin
 Joseph Miller
 Ben Pouncey
 Larry Taylor

CPA
Band Director
Band Director
Band Director
Band Director
Band Director
State Inspector General
Band Director
Band Director
Music Educator

Tuba

Roger Keane
 Zade Nahhas
 Payne Seal
 Roger Simpson

Elem. Music Teacher
282D Army Band
IT Professional
SCDEd Associate

French Horn

Melissa Comley
 Bailey Corp
 Alexandra Fife
 Vince Miles
 Judah Rendelman
 Kathryn Williams

Admin. Coordinator

Arts Administrator
Optician/Gen. Manager
Choir Director
Band Director

Trombone

Rochelle Doty
 Cameron Duncan
 Ryan Tinker
 Brian Wargel

Nurse
Band Director
Information Technology
Band Director

Euphonium

Kolman McMurphy
 Scott Parker
 Maddie Smith

Band Director
Realtor
USC Student

Percussion

Chris Amick
 Monica Boothe
 Michael Calamas
 Jason Frith
 Jaye Ingram
 Alex Mowery
 Noah O'Cain
 Julia Ross

Band Director
Teacher
Publisher
Teacher
Audio Engineer
Actuary
Science Teacher
Freelance Musician

Harp

Xueying Piao

Freelance Musician

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John Stafford Smith

John Phillip Sousa

William Schuman

John Williams
/Arr. Lavender

Clare Grundman

Traditional
/Arr. Himes

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/Arr. Williams

Dan Locklair
/Arr. Martin

Gordon "Dick" Goodwin

Samuel A. Ward
/Arr. Dragon

John Phillip Sousa

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The members of the Palmetto Concert Band are grateful for the opportunity to perform for you. Thank you for your attendance at today's concert!

Upcoming Concerts...

Please make plans to join us again on November 22nd, 2026; February 13th, 2027; and May 30th, 2027 at the Koger Center for the Arts!
Our concerts are free and open to the public.

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