

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2010

11:00 - 11:45 am	Honor Band dress rehearsal - Chester Fritz Auditorium
11:45 - 12:00 pm	Honor Band picture (wear concert dress) - Chester Fritz Auditorium
12:00 - 12:15 pm	Honor Choir picture (wear concert dress) - Chester Fritz Auditorium
12:15 - 1:00 pm	Honor Choir dress rehearsal - Chester Fritz Auditorium
1:00 - 1:15 pm	Honor Orchestra picture (wear concert dress) - Chester Fritz Auditorium
1:15 - 2:00 pm	Honor Orchestra dress rehearsal - Chester Fritz Auditorium
2:30 – 4:30 pm	CONCERT - Chester Fritz Auditorium

About the Conductors

Joshua Bronfman Joshua Bronfman is the Director of Choral Activities at the University of North Dakota where he directs the UND Concert Choir and Varsity Bards, and teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in choral conducting and choral literature. He is also the Artistic Director of the Grand Forks Master Chorale, an auditioned chamber ensemble.

In 2005 Joshua was selected as a Conducting Fellow for the Eric Ericson Masterclass in the Netherlands, where he directed the Netherlands Chamber Choir and Netherlands Radio Choir. He is an active clinician in the region, directing honor choir festivals at the middle, high school and collegiate levels. His published articles and presentations on choral music and choral music education have reached state, regional, and national audiences.

Joshua is currently completing his Ph.D. in Choral Music Education and Choral Conducting at Florida State University. Joshua received his Master's degree from Oregon State University, and his Bachelor's degree from Florida State University. Prior to pursuing his graduate degrees, Joshua was a music specialist in Oregon where he taught at the elementary and middle levels. He currently lives in Grand Forks with his wife Niki, daughters Lucia and Leah, and his dog Wyatt.

Dr. Alejandro Drago holds a Violin Performance and Pedagogy degree from the Moscow State Conservatory "Tchaikovsky", Russia (combined BM - MFA), as well as degrees in Violin Performance (MM) and Orchestral Conducting and Pedagogy (DMA) from the University of Southern Mississippi, and is the recipient of international awards in Argentina, Italy and Yugoslavia. His string expertise has allowed him to work regularly with a number of youth and professional ensembles, including Guayaquil Symphony Orchestra in Ecuador and the MERCOSUR Youth Symphony Orchestra. He has been a guest conductor with the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra, Tandil Chamber Orchestra, the Chamber Orchestra of the Argentine Library of Congress and the MERCOSUR Academic Camerata. After serving as Chief Conductor of the Southern Mississippi Chamber Orchestra and Assistant Conductor of the Southern Mississippi Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Drago is presently the Director of Orchestra and String Studies at the University of North Dakota and serves as Music Director and Conductor of the Greater Grand Forks Youth Symphony.

Dr. James Popejoy is Director of Bands and Associate Professor of Music at the University of North Dakota, where he conducts the Wind Ensemble and University Band. In addition, he instructs courses in graduate and undergraduate conducting, as well as a rotation of classes including instrumental literature, rehearsal techniques, and jazz pedagogy. Under his direction, the UND Wind Ensemble has been selected to present performances at the 2001, 2005 & 2008 North Dakota Music Educators Association Conferences, and the 2006 College Band Directors National Association North Central Division Conference. He holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Central Missouri State University; the Master of Arts degree in Conducting from the University of Iowa; and earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Conducting with a minor in Jazz Studies from the University of North Texas. Dr. Popejoy served as Director of Bands and Percussion Studies at McLennan Community College in Texas for five years; was a public school music educator in Missouri for nine years; and has founded and conducted numerous adult and student community ensembles. He has been selected for numerous awards and honors, most recently the 2003 "Outstanding Faculty Award" from the UND chapter of Gamma Sigma Alpha; the 2005 "Distinguished Alumnus Award" from the CMSU Department of Music; and as the 2006 North Dakota Music Educators Association "Educator of the Year."