

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY ALL-STAR BAND

Nicole Piuino, featured composer



January 10, 2026

7:00 PM

Cartwright Auditorium

2026 Kent State University All-Star Band
Nicole Piunno, Guest Composer

Program to be selected from the following:

Blue All-Star Band
Benjamin Lorenzo, Conductor

Albanian Dance (2005)	Shelley Hanson
Everglow (2023)	Katahj Copley
Rippling Watercolors (2015)	Brian Balmages
Shifting Shadows (2016)	Nicole Piunno
Solace Dance (2016)	Nicole Piunno

Gold All-Star Band
Darin Olson, Conductor

A Little Tango Music (2007)	Adam Gorb
Radiant Glory (2025)	Nicole Piunno
Rocketship! (2017)	Kevin Day
Safely Rest (2020)	Nicole Piunno
Symphony No. 4 (2006)	Andrew Boysen Jr.

1910 All-Star Band
Sarah Labovitz, Conductor

Blue Radiance (2022)	Nicole Piunno
Children's Folk Song Suite (2007)	Kevin Walczyk
Courtly Airs and Dances (1994)	Ron Nelson
Prestissimo (1931)	Karl King
Sunward (2024)	Nicole Piunno

2026 KENT STATE UNIVERSITY ALL-STAR BAND CONCERT PROGRAM

BLUE ALL-STAR BAND

Flute

Josephine Bayer
Cindy Gao
Hayden Higgins
Anna Kirsch
Emma Lyons
Miley Kirkpatrick
Natalya Romero
Mira Salvatore
Asher Smith
Ema Stidham

Oboe

Maria Bartley
Haidi Kurtz

Bassoon

Graham Slater
Emily Svatek

Clarinet

Lorelei Bayer
London Chapman
Amelia Cumpston
Annabel Epperson
Elizabeth Fogle
Alyce Forson
Amelia Gorfi
Sara Himmelright
Adam Kurtz
Gabriella Newingham
Chloe Raab
Addison Yates

Bass Clarinet

Charlee DeVan
Maddelyn Humphrey
Natalia Wagner

Alto Saxophone

Noah Adkins
John Adamsky
Logan Blackburn

Bella Chandran
Aubrey Deanda
Jaionna Harris
Kayla Janes-Schweyer
Trenton Janesh
Justin McDaniel
David Matava
Muriel Sabourin
Kelson Shafer
Anastasia Sheppard
Gretchen Smith
Andrew Urban

Tenor Saxophone

Matthew Kramer
Eddie Perzynski
Nicholas Silbaugh
Lillian Stafford
Jacob Vassel

Horn

Petra Bechtel
Grace Gilger
Carter Leslie
Chris Morcos
Milo Quintin
Holly Reynolds
Justin Tracy

Trumpet

Patrick Deanda
Chase Deitrick
Micah Gessel
Kyle Gerding
Ava Groubert
Matthew Kalail
Dash Knoyer
Brendan Meighan
Liz Neal
Maddie Newyear
Reece Kieffer
Grace Steffen
William Stray

TJ Sumter
Abbie Waters

Trombone

Ryan Benn
Skyy Brown
Steam Breads
Eli Case
Carmen Huston
Darin Lantz
Joseph Mann
Cadance McCune
Chris Miller
Patrick Newyear

Euphonium

Chad Holcomb
Caden Leffler
Andrew Rosenblum
Cheyenne Smith-Malone
Vivian Weitz

Tuba

Alex Anderson
Madison Estep
Jack Foster
Andrew Langenek
Jacob Stewart

Percussion

Karlee Holcknecht
Karissa Hoovler
Blake Karas
Samantha Kaulig
Reagan Lealand
Joy Mohr
Lucas Rager
Luca Schonhut
Marz White

GOLD ALL-STAR BAND

Flute

Adalyn Meier
Bailey Nixon
Lilliana Bittinger
Kayleigh Fetherolf
Madison Nutter
Olivia Peters
Rylee Randall
Julia Scarniech
Felicia Fellenstein
Michaela Yaratch
Daisy Zinz

Oboe

Jonah Gano
Rebecca Nichols
Ariel Wandra

Bassoon

Maddy Willard

Clarinet

Clem Black
Pierce Boone
EllaGrace Foy
Adelynn Lane
Audrey Maliner
Rachel Hoovler
Sadie Miller
Samantha Noga
Anijah Ruple
Miah Tomaino

Bass Clarinet

Eliza Goosby
Fayth Green
Marissa Tschappat

Alto Saxophone

Corbin Bucher

Owen Clyburn
Tristan Coles
Spencer Fisher
Blake Hochendoner
Kaitlyn Ritter
Jonathan Schnurr
Myah Stone
Carlo Virola
Lea Wise

Tenor Saxophone

Crystal Boyer
Preston Cooper
Tegan Murphy
Marceline Ordenez
Jason Rice

Horn

Angela Christensen
Andrew (Drew) Erdmann
Mason Gano
Quinn Warren
Tanna Wilson

Trumpet

Jaylen Barbe
Matthew Berichon
Bikalpa Bhujel
Kayla Dunham-Roberts
Ivan Gradisar
Abigail Hochendoner
Ryan Kapolka
Jacob Kosik
Logan Leatherman
Brooklyn Martinez
Jason Moock
Sanura Oliver
Saniah Pittman
Peyton Robinett
Daken Zaluski

Emslie Zlatovich

Trombone

Iram Andrade
Aaron Evans
Troy Fry
Gavin Griffith
Tanzer Gross
Luke Kalberer
Lila Lundquest
Evan Murray
Emma Neuhauser
Chase Tomalka

Euphonium

Riley Bontempt
Jack Gut
Casey Lester
Leland Starcher
Blake Wilhelm

Tuba

Nathan Cameron
Kraven Fausnaugh
Liam Harte
Sean Newcomer
Elizabeth Smith

Percussion

Broc Badger
Ethan Beam
Hannah Hartigan
Maddie Hoover
Sean Howe
Jayah Martinez
Trevor Menth
John Mueller
Seth Martin

1910 ALL-STAR BAND

Flute

Abigail Alberta
Kaitlyn Biller
Mackenzie Crawford
Audrey Garner
Katarina Harrison
Cody Holloway
Carissa Napier
Debra Primm
Delria Tomkins
Andrew Yost

Oboe

Oliver Bellone
Honor Brown
Emily Maretka

Bassoon

Mariam Al-Abid

Clarinet

Barry Cheng
Bethany Collins
Hayden Irwin
Finn Kraynack
Drennyn Mooty
Cailin Randolph
Riley Harney
Nicole Smith
Peyton Studans
Eva VonBergen

Bass Clarinet

Izabella Bolen
Trevor Crutchley
Calvin Schmolt
Ryan Strebler

Alto Saxophone

Gabe Acosta
Danyale Allen
Grace Cardenas
Korbin Cooper
Dylan Evans
Leiah Henderson
Anthony Liebig

Brenton Lockwood
Mike Mateer
Cole Naugle
Nora Olexa
Holly Smith
Leyla Young
Kaden Zetzer

Tenor Saxophone

Hannah Cumberlidge
Max Lesisz
Nathan Morris
Gabby Pluto
Anthony Sovich

Horn

Connor Dattilio
Landon Fornshell
Caden Meyers
Damien Richards
Emma Weahry

Trumpet

Charles Bessey
Jaxon Dickey
Aiden Hefner
Brody Haines
Jake Jordan
Colton Lieb
Caroline Marrone
Jayden Meier
Henry Niswander
Brennan Schade
Keira Snider
Joshua Steele
Bridget Smith
Jamie Tresp
Chloe Watkinson
Shannon Wilkins

Trombone

Liz Ayers
Aaron Evans
Devin Li
Kendall McCorvey
Emily Parsons

Nathan Ricker
Marshae Ruiz
Ava Thomas

Euphonium

Vivian Cathan
Preston Lawton
Emily Riedel
Aubree Varga
Shawn West

Tuba

DD Crytzer
Elisha Davidson
Tevin Cullison
William Oberlander
Addyson Stock
Artemis Well

Percussion

Isaac Antos
CJ Bivins
Cole Hammer
Maggie Allenbaugh
Michael McCulloch
Steven Sayre
Sam Wasserbauer
Oaken Warden

SCHOOLS AND DIRECTORS REPRESENTED

Barberton High School — Celeste Wagner
Beaver Local High School — Matt Newman
Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School — Steven Cocchiola
Buckeye Trail High School — Doug Hanna
Canton-McKinley High School — Zachary Taylor
Canton South High School — Matthew Stemple
Cardinal Mooney High School — Stephanie N. Chizmar
Champion High School — Derrick Kittle
Chippewa Jr/Sr. High School — Nick Hann
Clearview High School — Jenn Smercina
Columbiana High School — Charles Miller
Columbus Academy — Jessica Sneeringer
Copley High School — Michael Foster
Crestline High School — Brian Griffin
Crestwood High School — Angela Adkins
Cuyahoga Falls High School — Dustin Harris
East Community Learning Center — Stephen Fassnacht
Edgewood High School — Connie Sommers
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Ellet High School — Adam C. Grom
Field High School — Eric Carr
Green High School — Amy Rach
Highland High School — Amy Arnett-Tomasek
Howland High School — Greg Rezabek
Hudson High School — John Rodesh
Huron High School — Jordan Stutzman
Independence High School — Michael Greene
Indian Valley High School — Dan Lenzer
Jackson-Milton High School — Nick Penfound
James A. Garfield High School — Theo Cebulla
Kirtland High School — Scott Sell
Lakeview High School (PA) — Doug May
Lakewood High School — Clinton Steinbrunner
London High School — Ryan Freeman
Maple Heights High School — Nicholas Harper
Maplewood High School — Angeline Laney
Midview High School — Colleen Crayton
Mogadore High School — Noah Whetstone
Mount Gilead High School — Ross Runyan
Nardon High School — Eric Vasquez
Northwest High School — Steve Imler
Norwayne Local Schools — Bradley Krak

Oak Harbor High School — Travis Magoto / Madison Zets
Otsego High School — Rebecca Shwartzkopf
Paint Valley High School — William Balusik
Perkins High School — Christopher Zanella
Riverview High School (PA) — Joe Perrino
Southeast High School — Melanie Jackson
Springfield Junior/Senior High School — Ashley Fraley
St. Edward High School — John Scheetz
St. Vincent – St. Mary High School — Brian Campbell
Streetsboro High School — Stephanie Bonitz
Tallmadge High School — Joe Kuhlman
The Linsly School (WV) — Cody Morgan
Theodore Roosevelt High School — John Roebke
United Local Schools — Nome Baker
Wadsworth High School — Dana Hire
Walsh Jesuit High School — Nicholas Ratay
Waynedale High School — Dennis Giotta
Wellington Village Exempted Schools — Devlin Pope
Woodridge High School — Kyle Krstolic

We would like to extend an extra special thanks to the many band directors that graciously allowed us the opportunity to work with their students.

Nicole Piunno is a composer who views music as a vehicle for seeing and experiencing the realities of life. Her music reflects the paradoxes in life and how these seemingly opposites are connected as they often weave together. Her harmonic language and use of counterpoint mirror the complexity of our world by acknowledging the light and dark, past and present, beauty and brokenness, confinement and freedom, chaos and order, spiritual and physical, life and death.

Piunno holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in composition and a Master of Music degree in theory pedagogy from Michigan State University. Her composition teacher was Ricardo Lorenz. She earned a Master of Music degree in composition at Central Michigan University, studying with David Gillingham. Nicole earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education, and her emphasis was on instrumental music.

Piunno is a frequent guest at universities and festivals in the United States. Her works for wind ensemble have been performed by ensembles around the world, including “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band, the United States Coast Guard Band, and the United States Air Force Band of the West. Her large ensemble music has also been featured at multiple regional CBDNA conferences, TMEA, the Midwest Clinic, and numerous all-state concerts and state conferences.

Her chamber music has been performed around the world and showcased at conferences such as the Percussive Arts Society International Convention, the International Trumpet Guild Conference, the International Trombone Festival, and the International Tuba and Euphonium Conference.

Her works are represented on many commercially released recordings that can be found on Naxos, DAG Klassical, Mark Records, and others.

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