

*Nordonia High School  
Clarinet Choir*

**Craig Wohlschlager, Conductor**

**Soprano Clarinets**

Kate Serbinowski

Elise Jurkovich

Mandy Morgan

Regan Pontius

Abigail Ayers

Samantha Laba

Emily Stoneman

Nataly Miller

**E-flat and Alto Clarinet**

Katie Borsch

**Bass Clarinet**

Sarah Bon

**E-flat Contra Bass**

Jordan Wright

*Saxophone Ensemble*

**Matthew D. Johnson, Conductor**

**Alto Saxophone**

Ethan Lee

James Bowser

Laura Bender

Delaney Major

Evan Schonauer

Tenor Saxophone

Eric Schonauer

Karl Breimaier

**Baritone Saxophone**

Madeline Chester

*The Venner  
Clarinet Choir*

**Jim Adkins, Conductor**

**Theodore Johnson, Dir. Emeritus**

**Fred Heyburn, alto clarinet**

**Dick Ingersoll, clarinet**

**Doug Jones, Eb contra alto clarinet**

**Kris Kiko-Cozy, clarinet**

**Brian Medellin, contrabass clarinet**

**Gary Moffett, contra alto clarinet**

**Dennis Nygren, D.M., Eb clarinet**

**Marc Paige, clarinet**

**Thomas Reed, D.M.A., bass clarinet**

**James Stahl, clarinet**

**Craig Wohlschlager, clarinet**



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## **Nordonia Reed Ensemble**

**Craig Wohlschlager, Clarinet Choir, Conductor**

**Matthew D. Johnson, Saxophone Ensemble, Conductor**

*and*



## **The Venner Clarinet Choir**

**Jim Adkins, Conductor**

**Theodore Johnson, Director Emeritus and Musical Advisor**

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**April 23, 2016 at 5:00 pm**

**Nordonia High School Auditorium  
8006 South Bedford Road, Macedonia, Ohio 44056**

# Program

*Nordonia Saxophone Ensemble*  
Matthew D. Johnson, Conductor

*Minuet from String Quintet in E*

Luigi Boccherini  
arr. Larry Teal

*Third Movement from Symphony #100  
(Military)*

Franz Joseph Haydn  
arr. Clair W. Johnson

*Nordonia Clarinet Choir*  
Craig Wohlschlager, Conductor

*From an Old Garden, Op. 26*

Edward MacDowell

*Gypsy Dance from Carmen*

Georges Bizet

*Aragonaise from Carmen*

Georges Bizet

*Intermission*

*The Verner Clarinet Choir*  
Jim Adkins, Conductor

*Ruslan and Ludmilla Overture*

Mikhail Glinka  
trans. Anthony Brackett

*Immer Kleiner (Always Smaller)  
A Humorous Fantasy*

Adolf Schreiner  
trans. Clarence Barber (ASCAP)

Soloist, Tom Reed, D.M.A.

*Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor  
BWV 565 for Clarinet Choir*

J. S. Bach  
trans. Anthony Brackett

*Clarinet Candy*

Leroy Anderson  
arr. Clarence Barber (ASCAP)

Soloists, Craig Wohlschlager & Dick Ingersoll

*Mass Reed Ensemble*

*Serenade, Op. 44, 1st Movement*

Antonin Dvorak  
arr. Russell Howland

*Chorale & Danza*

Vaclav Nelhybel

*First Suite in Eb, Op. 28, No. 1*

*Chaconne  
Intermezzo  
March*

Gustav Holst  
arr. Matt Johnston



**NORDONIA HIGH SCHOOL**



# The Venner Clarinet Choir



**Jim Adkins**...Conductor. Thirty-three years of service in the Public Schools of Ohio. A graduate of Kent State University, Jim's career began in the early '70s as Director of the University Marching Band and Instructor of Percussion.

From 1976 through 2003 he developed outstanding Instrumental programs as Director of Bands at Timken High School, Norton High School, and Glen Oak High School. In 2003 he was appointed Coordinator of Fine Arts for the Plain Local School System and served four additional years in administration. He performed as a member of the Akron Symphony Orchestra and with many bands in the Akron area. He was co-owner of "Bulbous Nose Productions" a music and design company that created marching band shows for clients in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, and Florida. Jim served for six years as one of the Musical Directors of "Showbands of America" a company that selected outstanding high school musicians from across the county bringing them together to tour Europe. He has always been part of innovation and is excited about implementing new ideas. The New Horizons Band movement is just such an activity. New Horizons Band of Summit and Stark Counties began in 2003 and under Jim's leadership has grown to over 160 musicians, ages 20 to 92. These adults enjoy performing in a Concert Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra and String Ensemble.

**Theodore Johnson**...Director Emeritus. Member of The Cleveland Orchestra (1959- 95), Chicago Symphony, Kansas City Philharmonic, Santa Fe Opera, Kansas City Lyric Opera, Casals Festival Orchestra, Cleveland Ballet, Cleveland Octet, Akron and Canton Symphonies. Faculty (retired) of Cleveland Institute of Music, Akron University, Cleveland State University, Blossom Music School, Kansas City Conservatory, Cleveland Music School Settlement, and Kansas City School System. Founder and president of TJ line of clarinet accessories.



## CLARINET CHOIR MEMBERS

**Fred Heyburn**...graduate of the University of Akron and Kent State University. Member of Akron and Canton Symphonies, Kent State/Stark Concert Band, Sounds of Sousa Band, and big band Swing Machine. Teaches privately and repairs woodwinds and saxophones.

**Dick Ingersoll**...graduate of University of Michigan. Member of 5th Army Band in Chicago and 29th Army band on Okinawa, Japan. Graduate in clarinet from the Cleveland Institute of Music where he studied with Theodore Johnson.

**Doug Jones**... Eb contra alto clarinet. After retiring from a forty year business career, devoted time to music, playing clarinet and bass clarinet with Lakeland Civic Band, Suburban Symphony Orchestra, Heights Chamber Orchestra, Chagrin Valley Chamber Orchestra, Solon Philharmonic Orchestra, Uni-versity Heights Symphonic Band, and local summer bands.

**Kris Kiko-Cozy**...studied clarinet with Dennis Nygren, Robert Marcellus, Ted Johnson and Linnea Nereim. She has performed with the Chicago Civic, Canton and Akron Symphonies and Vermont Contemporary Music Ensemble. She is a teaching artist for Artsin Stark collaborating with classroom teachers to integrate the arts into academics. She also enjoys facilitating groups of all ages in music, creative movement and multicultural dance and performing Celtic, Klezmer and Renaissance music with her guitarist husband, Jeff.

**Brian Medellin**...contra bass clarinet. Attended the University of Akron School of Music, where he studied clarinet with Kristina Belisle-Jones. Taught private music lessons and played in local bands.

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**Gary Moffett**...contra alto clarinet. Graduate of The Ohio State University with a degree in microbiology and studied with Angelo Fortini.

**Dennis Nygren, D.M.**...professor of clarinet at Kent State University (1983-2012) and Northern Michigan University (1973-83), and currently teaches at Cleveland State University. Faculty at Oakland University (2012. First clarinetist to earn a Doctor of Music degree from Northwestern University. Performed with the Cleveland Orchestra, Cleveland Ballet, Cleveland Opera and Cleveland Light Opera, Ohio Chamber Orchestra, and Akron and Canton Symphonies; and performed in Canada, Greece, Egypt, Iceland, and throughout the United States. Writes and arranges. His CD A Clarinet Collective received excellent reviews.

**Marc Paige**...studied clarinet with Frederic Cohen, Professor of Clarinet at Kent State University and The Cleveland Music Settlement. He is the principal clarinetist with The Solon Philharmonic Orchestra, and currently performs with a variety of jazz, rock, blues and big band groups throughout Northeast Ohio.

**Thomas Reed, D.M.A.**...professor of Music and Chair of the Department of Music, Ashland University. Member of the Akron Symphony (bass clarinet), Ashland Symphony (principal clarinet), Blossom Festival Band, and Cleveland Jazz Orchestra (saxophone). Performed with the Cleveland Chamber Symphony and Cleveland Orchestra. Member of the woodwind quartet IRON TOYS. Soloist with Akron, Mansfield, Ashland, and Clarence (NY) Symphonies; and performs on CDs with the Akron Symphony, Cleveland Chamber Symphony, Cleveland Jazz Orchestra, the Jazz Unit, and the Paul Ferguson Jazz Orchestra. His clarinet CD *Mutually Inclusive* was released in 2008 on Capstone Records. Graduate of Ohio State University (DMA), University of Michigan (BME), and University of Akron (MM).

**James Stahl**...graduate of the University of Akron and Cleveland Institute of Music. His teachers include famed Cleveland Orchestra Clarinetist Theodore Johnson. He is president of Central Instrument Company, Inc., Cuyahoga Falls, OH; and founder and sponsor of the 150 member New Horizon Band of Summit and Stark Counties, which provides an opportunity for older adults to learn to play a musical instrument.

**Craig Wohlschlagger**...applied music and accompanying faculties of Malone University, Canton, OH. Teaches and is the auditions coordinator for Sessione Senese per la Musica et l'Arte; a summer festival for chamber orchestra and opera studies in Siena, Italy. Maintains a private studio of students. Performed with the Cleveland Orchestra's Symphonic Winds and Blossom Band, Ashtabula Pops Orchestra, and Trinity Chamber Orchestra. Recitalist for Tuesday Musical Club of Akron, MacDowell Club of Canton, Jefferson Arts Council series, and numerous faculty artist recitals at Malone University. Performs at Porthouse Theatre and KSU main campus for musical theatre productions. Founding member of 3Squared, a trio of musicians dedicated to performing works for multiple and unique instrumentation.

**For additional information on  
The Venner Clarinet Choir or to schedule a performance  
contact Jim Stahl, President  
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