

SBU WIND SYMPHONY TO WELCOME MARION C. EARLY HIGH SCHOOL AT "WINDS AND FRIENDS" ON MARCH 12

BOLIVAR, Mo. — The Southwest Baptist University [Department of Music](#) will present "Winds and Friends," featuring the SBU Wind Symphony, at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 12, in Pike Auditorium on the Bolivar campus.

Conducted by [Dr. Brian K. Hopwood](#), professor of music and director of instrumental studies, the Wind Symphony will feature works by Stamp, von Suppé, Hazo, Paulson, Himes and Chance. Guest ensemble will be the Marion C. Early High School Concert Band – Eric Schrantz, conductor.

The Wind Symphony will open with Jack Stamp's energetic and brilliant "Gavorkna Fanfare."

The performance continues with the park-band favorite "Light Cavalry" by Austrian composer Franz von Suppé. Samuel Hazo's "Perthshire Majesty," a Scottish ballad for wind band, features Morgan Cochran on soprano saxophone. A very different sounding work, "Epinicion," written during the final days of the Vietnam War, is composer John Paulson's personal abstraction of war in general. An epinicion is an ancient song of victory sung at the conclusion of a triumphant battle.

Additional works include "Variations on a Korean Folk Song" based on the folk song known as "Arrirang" and William Himes' arrangement of the one of the world's most beloved hymn tunes, "Amazing Grace."

"Brighton Beach," by William Latham, will be performed jointly by both bands and will conclude the concert.

The performance is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Hopwood, at (417) 328-1647 or bhopwood@SBUuniv.edu.

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