

West Michigan Concert Winds

Muskegon, Michigan

Gail A. Brechting, Conductor – Brian Olian, Associate Conductor

1:00 p.m.

Program

First Suite in E-flat for Military Band	Gustav Holst
Mvt. I Chaconne	Ed. Colin Matthews
Mvt. II Intermezzo	
Mvt. III March	
Amazing Grace	Frank Ticheli
Melodious Thunk	David Biedenbender
Old Ironsides March	John Philip Sousa

History

Conductor & Artistic Director, Mrs. Gail A. Brechting, and the West Michigan Concert Winds, provide community members with opportunities to hear and perform a variety of concert music. One of the oldest adult community bands in the state, this award-winning ensemble collaborates with community music organizations throughout the Midwest, as well as with school programs in Muskegon, Ottawa, and Newaygo counties.

The WINDS continue to sponsor competitive scholarships, awarding over 40 in the past 40 years. In 2011 the band hosted the national Convention of the Association of Concert Bands in Muskegon and were the opening band for the ACB Convention in Buffalo, NY in 2018.

Debuted in 2015 in Chicago's Orchestra Hall and the famed Carnegie Hall in 2016.

Now in their 44th Season, the WINDS provide four concerts a season, as well a July series of outdoor concerts. They have been recognized for their high standards of excellence and leading role in the cultural and musical environment of West Michigan, receiving the coveted Sudler Silver Scroll Award in 2005, awarded by the John Philip Sousa Foundation

The WINDS have traveled abroad several times and are planning a 2024 Tour of Ireland and Scotland. For more information on the WINDS and the tour go to: www.wmcw.org

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