

A Performance by the **Ron and Sheilah Gates Department of Music**



**AMERICA**  
**250**  
*An American Celebration*

*featuring the **Wesleyan Band**, the **Wesleyan Jazz Band**  
and the **Percussion Ensemble and Drumline***

**April 26, 2026**

**4 p.m. • Sherman Center**



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# **Personnel**

## **Wesleyan Jazz Band**

*Jason T. Laczkoski, director*

### **ALTO SAXOPHONE**

Mohrgyn Brug  
Regan Pilker

### **TENOR SAXOPHONE**

Teresa Preisner

### **BARITONE SAXOPHONE**

Hannah Conkling

### **TRUMPET**

Jillian Navratil  
Julia Weeman

### **TROMBONE**

Leonel Carrillo  
Ryan Phillips

### **EUPHONIUM**

Jack King

### **KEYS**

Olivia Foster

### **VIBES**

Veronica Arevalo

### **SET**

Graham Huffman

# **Wesleyan Band**

*Jason T. Laczkoski, director*

## **FLUTE**

Traci Patrick, Mellissa Spitzer

## **CLARINET**

Steve Bamberg, Philip Blum, Mohrgyn Brug

## **BASS CLARINET**

Teresa Preisner

## **ALTO SAXOPHONE**

June C. Ellman, Regan Pilker

## **TENOR SAXOPHONE**

Susan Buck

## **BARITONE SAXOPHONE**

Hannah Conkling

## **TRUMPET**

Robin Dutt, Julia Weeman

## **FRENCH HORN**

Lukas Stoebner

## **TROMBONE**

Leonel Carrillo, Ryan Phillips

## **EUPHONIUM**

Jack King

## **TUBA**

Michael Catalano

## **PERCUSSION**

Veronica Arevalo, Graham Huffman, Noelle Pratt,  
Michael Sejnoha

# **Percussion Ensemble and Drumline**

*Michael Sejnoha, director*

Veronica Arevalo  
Hannah Conkling  
Graham Huffman  
Jack King  
Noelie Pratt  
Michael Sejnoha

## **Upcoming Events**

**DWU Jazz Band at 1st Fridays on Main**  
featuring the DWU Jazz Band  
May 1, 2026 • 7:15 p.m. • Corn Palace

**America 250: An American Celebration**  
featuring the Dakota Wesleyan Choir  
the DWU Alumni Choir  
The Highlanders  
LyricWood Orchestra  
Wesleyan Bells  
May 3, 2026 • 7 p.m. • Sherman Center

## Conductors/Directors



Described by Eugene Rousseau as “a talented saxophonist,” **JASON T. LACZKOSKI** is a performer, conductor and educator. He has performed solo and chamber recitals throughout the United States, in addition to appearances at the North American Saxophone Alliance Conference and the International Navy Saxophone Symposium. Currently teaching at Dakota Wesleyan University, he is an assistant professor of music and the director of bands. Laczkoski studied saxophone with Joseph Murphy at Mansfield University of Pennsylvania and with world-renowned saxophonist Kenneth Tse at the University of Iowa. In addition to his saxophone studies at Iowa, he completed a secondary area in conducting, studying with Myron Welch and Richard Mark Heidel. Laczkoski is a Yamaha Performing Artist and performs exclusively on Yamaha saxophones. He is an E. Rousseau Mouthpiece Artist and performs exclusively on E. Rousseau mouthpieces. More information may be found at [jason-t-laczkoski.com](http://jason-t-laczkoski.com).

**MICHAEL SEJNOHA** is a Mitchell native and a talented percussionist. He has directed percussion ensembles for Mitchell High School and Dakota Wesleyan University and has given private percussion lessons. He is a long-time member of the Mitchell Barbershop Chorus and has served as its director. Mike has worked at LifeQuest in Mitchell for nearly 40 years.