

THE NOVA SCOTIA JUNIOR WIND ENSEMBLE
PRESENTS

In The Horizon

CONDUCTED BY
SARAH MACDONALD

Featuring

THE DR. JH GILLIS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
CONCERT BAND

MARCH 3RD
DR. JH GILLIS REGIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL
1PM

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ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE SHARED BETWEEN THE NSJWE AND
DR. JH GILLIS BAND PROGRAM

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On The Horizon - 2023-2024

The Dr. JH Gillis Regional High School Concert Band

Second Suite in F - Movement I - March

Gustav Holst

Kanata Spring

David Eastmond

Nova Scotia Junior Wind Ensemble

All for One, One for All

Carol Brittin Chambers

Chasing Sunlight

Cait Nishimura

Rider of the Mountain

D.I.D. Choi

Cape Breton Lullaby

Arr. Vince Gassi

Loki - The Evil Trickster of Asgard

Kevin Kaisershot

Blue Sky Horizon

Randall D. Standridge



Sarah MacDonald is a Glace Bay-based educator, conductor, flutist, and singer. She recently graduated with a Master of Arts degree in Music Education from the University of Toronto where she completed graduate level Advanced Wind Conducting courses with Dr. Gillian MacKay. Sarah holds a Bachelor of Music from Mount Allison University, a Bachelor of Education in Music from Acadia University, and a Diploma in Education (Counseling) from Cape Breton University. Sarah believes in lifelong learning and has participated in several wind and choral conducting symposiums across Canada and the United States.

As the music teacher at Glace Bay High School, Sarah directs the GBHS Concert Band and Jazz Band and teaches guitar and vocal classes, advanced music, and learning center music. Additionally, pre-pandemic, Sarah was an instructor in the Nova Scotia Community College's Music For Life: Ron MacKay Adult Community Concert Band class.

As a conductor, Sarah assists with Nova Scotia Youth Wind Ensemble rehearsals and was the 2021-2022 NSYWE resident conductor. Sarah is a frequent guest conductor with the Cape Breton Orchestra, having the privilege of conducting the CBO in performance alongside renowned Canadian artists Heather Rankin and Beòlach in the 2019 Celtic Colours International Festival and co-conducting the ensemble alongside Noelle Wadden in previous seasons. Additionally, Sarah has guest conducted the Second Wind Community Concert Band and has been a clinician/conductor in the Second Wind Community Band Festival.

Sarah is a flutist with the Second Wind Community Concert Band under the direction of Laura Mercer and has been a substitute flutist with the Cape Breton Orchestra. Additionally, she was a flutist and vocalist with the women's choir, Coro Cantabile, under the direction of the late James (Jimmy) MacNeil and was honoured to be a member of the house orchestra assembled for the 125th Anniversary Gala Show for Église St. Pierre under the direction of Scott MacMillan.

Sarah is a member of the Canadian Band Association IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Enquiry, and Accessibility) team, a committee member with the Nova Scotia Youth Wind Ensemble, and a member at large with the Nova Scotia Band Association.

Sarah is fiercely committed to helping students internalize resilience, to think critically, and to build confidence in their ability to effect positive change in the world through music. She is honoured to be this year's Nova Scotia Junior Wind Ensemble guest conductor.

NSJWE Musicians

Flute

Brooke MacKenzie

Lauren Erdeg

Talia Austin

Willow Fraser

Jeana Rogers

Clarinet

Lauren Cameron

Abigail Hart

Megan Hart

Romany Le Lacheur

Xingyan Han

Xuan Trzebiatowski

Lyan Petersen

Cassidy Cheng

Annika Fifield

Emmanuel Togni

Adam Ge

Yuhan Wu

Olivia Cooper

Micah Carrington

Sofi Bezanson

Bass Clarinet

Lilly Landry

Alto Sax

Eric Saweczko

Kate Versnick

Anakin Pye

Easton MacPherson

William Burgess

Tenor Sax

Macsen Williams

Grace Bannerman*

Bari Sax

Ben Crocker

Lily Simm

French Horn

David Bannerman

Charlotte Lawson

Jehanne Coutty

Trumpet

Grace Dunbar

Sadie Middleton Meakin

Leon Petersen

Jack Ramsey

Emma Murimboh

Gabe Rempel

Rhian Williams

Declan Cheng

Trombone

Ben Teakles

Keaton Richardson

Lucas Tang

Olivia Dansereau

Ashlyn Rooks

Thomas Graham

Tuba

Phoebe Hawboldt

Lyle Pearse

Euphonium

Simon Bannerman*

Percussion

Lianna Hill

Chaz Fraser

Megan Clattenburg

Ashlyn Rooks

*special guests
(former NSJWE)

Thank you to our clinicians for their guidance this weekend:

Flute: Emery Vanderweil

Trumpet: Holly Hartlen

Clarinet: Janet O'Brien

Trombone: Nathaniel Jenkins

Saxophones: Sam Withers

Low Brass: Brent Bannerman

French Horn: Andrew Alcorn

Percussion: Ian Grant

Each weekend is organized with the generous help of our volunteer board of directors:

Executive Director: Kate Gillis

Librarian: Holly Hartlen

Treasurer: Colin Langille

Personnel Coordinator: Paul Hutten

Social Media Coordinator: Danielle Chute

Big thanks to all the parents and guardians for encouraging your musicians to be a part of our ensemble this year, and to our wonderful parent volunteers for helping in many ways this weekend!

If you are interested in becoming involved with the NSJWE board, please contact admin@nsjwe.ca

Thank you to The Dr. JH Gillis Regional High School Music Program, its director Helen Bannerman, the Dr. J administration and custodial staff for hosting and supporting us this weekend.

Special thanks to The Dr. JH Gillis Regional High School Concert Band for joining us in concert this weekend.

Other great opportunities to check out are
Nova Scotia Youth Wind Ensemble (www.nsywe.com) and
The Nova Scotia Honour Jazz (www.nshonourjazz.ca)

From the fall of 2010 until today, Kate Gillis has served the Nova Scotia Junior Wind Ensemble with grace and dedication. Her unwavering support of young musicians and music education cannot be overstated. A huge thank you from the NSJWE executive to Kate, who today, after 14 years, retires as Executive Director. Kate, you will be missed!



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