

**Illinois State University
Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts
School of Music**

Afternoon of Brass

with School of Music Outstanding Alumni Honorees

Dr. Andrew Rummel

Dr. Sharon Huff

**Center for the Performing Arts
October 12, 2025
Sunday Afternoon
3:00 p.m.**

This is the nineteenth program of the 2025-2026 season.

Program

Please silence all electronics for the duration of the concert. Thank you.

ISU Trumpet Ensemble

Anne McNamara, *director*

Concert Fanfare (2000)

Lauren Wallace, *conductor*

Eric Ewazen
(born 1952)

When the Trumpets Sound (2022)

Sam Roberts, *conductor*

Gwyneth Walker
(born 1947)

Salvation is Created (1912/2020)

Josh Mobley, *conductor*

P. Chesnokov
(1877-1944)
arr. Drew Fennell

ISU Horn Choir

Rachel Hockenberry, *director*

Mille Regretz and El Grillo (c. 1480)

Sam Fortuna, *conductor*

Josquin Des Pres
(1440 –1521)
arr. Sam Fortuna

Dancing on the Hill (2012)

Carly Gussman, *conductor*

Pat Hughes
(born 1962)

May the Road Rise (2019)

Emily Heath, *conductor*

Madeline Lee
(born 1993)

ISU Trombone Choir

Mark Babbitt, *director*

Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral (1848)

Richard Wagner
(1813-1883)
arr. Wesley Hanson

Scherzo Funèbre, Op.86 (1983)

Derek Bourgeois
(1941-2017)

Presentation – Outstanding Alumni Awards

Dr. Andrew Rummel, BME '97, MM '99

Dr. Sharon Huff, BME '82

ISU Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble

Andy Rummel, *director*

Golden Fanfare (2023)

Gail A. Robertson

Evolutions (2014)

Benjamin McMillan
(born 1984)

Londonderry Air

Traditional
arranged by Keith Mehlan

Dr. Sharon Huff, *guest conductor*

ISU Trombone Choir

Rylan Anderson
Raymond Churchill
Sean Creighton
Lily Culp
Keaton Empey
Jacob Ensor
Caden Ford
Connor Franke
Alyssa Greer
Elton Gund
Griffin Gund
Michael Hammon
Joanie Hitt
Riley Hobart
Brian Jones
Angelina Kekev
Graham Miller
Azalea Morgan
Trevor Schaefer
Kiya Henderson Willis

ISU Trumpet Ensemble

Xavier Buford
Olivia Burgan
Payton Byers
Grace Comeaux
Payton DeWitt
Leonard Dozier
December Estes
Matthew Fischer
Emily Gleason
Bashiru Green
Alexandra Karafotias
Peyton Kuelczo
Matthew Lee
Braden Lueking
Charlie Machamer
Maddie Mueller-Howell
Matt Oyibo
Sam Roberts
Allie Schmuldt
Carson Smedjkal
Andrew Sniegowski
Jordan Story
Aaron Strong
Liam Tipple
Lauren Wallace
Kyterra Waters
Matt Weaver
Aiden Whitehead

ISU Horn Choir

Caleb Baca	Thomas Hibbeler
Elie Cavazos	Hunter Johanson
John Danz	Bennett Lammers
Franklin Daviau	Lizzie Purk
Sam Fortuna	Cyena Ulloa
Kyle Gilles	Sammie Wagner
Carly Gussman	Addie Webb
Emily Heath	Jess Wenc
Abi Heischmidt	Julez Windham
Quinton Hess	Sean Wright

ISU Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble

Euphonium

Zander Cremer
Rachel Goodman
Phillip Johnson
Luke Kelly
Nora Lacey
Izzy Pray
Alison Richards
Alexa Sobiesczyk
Angel Trader
Josie Welko

Tuba

Riley Bryant
Jack Fritz
Paul Gazze
Aidan Hanley
Lilly Hartley
Drew Hartmann
Isaac Hicks
Eugene Howard
Emily Kinder
Nathan Klaas
Lucas Logacho
Sam Lorentz
Matt Sourwine
Jim Wellwood

Alumni Honoree Biographies



Dr. Andy Rummel is Professor of Tuba and Euphonium at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois. A native of Delavan, Illinois, Andy received his Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music Performance degrees from Illinois State University in Normal and his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. His private teachers include David Fedderly, Mark

Moore, David Zerkel, Ed Livingston and Rex Martin. Andy is the former principal tubist with the Heartland Festival Orchestra and has performed with the Peoria Symphony Orchestra, the Illinois Symphony and the Virginia Symphony.

Prior to his arrival at Illinois State, Andy was the principal tubist with the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band and the Heritage Brass Quintet located at Langley AFB in Virginia. Andy has been a guest soloist with the Heartland Festival Orchestra, the Vermont Youth Philharmonia, the Prairie Wind Ensemble, the Rockford Wind Ensemble, the Brass Band of Central Illinois as well as many high school bands and orchestras throughout the Midwest. He has been a featured recitalist at many international and regional tuba-euphonium conferences that has served as an adjudicator for numerous international and regional tuba solo competitions.

Dr. Rummel's students have been very successful in performance competitions and professional auditions. Illinois State University students have been semifinalists in the International Tuba and Euphonium Conference (ITEC) Artist Solo Tuba Competition and the ITEC Chamber Ensemble Competition. Recently a studio member won third place in the Artist Solo Tuba division of the prestigious Leonard Falcone International Tuba and Euphonium Competition, and two other students were named semifinalists in the Artist Solo Tuba and Student Solo Tuba divisions. Additionally, studio members have won solo and ensemble competitions at several regional tuba and euphonium conferences and have been finalists at several prestigious military band auditions. Graduates of the tuba and euphonium studio are performing in professional military bands, teaching at universities, and are employed as music educators around the world. Feel free to visit Andy's YouTube channel for recent student and faculty performance videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/isutubaeuph>.



Dr. Sharon Huff is a distinguished music educator, conductor, and international leader in the brass community. She earned her Bachelor of Music Education summa cum laude from Illinois State University, where she was honored as a Bone Scholar, and later completed both her Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees at the University of Illinois. Now retired from

university teaching, Dr. Huff held faculty positions at Millikin University, Illinois State University, and St. Norbert College near Green Bay, Wisconsin. Her teaching portfolio spanned humanities, music literature, and music education, reflecting her broad expertise and commitment to interdisciplinary learning.

Dr. Huff has held numerous leadership roles in international music organizations. She served the International Women's Brass Conference (IWBC) as Executive Director, President, Treasurer, and two-time Conference Co-Host. She also contributed globally as Conferences Coordinator for the International Tuba Euphonium Association (ITEA), helping organize events across multiple continents. As a clinician, conductor, adjudicator, and soloist, Dr. Huff has performed and led ensembles throughout the Midwestern and Eastern United States, as well as in Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Italy, Finland, Germany, and Austria. She has adjudicated prestigious competitions including the Falcone Solo Euphonium Competition, Gateway Brass Band Championship, and the ITEA and IWBC Solo and Composition Competitions.

Dr. Huff has been honored to perform with Monarch Brass and has appeared as a soloist and conductor with the Athena Brass Band. She has also guest conducted the Monarch Brass Ensemble at ITG and IWBC events, as well as the Michigan Monarch Brass Ensemble in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Since 2007, Dr. Huff has served as Music Director of the Brass Band of Central Illinois, and she continues to share her musical gifts as Choir Director at the First Baptist Church of Bloomington.