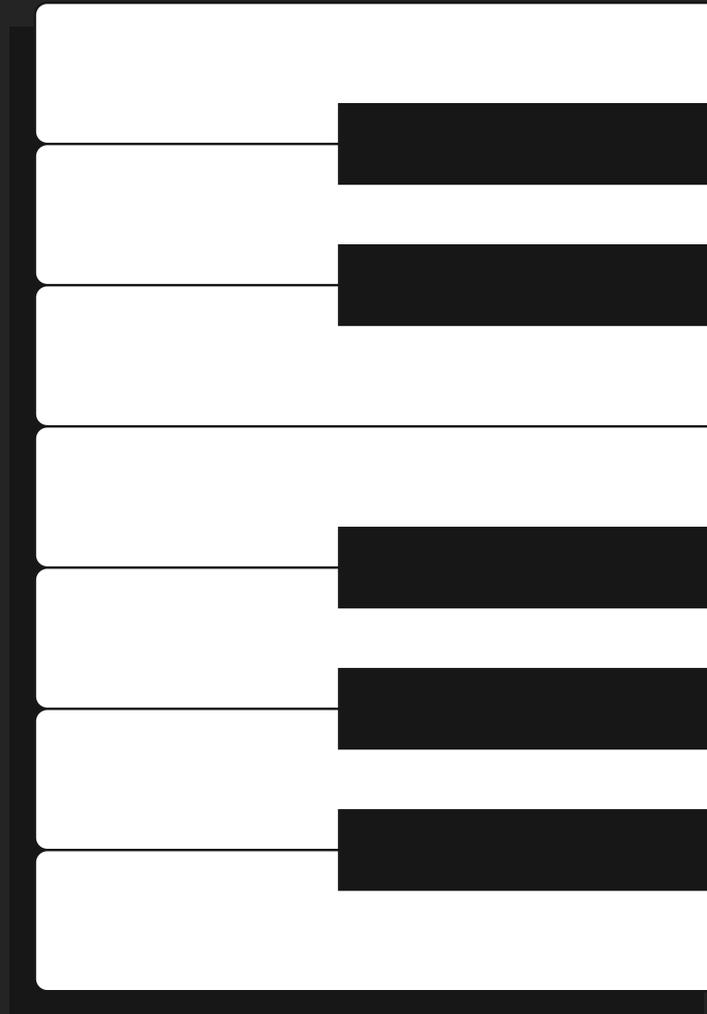


The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**EVENING OF  
JAZZ**



Proudly presentd by the  
**Williamston Band Boosters**

# WELCOME TO THE 14TH ANNUAL EVENING OF JAZZ!

The Williamston Band Boosters are proud to welcome you to an evening of amazing music, tasty snacks, and outstanding auction items to bid on in support of our band students.

## **FEATURING**

Williamston Middle School Jazz Band  
Williamston High School Jazz Band  
Lansing Community College Jazz Ensemble

## **MEET OUR DIRECTORS**

Lynn Kelsey - Band Director 6-12th Grade  
Katie Stone - Band Director 6-7th Grade  
David Ott - Student Teacher

## MEET YOUR HOST: SARAH SWISTAK



Sarah has always had a penchant for asking questions and a love of telling stories. During her time with FOX 47 News, she was named "Best Reporter" by the Michigan Association of Broadcasters, and received her fifth Emmy nomination for her work on #SWISStrong, a monthly cancer series she started in honor of her late brother, Steve, who passed away from esophageal cancer.

After 15 years of chasing her dreams from coast to coast as a broadcast journalist, Sarah traded her microphone for her greatest assignment yet: Raising three daughters. These days, she still tells stories -- just with more snacks, less sleep, and a significantly tougher audience.

When she's not busy mommin', chances are you'll find her volunteering with the PTO, checking out community events from here to the ends of the earth, or attempting to tackle, what can only be described, as a highly-ambitious -- and slightly out-of-control -- collection of craft projects.

# GUEST ARTIST: ANTHONY STANCO



Anthony Stanco is a trumpet virtuoso from Southeast Michigan whose artistry is rooted in Detroit's rich musical legacy. Mentored by Marcus Belgrave and Rodney Whitaker, he has emerged as a dynamic performer, bandleader, and educator, leading his own quintet and touring internationally with appearances at the Java Jazz Festival, Cairo Jazz Club, and beyond. As a U.S. State Department cultural ambassador, Stanco has shared his music throughout South Africa, Indonesia, and more.

His 2024 release, *Stanco's Time* (Origin Records), features an all-star lineup including Joe Farnsworth and Rodney Whitaker, and his 2025 live album, *In the Groove: Live at The Alluvion*, captures the energy and spontaneity of his band onstage. Stanco is Assistant Professor of Jazz Trumpet at Michigan State University, a Bach Trumpet endorsing artist, and a 2024 Jazz Road Tours grant recipient. Learn more at [www.anthonystanco.com](http://www.anthonystanco.com).

# LCC JAZZ ENSEMBLE

## DIRECTED BY: JONATHON GEWIRTZ

Set aside any preconceived notions of what this “big band” will sound like. Their diverse performances range from classic big band standards to funk (fusion), with some swing, Latin, bebop and soul in between.

The LCC Jazz Band, under the direction of Jonathon Gewirtz, is a unique collection of members of the community and Lansing Community College students. There is a wide range of ability levels, ranging from music majors and professionals, to non-music majors and amateurs, all committed to developing high standards of personal and ensemble musicianship.

### Alto Saxophone

Sarah Brown  
Eleanor Tripp  
Nathan Phillips

### Tenor Saxophone

Steve Fulger  
Don Ross  
Atticus Erbe

### Baritone Saxophone

Shane Bolley

### Trumpet

Richard York  
Paul Lepley  
Bob Gould  
Carl Geiger

### Guitar

Nathan Hallman  
RJ Hatt

### Trombone

Marlon Brown  
Brian DeBano  
Jonathan Evans  
Joseph Rice

### Piano

Janus Hoang

### Bass

Devin Pierpoint  
Matt Grandstaff

### Drums

Leilani Johnson  
Jacob Dafoe

### Vocals

AnnaMaria Horn

# WILLIAMSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ

## **Alto Saxophone**

Parker Bartig  
Micah Bertolino  
Kailyn Cotton  
Carl Krause  
Annie Gardner  
Ashlyn Kahler  
Max Peek  
Lydia Wilkins

## **Tenor Saxophone**

Audrey Brown  
Eleanor Hanlon  
Harrison Houle  
Henry Smith

## **Baritone Saxophone**

Parker O'Brien

## **Trumpet**

Brooke Anthony  
Dylan Belanger  
Theo Chrysler  
Reed Dubay  
Logan Eakin  
Nathan Lenz  
Finn Oeseburg  
Max Pelletier  
Michael Sexton  
Judah Smeak  
Lila Smith  
Andrew Strobel

## **Clarinet**

Jay Marquardt  
Addie Overmyer

## **Drumset**

Wilder Babbage

## **Trombone**

Charlie Herek  
Grace Pershell  
Benton Sharp  
Dane Tobler

## **Piano**

Nathan Lenz  
Judah Smeak

## **Bass Guitar**

Xavier Pollok

## **Tuba**

George Bradford

## **Percussion**

Raelyn Coole  
Etta Hilker  
Natalie Malerman

# WILLIAMSTON HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ

## **Alto Saxophone**

Madison Bollis  
Chloe Lenkowski  
Evan Lenz  
Zalea Lincoln  
Grant Masi  
Julia Sexton  
Garrett Singleton  
Gavin Travis-Pace

## **Tenor Saxophone**

Bailey Anthony  
Abby Fredericks  
Morgan Hengesbach

## **Baritone Saxophone**

Paige Egeler  
Lydia Hardin

## **Trumpet**

Denis Dion  
Henry English  
Connor Ford  
Cadence Harpst  
Ethan Hengesbach  
Adam Hicks  
Colton Kolka

## **Trombone**

Gray Galecka  
Caitlyn Leahy  
Kai Owen  
Lily Thornton  
Avery Turner  
Connor VanDyke  
Colin Zaremski

## **Guitar**

Jaxton King

## **Piano**

Elizabeth Giovanni  
Milo Lepard

## **Bass**

Rowan Babbage  
Izzy Sheppard

## **Drumset**

Isaiah Cunningham  
Henry Merchant  
Vinny Frattarelli

# THANK YOU TO OUR 2026 EVENING OF JAZZ DONORS!

Over the years, we the funds raised during our Evening of Jazz and from our sponsors have helped to pay trip and Band Camp fees, purchase new instruments and accessories to be used in the classroom, new uniforms for the kids, and so much more!

**Brookshire Inn & Golf**

**Cancun Mexican Grill - Williamston**

**The Yard Card Queen - East Lansing**

**Chris at The Williamston Barber**

**Danna Sturm**

**Fireworks Glass Studios**

**The Graduate Hotel**

**Groovy Donuts**

**The Hengesbach Family**

**Jose's Cuban Sandwiches**

**JRH3D Prints**

**Katrina Douglas**

**The Lenkowski Family**

**McDonalds - Williamston**

**Merritt Press**

**Michelle Nails**

**Niko's Taverna**

**The Oeseburg Family**

**Old Nation Brewing Company**

**Raising Cane's**

**Six String Place**

**Soup Spoon Cafe**

**Studio Shop**

**Sunnyside Cafe**

**Kristen Szymusiak**

**That New Place**

**Two Ring Photography**

**Ugli Pi Company**

**Vintage Sound**

**Williamston Band Students & Parents**

**Wharton Center for Performing Arts**

**WHS Administration**

**WHS Athletic Department**

**Williamston Police Department**

**Williamston Sport and Spine**

**Williamston Theatre**

**Williamston Younglife**

# THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Here are just a few ways this year's volunteers helped make our band experiences possible:

## Volunteers

- Bus chaperones
- Game Day set-up
- Game Day clean-up
- Game Day snack delivery
- Uniforms
- Parade support
- Trailer drivers

## Fundraisers

- Scrap metal drive helpers
- Can and Bottle pick-up

## Donations

- Snacks
- Bottled water
- Items for Evening of Jazz
- Funds for scholarships

## WILLIAMSTON BAND BOOSTERS MISSION STATEMENT

To provide resources and support that will assist Williamston Middle and High School Band Students and Band Directors to achieve the goal of cultivating a regionally respected band program which offers all students opportunities that will positively impact them both culturally and socially and delivers life changing experiences through musical performance.

# SUPPORTING OUR BAND PROGRAM: WHY FUNDRAISING MATTERS

We want to take a moment to share how important our fundraising efforts are for the success of our band program—and why your participation truly makes a difference.

The band program provides incredible opportunities for students to learn teamwork, responsibility, leadership, and the joy of making music together.

To keep providing high quality opportunities, we rely on the support of our families and community through fundraising.

Fundraising helps us cover essential costs beyond what the school budget can provide (including the bond-related projects), and include:

- Instruments and equipment maintenance
- Music arrangement and learning materials
- Festival and performance fees
- Band Trailer Maintenance
- Guest instructors and enrichment opportunities

Last year, thanks to your generosity and effort, we raised over \$18,500 total through our fall coupon book and coffee sales, 2 can and bottle drives, the scrap metal drive, Trivia Night, the Mattress Sale, and the Evening of Jazz.

THANK YOU for all that you do to support students and our band program. Together, we can ensure that music continues to be a meaningful and memorable part of every student's school experience.

With Appreciation,  
Your Band Booster team

# THE SUPPORT OF OUR LOCAL SPONSORS IS APPRECIATED!

Become a Williamston Bands sponsor to support the 6th Grade - 12th Grade band program and in return receive one or more of the following benefits for your business:

## **Name Listed on Website**

See your name or logo on our website

## **Concert Programs**

Your name or logo in every concert program\*

## **Halftime Show Acknowledgement**

Hear your name read after each halftime show\*

## **Name or Logo on the Band Trailer**

See your logo on the band's trailer

**Learn more at [www.williamstonbands.org/sponsorships](http://www.williamstonbands.org/sponsorships)**



# THANK YOU!

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## THANK YOU FROM THE WILLIAMSTON BAND BOOSTERS

To all of the parents, families, friends, and Williamston Schools staff members and administration...

## THANK YOU

for helping make this event one of the best nights of the year! We could not do it without your support. We sincerely hope you enjoy this year's Evening of Jazz.



Scan to access the Silent Auction



To learn more about the Williamston Band Boosters, what we do and how you can help visit [www.williamstonbands.org](http://www.williamstonbands.org)

To access the silent auction visit [www.williamstonbands.org/eoj](http://www.williamstonbands.org/eoj)