

Alfred University Symphonic Band concert will feature all new contemporary works

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The Alfred University Symphonic Band, under the direction of Dr. Christopher Foster, will present a performance of all new works on Friday, April 23, at 8 p.m. in Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall. The concert is free and open to the public. The program will feature works of contemporary composers such as Hazo, Tiecheli, Balmages, Wilson, Maslanka, Bryant, Boysen, and Karrick. Foster is director of bands and assistant professor of music at Alfred University. He directs the Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Brass Choir, and teaches music theory and wind instrument lessons. While living in Texas, he performed with the University of North Texas Wind Symphony, the Symphony Orchestra, the Baroque Trumpet Ensemble, and as a freelance musician. In Nevada, he performed with the Reno Philharmonic Orchestra, the Reno Chamber Orchestra, the Nevada Opera, the Reno Jazz Orchestra, the Gordy Brown Show at Harrah's Casino, and as principal trumpet and soloist for the Ruby Mountain Symphony. Foster also has been a guest conductor for the Lake Tahoe Music Camp. Prior to his doctoral studies and his appointment at Alfred University, he directed concert, jazz and marching bands in Ely and Las Vegas, Nevada. Foster holds bachelor of music education and master of music degrees from the University of Nevada-Reno, and a doctor of musical arts degree in trumpet performance and wind conducting from the University of North Texas (UNT). He has studied trumpet with Larry Engstrom and conducting from A G. McGrannahan in Reno. During his studies at UNT, he studied trumpet with Keith Johnson and John Holt, and conducting with Eugene Corporon and Dennis Fisher. Foster can be heard on the Klavier label, performing with the University of North Texas Wind Symphony.