

AU Concert Band to offer celebratory pieces in fall program

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The Alfred University Division of Performing Arts presents the AU Concert Band in concert, Friday, Nov. 19, at 8 p.m. in the new Miller Theater. This event is open to the public free of charge. Christopher Foster, associate professor of music and director of bands directs the Concert Band. He also directs the Jazz Band and Brass Choir and teaches music theory and wind instrument lessons. The Band will feature "celebratory" wind pieces to commemorate the opening of the Miller Theater, including "Dedicatory Overture" by Clifton Williams, "Shendandoah" by Frank Ticheli, "Festivo" by Valclac Nelhnybel, "Noisy Wheels of Joy" by Eric Whitacre, "Tocatta Haan" by Claudio Monteverdi/arr.de, "Rejouissance" by James Curnow and "Flight of Passage" by Kent Rausch. 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)-Denton. He has studied trumpet with Larry Engstrom and conducting with 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. Prior to his doctoral studies and his appointment at Alfred University, Foster directed concert, jazz, and marching bands in Ely and Las Vegas, Nevada.