UND Trombone Ensembles

The North Dakota Trombone Choir, founded in 2010 by Dr. Joel Pugh, is a university/community trombone choir ensemble, comprised of a wide variety of trombonists including University of North Dakota music majors, as well as non-majors, UND Faculty/Administrators, public school band directors, members of the Greater Grand Forks Symphony Orchestra, retired military and select high school students. In addition to performing regularly on the UND campus, the NDTC has performed at the 2011 North Dakota Music Educator’s National Conference, with the UND Wind Ensemble, at the Winter DUnderland Christmas Concert and at Grand Forks’ churches.

In 2016, they performed with the Manitoba Trombone Collective and the Brandon University Trombone Choir in Winnipeg, as a celebration of International Trombone Week. They have hosted the UND Trombone Day, featuring Scott Hartman and Ryan Christianson as guest artists and Hosted Dr. Eric Ewazen for a UND Residency. Additionally, the Low Brass Club has hosted R. Douglas Wright, Principal Trombone, Minnesota Orchestra, for a Trombone Residency in 2019 and Dr. Brian Bowman, Euphonium Professor Emeritus, University of North Texas, for a Euphonium Residency in 2020.

Last year, the UND Trombone Quartet participated in Brandon University’s Low Brass Festival, featuring Canadian jazz trombonist Al Kay and later participated in two residencies Shanghai, China at East China Normal University and the University of Shanghai Science and Technology.

Additionally, they have commissioned music from internationally renowned composers, including Kenyon Wilson, Eric Ewazen and Thomas Zugger.
Tromba Grande: Robert W. Smith
Fanfare for Trombone Choir b. 1958

On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss David Holsinger
b. 1945
Trans. William G. Harbinson

Great Lakes Octet Eric Ewaszen
b. 1954
I. Shimmering Under the Sunlight
II. Frozen Under the Winter Skies
III. Storm-Tossed
IV. Spring Horizon

Scarborough Fair Arr. Bill Reichenbach
Back to the Fair b. 1949

Valdres March Johannes Hanssen
(1874-1967)
Arr. David Fetter

Personnel

Jacob Castillo: UND (Accounting)
Margo Colenso: UM (B.S.N.) Nursing Educator
Bert Foster: St. Olaf (B.A.) Pastor, Thief River Falls
Gabrielle Halliday: UND (Music Education)
Kate Osowski: UND (Music Education)
Grant Peterson: UND (Mechanical Engineering)
Benjamin Pfeiffer: UND (Music Education)
Levi Rickert: UND (Music Perf./Ed) Music Educator, Fargo
Jack Smutowski: UND (Commercial Aviation)
Nickolas Stokke: UND (Music Education)
Brady Zimmerman: UND (Music Education)

Bass

Jim Beiswenger: UND (B.A.) Freelance Musician
Shawn Coleman: UND (Music Perf./Ed.) Music Teacher, Fisher
Blake Koehler: UND (Music Education)
Nathan Schwindt: UND (Nursing)
Sam Seidman: UND (Commercial Aviation)