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# PRAIRIE ROSE BRASS RECITAL

DR. JOEL PUGH, DIRECTOR

**SPRING 2026 RECITAL**

May 3, 2026 | 1:30 p.m.

Josephine Campbell Recital Hall | Hughes Fine Arts Center

# PROGRAM

**Brazen Overture**

Libby Larsen (b. 1950)

**Suite for Brass Quintet**

- I. Fanfare
- II. Melancholy Waltz
- III. Totentanz

Lauren Bernofsky (b.1967)

**Aspects**

- I. Hum of the Body
- II. Cry of the Heart
- III. Rondo of the Mind
- IV. Hymn of the Spirit

Barbara York (1949-2020)

**when the clouds break**

Cait Nishimura (b. 1991)

# BIOGRAPHIES



MCKENNA EMINETH IS A JUNIOR MUSIC EDUCATION MAJOR FROM GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA. SHE HAS BEEN A PART OF MULTIPLE GROUPS WHILE STUDYING AT UND, INCLUDING THE WIND ENSEMBLE, TRUMPET ENSEMBLE, PRIDE OF THE NORTH MARCHING BAND, AND JAZZ ENSEMBLES. SHE IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE PRAIRIE ROSE BRASS. ALONG WITH HER PERFORMANCE GROUPS, MCKENNA IS ALSO A PART OF UND'S NAFME CHAPTER.



HANNAH THORLAKSON IS A DOUBLE MAJOR FROM LANGDON, NORTH DAKOTA PURSUING A BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MUSIC ALONGSIDE A SECOND DEGREE IN MARKETING. SHE HAS PERFORMED IN A VARIETY OF ENSEMBLES WHILE AT UND INCLUDING THE WIND ENSEMBLE, THE WIND ENSEMBLE CHAMBER PLAYERS, TRUMPET ENSEMBLE, JAZZ ENSEMBLES, PRIDE OF THE NORTH MARCHING BAND, AND THE GREATER GRAND FORKS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. SHE IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE PRAIRIE ROSE BRASS. IN ADDITION TO HER MUSICAL INVOLVEMENT, HANNAH IS A DEDICATED STUDENT LEADER AND CURRENTLY SERVES AS PRESIDENT OF TSOUND.



SAMANTHA STORDALEN IS A JUNIOR FROM BISMARCK, ND, PURSUING A BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA. DURING HER TIME AT UND, SHE HAS PERFORMED WITH MANY ENSEMBLES, INCLUDING CONCERT CHOR, THE WIND ENSEMBLE, VIVO CHAMBER CHOR, ENOXA CHAMBER ENSEMBLE, AND THE PRIDE OF THE NORTH MARCHING BAND. IN ADDITION TO HER ENSEMBLE INVOLVEMENT, SHE CURRENTLY SERVES AS PRESENT OF THE UND CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MUSIC EDUCATION AND THE VICE PRESIDENT OF CONCERT CHOIR. SHE IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE PRAIRIE ROSE BRASS.



NATALIE HELFRICH IS A SENIOR MUSIC EDUCATION MAJOR FROM BERTHOLD, NORTH DAKOTA. SHE CURRENTLY SERVES AS A MUSICIAN IN THE 188TH NORTH DAKOTA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD BAND. SHE IS PART OF MANY ENSEMBLES AT UND, INCLUDING THE WIND ENSEMBLE, TUBA EUPHONIUM ENSEMBLE, AND VIVO. SHE IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE PRAIRIE ROSE BRASS. NATALIE CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOW BRASS CLUB.



ELIZABETH KEELE IS A JUNIOR MUSIC EDUCATION MAJOR FROM DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA. IN ADDITION TO THE PRAIRIE ROSE BRASS, SHE PLAYS THE TUBA IN THE WIND ENSEMBLE, TUBA EUPHONIUM ENSEMBLE, PRIDE OF THE NORTH MARCHING BAND, AND FORMALLY THE WIND ENSEMBLE CHAMBER PLAYERS. SHE IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE PRAIRIE ROSE BRASS. ELIZABETH IS CURRENTLY THE SECRETARY OF THE LOW BRASS CLUB AND ENJOYS MAKING ACTIVITIES FOR THE LOW BRASS FAMILY. SHE ALSO HAS A ONE-YEAR-OLD CORGI NAMED TATER TOT, WHOM SHE LOVES VERY MUCH!

**PRAIRIE ROSE BRASS, FOUNDED IN SPRING 2024, IS THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA'S FIRST ALL-FEMALE BRASS QUINTET. NAMED AFTER NORTH DAKOTA'S STATE FLOWER, THE GROUP BRINGS A FRESH AND INSPIRING PRESENCE TO UND'S MUSIC SCENE. THROUGH A DIVERSE SELECTION OF MUSIC, THE QUINTET CONNECTS WITH AUDIENCES AND CELEBRATES THE SKILL AND DEDICATION OF WOMEN IN BRASS.**