

## **ALL-STATE BAND**

For the first fifty-five years of its existence the South Dakota All-State Band consisted of one large ensemble. In 2006, for the first time, the All-State Band was divided into two separate, but equal, smaller ensembles. Each of the smaller All-State ensembles is named after two of South Dakota's most famous historic personalities "Lewis" and "Clark". Each had its own separate concert and had its own conductor. In 2013, the two bands began to share one grand All-State Band concert.

The 2025, there were 657 students who auditioned for All-State Band. From this group, 180 students from 42 high schools were selected for membership in the two 2025 All-State Band ensembles. The two bands were conducted by Dr. Christopher Morehouse, and Dr. Dennis Llinas.

The following schools had student participants in the 2025 All-State Bands:

Aberdeen Central	Mobridge-Pollock
Aberdeen Roncalli	Northwestern
Bennett County	O'Gorman
Brandon Valley	Pierre
Brookings	Rapid City Central
Canistota	Rapid City Christian
Canton	Rapid City Stevens
Chamberlain	Sioux Falls Christian
Custer	Sioux Falls Jefferson
Edgemont	Sioux Falls Lincoln
Elk Point-Jefferson	Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Flandreau	Sioux Falls Washington
Freeman Academy	Sioux Valley
Garretson	Spearfish
Groton	Sturgis Brown
Harrisburg	Tea Area
Huron	Vermillion
Lennox	Warner
Mitchell	West Central
Mitchell Christian	Yankton

## SOUTH DAKOTA ALL-STATE BANDS OVER THE YEARS

DATE	CITY	CONDUCTOR	PRESIDENT	GENERAL CHAIRMAN
1951	Sioux Falls	Frank Simon	Willard Fejfar	Ardeen Foss
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1953	Huron	Mark Hindsley	Burrill Monk	Paul Christensen
1954	Mitchell	Clarence Sawhill	Sam Koth	Harold Hamaker
1955	Aberdeen	Jack Lee	Fred Johnson	Art Schwuchow
1956	Sioux Falls	Leonard Smith	Francis Benson	Ardeen Foss
1957	Deadwood	Ray Dvorak	Don McCabe	Laverne Clark
1958	Huron	Glenn Bainum	Don McCabe	Paul Christensen
1959	Mitchell	Hugh McMillen	Douglas Carpenter	Harold Hamaker
1960	Aberdeen	Leonard Smith	Douglas Carpenter	Orville Evenson
1961	Sioux Falls	Dale Harris	Henry Elster	Ardeen Foss
1962	Deadwood	Milo Hovey	Henry Elster	Laverne Clark
1963	Huron	W. F. Santelmann	Richard Mylin	Stew. Christensen
1964	Watertown	Clarence Sawhill	Richard Mylin	Douglas Carpenter
1965	Sioux Falls	Paul Yoder	Ron Hilgenberg	Ardeen Foss
1966	Pierre	W. F. Santelmann	Ron Hilgenberg	Norman Sampson
1967	Huron	Donald McGinnis	Paul Hedge	Stew. Christensen
1968	Aberdeen	Leonard Smith	Paul Hedge	Orville Evenson
1969	Sturgis	Gene A. Braught	Bob King	Leo Getsgo
1970	Watertown	Miles Johnson	Bob King	Douglas Carpenter
1971	Mitchell	Col. Arnald Gabriel	Milo Winter	Harold Hamaker
1972	Rapid City	John Paynter	Milo Winter	Milo Winter
1973	Sioux Falls	Leonard Smith	Warren Hatfield	Ardeen Foss
1974	Aberdeen	Col. Arnald Gabriel	Warren Hatfield	Orville Evenson
1975	Pierre	W. Francis McBeth	Len Vellek	Gerald Cutshaw
1976	Rapid City	John Paynter	Len Vellek	Milo Winter
1977	Huron	Maj. A. C. Crowell	Dennis Dafoe	Len Vellek
1978	Watertown	Miles Johnson	Dennis Dafoe	Douglas Carpenter
1979	Sturgis	W. Francis McBeth	Jack Knowles	Leo Getsgo
1980	Mitchell	Frank Benciscutto	Jack Knowles	Joseph Pekas
1981	Sioux Falls	Harry Begian	Orville Evenson	Don McCabe
1982	Aberdeen	Col. Arnald Gabriel	Orville Evenson	Orville Evenson
1983	Rapid City	Stanley DeRusha	Merle Larson	Jack Knowles
1984	Huron	John Zdechlik	Merle Larson	Len Vellek
1985	Mitchell	James Jurrens	Glenn Siverson	Joseph Pekas
1986	Sioux Falls	James Curnow	Glenn Siverson	Don McCabe
1987	Pierre	Larry G. Curtis	Dennis Hegg	Brad Berens
1988	Watertown	Kenneth G. Bloomquist	Dennis Hegg	John Hanson
1989	Huron	Miles H. Johnson	David Haugen	Lance Burnett
1990	Rapid City	John Paynter	David Haugen	Jack Knowles/Milo Winter
1991	Aberdeen	W. Francis McBeth	Dale Fiedler	Jerome Letcher
1992	Mitchell	Weston Noble	Dale Fiedler	Fred Ellwein
1993	Sioux Falls	Dale J. Lonis	Marlin Pedersen	Eric Haenfler
1994	Pierre	Mallory B. Thompson	Marlin Pedersen	Larry Johnson
1995	Huron	Timothy Mahr	Arlen Hofer	Lance Burnett
1996	Waterown	Dr. Robert C. Fleming	Arlen Hofer	Ken Mund
1997	Rapid City	Col. John R. Bourgeois	Jim Smith	Mark Bray/Don Downs
1998	Aberdeen	Robert Sheldon	Jim Smith	Jerome Letcher
1999	Mitchell	James Barnes	Larry Johnson	Brad Berens
2000	Sioux Falls	Dr. David Holsinger	Larry Johnson	Jim Smith
2001	Pierre	Robert W. Smith	Jerry Letcher	Larry Johnson
2002	Huron	Anthony Maiello	Jerry Letcher	Larry Petersen
2003	Yankton	Dale J. Lonis	Bob Goheen	Ted Powell
2004	Watertown	Douglas Akey	Bob Goheen	Ken Mund
2005	Rapid City	Dr. John R. Locke	Toby Rath	Mark Bray/Don Downs

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2006	Aberdeen	(C) Dr. William F Malambri (L) Dr. Lowell E Graham	Toby Rath	Jerry Letcher
2007	Pierre	(L) Mark Camphouse (C) Jerry Luckhardt	Patricia Baule	Larry Johnson
2008	Sioux Falls	(C) Curvin Farnham (L) Anthony Maiello	Patricia Baule	Jim Smith
2009	Rapid City	(L) Marcellus Brown (C) Dr. Peter Boonshaft	Bob Carlson	Mark Bray/Don Downs
2010	Watertown	(C) Dr. Timothy Mahr (L) Dr. Scott A. Jones	Bob Carlson	Jackie Stacey
2011	Yankton	(L) Richard Saucedo (C) Joe Hermann	Gary Hansen	Ted Powell
2012	Brookings	(C) Dr. Jack Stamp (L) Capt. Brian Walden	Gary Hansen	Ron Stary
2013	Rapid City	(C) Jan Van der Roost (L) Erica Neidlinger	Helen Mogen	Toby Rath
2014	Pierre	(C) Anthony Maiello (L) Dr. Richard Mayne	Helen Mogen	Mackenzie McKeithan
2015	Sioux Falls	(C) Dr. James M. Bankhead (L) Dr. Richard Mark Heidel	Donald Downs	Ben Koch
2016	Watertown	(C) Dr. John Locke (L) Dr. Linda Moorehouse	Donald Downs	Jackie Stacey
2017	Sioux Falls	(C) Dr. Elva Kaye Lance (L) Dr. Myron Welch	Larry Petersen	Ben Koch
2018	Rapid City	(C) Dr. Jason Caslor (L) Dr. Christopher Chapman	Larry Petersen	Toby Rath
2019	Aberdeen	(L) Dr. Courtney Snyder (C) Dr. Paul Popiel	Jeff Patzlaff	Jeremy Schutter
2020	Cancelled Due To COVID			
2021	Mitchell	Dr. Haley Armstrong Dr. Rolf Olson Dr. John LaCognata Dr. Jacob Wallace	Jeff Patzlaff	Ryan Stahle
2022	Brookings	(C) Dr. Aaron Perrine (L) Dr. Travis Cross	Mary Cogswell	Dr. David Reynolds
2023	Sioux Falls	(L) Robert Sheldon (C) Dr. Andrew Boysen	Mary Cogswell	Ben Koch
2024	Pierre	(L) Dr. Shanti Simon (C) Dr. Carolyn Barber	Ben Koch	Gage Ruhlman
2025	Watertown	(L) Dr. Christopher Morehouse (C) Dr. Dennis Llinas	Ben Koch	Austin Fordham

## *LEWIS BAND GUEST CONDUCTOR*



# Dr. Christopher Morehouse

Dr. Christopher Morehouse is Director of Bands and Professor of Conducting at Southern Illinois University, where he leads the SIU Wind Ensemble and teaches conducting and music courses. He has performed at Carnegie Hall, toured China, and collaborated with notable composers and artists. Morehouse has worked with ensembles and soloists worldwide and has contributed to the Teaching Music through Performance in Band series. He previously taught in New York and Massachusetts and has conducted at various prestigious events. He holds degrees from Ithaca College, New England Conservatory, and the University of Cincinnati. Morehouse is also active as a guest conductor, clinician, and adjudicator in the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Asia. He has been involved in significant international projects, including concert tours to Ireland, and has been recognized for his contributions to wind ensemble literature and music education. Morehouse's work has earned him recognition in the global music community, and his ensembles have performed at prestigious events, including the Illinois Music Education Conference and the Massachusetts Music Educators Association All-State Conference.

## *CLARK BAND GUEST CONDUCTOR*



# Dr. Dennis Llinas

Dennis Llinás is a Cuban-Columbian conductor and composer. He currently is the Director of Bands at The University of Oregon where he conducts the wind ensemble, teaches graduate & undergraduate conducting, and oversees the band area. A native of Hialeah, FL, Dennis studied at Florida International University & The University of Texas. He is an active clinician Nationally and Internationally conducting in Colombia, Austria, and throughout the US including the Dallas Winds and the West Point Band. He has presented sessions at The Midwest Clinic, WASBE, TMEA (Texas), FMEA, and CBDNA. His compositions and arrangements have been widely performed with recordings by Mark Hetzler and the University of Texas at El Paso Wind Ensemble. He has had performances by the Dallas Winds, The United States Air Force Band, The United States Navy Band, USAF Band of the Golden West, Cedar Park Winds, Brooklyn Wind Symphony, and The University of Texas Wind Ensemble to name a few. His works have been performed at prestigious venues such as The Midwest Clinic, Music for All National Concert Band Festival, Texas Music Educators Conference, and the American Bandmasters Association Conference.

In the world of the marching arts, Llinás arranges for many high school bands and universities throughout the US including Louisiana State University, The University of Texas, Penn State University, University of South Florida, The University of Arkansas, The University of Tennessee, and the University of Texas at El Paso.