



Bethany Lutheran College Concert Band

Prof. Benjamin Faugstad, Conductor

Thursday, April 22, 2021
7:30 p.m., Trinity Chapel

The Wind Racers.....Jeremy Bell

To Honor A Hero.....Wayne Lu

Wayne Lu, Horn Soloist

Redemption.....Rossano Galante

Highland Cathedral.....arr. Jay Dawson

Military March.....Beethoven/arr. Benjamin Faugstad

About “To Honor A Hero”

On July 22, 2020, the world lost a giant in the music world and a hero to those that knew him. Edwin “Ted” Thayer, former Principal Horn of the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D.C. passed away quietly at his home in Reston, VA. Papa Thayer, as I knew him, was my personal hero. We had so many strange and beautiful coincidences in our lives. His youngest son, Will, became my best friend after we met at the 1991 Aspen Music Festival. Later in life, Will was the best man at my wedding and has been a lifelong friend since we met.

Papa Thayer attended the University of Illinois as an undergraduate music major approximately 37 years before I did. He lived in a house at 1004 W. Nevada, which was the exact same house I lived in. Many years later, I was asked to be staff at my former teacher's horn camp, the Kendall Betts Horn Camp in New Hampshire. My first summer working was also the first summer that Papa Thayer was invited to be faculty. We had many memorable performances, including his insistence on performing the Gunther Schuller horn duets, one of his personal favorites. We also spent many hours together including off days where we hiked mountains and rode railways around New Hampshire. Papa Thayer was absolutely fascinated with trains of all kinds.

Whenever I would visit Will and the family in Virginia, it was inevitable for me to sit in “the chair” where I was taught everything I needed to know about playing the horn well. Papa Thayer had a specific old, wooden chair that every student would be relegated to sit in. After his passing, I took my kids to the Thayer house and had my daughter, a young horn player herself, sit in “the chair” and practice as I told her stories about Papa Thayer. Many lessons were seared in my memory for their wisdom and power. But, one lesson was clearly the most memorable for me.

On my way to KBHC one summer, I decided to stop in Reston, Virginia to see Will and also play for Papa Thayer. He wanted to test my endurance and concentration, so he started to rattle off pieces that he wanted me to play. I was to play all of them from memory. We started with Mozart 2, then went to Strauss 1. Then there were a litany of excerpts called including Till, Tchaikovsky 5, Brahms 1, Brahms 2, Brahms 3, Beethoven 3, Beethoven 6, Beethoven 7, Pavane, Shostakovich 5, Short Call, and a few more. After playing about 15 excerpts, he asked for Mendelssohn's Third Symphony, third horn part. I told him that I probably could not play that one for memory. His response was, “What?!!!! You don't have that one memorized?!!!!” It was never good enough for Papa Thayer--his standards were always significantly higher than everyone else's.

Papa Thayer was married to his wife for more than 50 years. He had a warm, loving family. He was the finest of musicians and a master teacher with a list of successful students longer than anyone can imagine. On top of it all, he was the kindest and most generous man for his entire life. In the simplest terms, he was everything anyone could want to be. He was my hero.

After he passed away somewhat surprisingly, I spent many nights by my fire pit contemplating how he would be remembered. I believe that Papa Thayer will be remembered how anyone would want to be remembered, as a great man.

This piece is one small reminder to everyone that knew him of his great life, his actions, his beautiful playing, and his teachings. I miss him every day but also know that he will always be with me.

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Flute

Eva Jacobsen, *Psychology*.....The Dalles, OR
Alyssa Koebke, *Math Ed. & Math*.....Bemidji, MN
Mariah Munsen, *Music*.....St. Peter, MN
Tamara Omar, *Music*.....Bloomer, WI
Daylin Paulson, *Comm. & Theatre*.....Cold Spring, MN
Sarah Swenson, *Exercise Science*.....Oconomowoc, WI
Marissa Thompson, *Psychology*.....San Antonio, TX

Oboe

Adriana Kleinschmidt, *Music & Comm*.....Mankato, MN

Bassoon

Naomi Adeniyi-Akins, *Business Admin*.....Nigeria, Africa

Clarinet

Anna Boettcher, *Mathematics*.....Albert Lea, MN
Giana Peterson, *Comm. & Theatre*.....Crosby, MN
Arryanna Rosburg, *Biology, Pre-Med*.....Sioux Falls, SD
Sophie Zawisza, *Theater, Art Admin*.....Roseville, MN

Bass Clarinet

Heather Juedes, *5-12 Social Studies Ed*.....Marshall, WI
Joel Maunula, *Communication*.....Isle, MN

Alto Saxophone

Abigail Meier, *Graphic Design*.....Sanborn, MN
Jacob Norris, *Engineering*.....North Mankato, MN
Kate Nusbaum, *Communication*.....Potosi, WI
Kaleb Schmidt, *Music & Chemistry*.....Waseca, MN

Tenor Saxophone

Jake Marzinske, *Exercise Science*.....South St. Paul, MN

Bari Saxophone

Ian Krenik, *Nursing*.....Cleveland, MN

Trumpet

Joshua Berndt, *Music*.....Delavan, MN
Justin Lo, *Computer Science*.....Sacramento, CA
Natalie Paulson, *Elementary Ed*.....Cold Spring, MN
Joseph Roemhildt, *Engineering*.....North Mankato, MN
Elijah Stiefel, *Mechanical Engineering*.....Grand Ledge, MI

Horn

Kathryn Warner, *Biology*.....Sullivan, WI

Trombone

Adam Hoeft, *Religion*.....Oconomowoc, WI
Kyle Lauria, *History*.....Coon Rapids, MN
Nathaniel Stay, *Computer Science*.....Plymouth, MN

Euphonium

Thomas Fu, *Music*.....Henan, China
Chloe Kuhlman, *Math & Elementary Ed*..Watertown, SD
Nathan Wildauer, *Business Admin*..Port Washington, WI

Tuba

Spencer Urban, *Music*.....Amboy, MN

Percussion

Ethan Becker, *English*.....Mapleton, MN
Kenerian Belayneh, *Business Administration*.....
.....Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Alex Emery, *Music*.....Mankato, MN
Mackenzie Floyd, *Legal Studies*.....Le Sueur, MN
Merobe Gari, *Nursing*.....Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Tinbiet Getachew, *Nursing*.....Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Arika Kleinschmidt, *Music*.....Mankato, MN
Dennis Muga, *Nursing*.....Mankato, MN
Christopher Nelson, *Music*.....Lester Prairie, MN
Gabe Smith, *Business Administration*....Klamath Falls, OR
Ila Snustad, *Nursing*.....Plymouth, MN
Kris Zurn, *Special Education*.....Inver Grove Heights, MN

Thank you all for attending tonight's concert.
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2020 – 2021 BLC Band Repertoire

Superman by John Williams, arranged by Michael Story

Shadowlands by John McAllister

Parade of the Wooden Soldiers by Leon Jessel, arranged by Ralph Ford

Forgotten Heroes by Jeremy Bell

How To Train Your Dragon by John Powell, arranged Sean O'Loughlin

America the Beautiful arranged by Warren Baker

Radetzky March by Johann Strauss, revised by Harold R. Gore

In My Perfect Place by Leslie Gilreath

Aladdin by Alan Menken, arranged by Paul Jennings

Mambo Cubano by James Swearingen

O Come setting by Adrian Lo

Three Kings arranged by Benjamin Faugstad

Alleluia! O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly setting by Adrian Lo

Pirates of the Caribbean by Klaus Badelt, arranged by John Wasson

Pixar Movie Magic arranged by Michael Brown

Carmina Burana by Carl Orff, arranged by Jay Bocook

We May Rise arranged by Preston Hazzard

Arabesque by Samuel R. Hazo

In This Moment by Aaron Perrine

Por Una Cabeza by C. Gardel, arranged by D. Phillips

Nessun Dorma by Giacomo Puccini, arranged by Jay Bocook

Jump in the Line by Harry Belafonte, arranged by Michael Brown

Redemption by Rossano Galante

To Honor a Hero by Wayne Lu

Wind Racers by Jeremy Bell

Highland Cathedral arranged by Jay Dawson

Military March by Beethoven, arranged by Benjamin Faugstad