

The American Band College

Now in its sixteenth year of operation, the American Band College began as a summer workshop for school band directors. In 1992 a masters degree program was implemented in which three candidates enrolled. Today, there are nearly 250 band directors from more than 40 states and Greece enrolled in the masters program. This summer nearly 50 will complete the degree requirements bringing the total number of graduates in the first eleven classes to 250.



Scott McKee, ABC
Managing Director

The teaching staff for ABC includes 28 of the world's finest teachers, conductors, and composers. Each summer a new faculty is presented so that attendees are exposed to the expertise of more than 60 teachers during their 3 summers in Ashland. Local faculty include Scott McKee (Managing Director), Max McKee (ABC Executive Director), Larry Hudson (Director of Operations) and Cynthia Hutton (SOU Director of Bands). ABC Graduates on the staff include Paul Kassulke (Minnesota 1994), Cathi Leibinger (Florida 1999), Ted Burton (Oregon 2000), Elizabeth Loneragan (Oregon 2002), Jay Jones (California 1998), Matthew Arau (Colorado 2003) and Marianne Robison (Oregon 1997). Nel McKee (Financial Manager) and additional operations staff include Danielle Miller (University of Oregon), Angel McDonald (ABC Center for Research), plus Nelson and Cathy Hickling (Ashland).

When candidates first enter the program (75 new ones this year alone), the American Band College faculty administers an extensive entrance exam measuring 40 areas of teaching (instrument fingerings, embouchure development, percussion instruments and techniques, conducting, band literature and many others). From those results each of the candidates develops a course of study that concentrates only on his or her 8 to 15 areas of weakness. This includes annual exams and the creation of special thesis projects in those areas.

During their on-campus time each summer, candidates attend more than 70 sessions covering many facets of band directing while playing 3 hours a day in the ABC Directors' Band. In this ensemble, candidates sightread more than 75 new compositions and also prepare 35 compositions for the two major public performances under eight guest conductors and two world-renowned soloists. This year over 100 second and third year masters candidates served as preparation conductors for the guest composers and directors, as part of the American Band College evaluation process at Southern Oregon University.

Guest conductors for this year's Ginger Rogers Craterian Theater concert include Toshio Akiyama (retired conductor of the Sony Concert Band in Japan), Pierre Kuijpers (retired conductor of the Royal Military Band in Holland), Mike Bankhead (retired conductor/commander of the United States Air Force Band, Washington, DC), and M. Max McKee (retired Director of Bands, Southern Oregon University). The Capitol Quartet (Baltimore, Maryland) appear as guest soloists with each of the American Band College Directors' Bands.

The ABC Directors' Band also participates in the Ashland Fourth of July parade and then presents a two-and-a-half hour Fireworks Concert at Ashland High Football Stadium beginning at 8:00 p.m. Guest conductors for this year's July 4th concert include American composers, Robert W. Smith and James Barnes plus Cynthia Hutton (Director of Bands, Southern Oregon University) and Tim Lautzenheiser (ABC Board of Directors/Master of Ceremonies). Guest artists will be Dos Amigos, tuba virtuosos, Patrick Sheridan and Sam Pilafian.

The American Band College of Southern Oregon University

presents

ABC Directors' Bands



Toshio Akiyama
Sony Concert
Band (ret.)
Japan



Capitol Quartet
Baltimore, Maryland



United States
Air Force
Band (ret.)
U.S.A.



M. Max McKee
ABC Executive
Director
U.S.A.



Pierre Kuijpers
Royal Military
Band (ret.)
Holland

Saturday, June 26, 2004
Ginger Rogers Craterian Theater

Program

Ballade Kenjiro Urata
 Sound of Music Medley Rogers & Hammerstein
 arr. Naohiro Iwai

Toshio Akiyama, Conductor

Paganini Variations arr. Vince Norman

The Capitol Quartet
 Mike Bankhead, Conductor

Volcano Jan Van der Roost

Wedding Dance Jacques Press
 Pierre Kuijpers, Conductor

INTERMISSION

Jericho Bert Appermont

Pierre Kuijpers, Conductor

It Don't Mean a Thing. Duke Ellington
 arr. Norman-Stambler

The Capitol Quartet
 Mike Bankhead, Conductor

Fantasy on Osaka Folk Tunes Hiroshi Ohguri
 Variations on a Korean Folksong John Barnes Chance

Toshio Akiyama, Conductor

Galop (from "Moscow Cheremushky") John Barnes Chance

M. Max McKee, Conductor

ABC on the Internet

Be sure to visit our web site at www.bandworld.org where you will find information on American Band College summer concerts, ABC candidate photos and photo galleries and much more.

Tickets for the upcoming July 4th Fireworks Concert (Sunday, 8:00 p.m. Ashland High Stadium) may be purchased through our web site. If purchased by June 30, tickets will be mailed. Otherwise all tickets ordered after that date will be at WILL CALL (Ashland High Stadium box office) beginning at 6:30 p.m. on July 4th.

Our web site also features extensive information about the 26th Annual Western International Band Clinic (Sea-Tac Double Tree Hotel, Seattle, Washington, Nov. 19-22) which features 9 concerts, 8 lecture sessions and four 160-member high school honor bands under 6 guest conductors plus clarinet soloist, Robert Spring.

Also see our web site for the launching of the digital version of our Bandworld Magazine on Oct. 1, 2004 (Now in our 20th year of publication.)

American Band College Directors' Bands Compact Discs & DVD's

🎵 June 26, 2004 Craterian Theater Concert CD*	\$12.00	_____
🎵 July 4, 2004 Fireworks Concert Ashland CD*	\$12.00	_____
🎵 ABC 2004 DVD*	\$19.00	_____

*Shipped August 24, 2004

🎵 The Best of ABC 1997-1999 Live! (CD)	\$12.00	_____
🎵 The Best of ABC 2000 Live! (CD)	\$12.00	_____
🎵 The Best of ABC 2001 Live! (CD)	\$12.00	_____
🎵 ABC 2002 concert CD's (each)	\$12.00	_____
🎵 ABC 2003 concert CD's (each)	\$12.00	_____
🎵 ABC 2001, ABC 2002, ABC 2003 DVD's (each)	\$19.00	_____

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