

The American Band College

Now in its seventeenth 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 over 50 will complete the degree requirements bringing the total number of graduates in the first twelve classes to 301.

The teaching staff for ABC includes 24 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 Lonergan (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 (nearly 70 new ones this year), 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' Bands. In these ensembles, 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 Ralph Hultgren (conductor/composer from Australia), Roxanne Haskill (U. S. Marine Corps conductor, retired), Mike Bankhead (retired conductor/commander of the United States Air Force Band, Washington, DC), Cynthia Hutton (Director of Bands, Southern Oregon University) and M. Max McKee (retired Director of Bands, Southern Oregon University). Hollywood recording artist and Head of Flute Studies at USC, Jim Walker, appears as guest soloist 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. (pre-concert music and special activities begin at 7:00 p.m.) Guest conductors for this year's July 4th concert include composer, Jan Van der Roost (Belgium), Col. John Bourgeois (U.S. Marine Band commander, retired), Al and Gladys Wright (Sousa Foundation), Larry Hudson (ABC graduate faculty) and Tim Lautzenheiser (ABC Board of Directors/Master of Ceremonies). Guest artists will be The Boston Brass.

The American Band College of Southern Oregon University

presents

ABC Directors' Bands



Ralph Hultgren • Roxanne Haskill
Mike Bankhead • Cynthia Hutton
Jim Walker, Guest Artist

Sunday, June 26, 2005
Ginger Rogers Craterian Theater
Medford, Oregon

Program

Concert Prelude Ralph Hultgren
Ralph Hultgren, Conductor

Jack Tar March John Philip Sousa/Hunsberger
Roxanne Haskill, Conductor

Llwyn Onn Brian Hogg
Celebration of Life Ralph Hultgren
Ralph Hultgren, Conductor

Carmen Fantasy Bizet/Borne
Jim Walker, Flute Soloist
Cynthia Hutton, Conductor

Suite on Celtic Folksongs..... Tomochiro Tatebe
Roxanne Haskill, Conductor

— INTERMISSION —

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine..... John Philip Sousa/Fennell
The Jig is Up Daniel Kallman
Roxanne Haskill, Conductor

Legend Ralph Hultgren
Ralph Hultgren, Conductor

The Padstow Lifeboat Malcolm Arnold
Roxanne Haskill, Conductor

American Flute Salute David Mairs
Jim Walker, Flute Soloist
Mike Bankhead, Conductor

Bushdance Ralph Hultgren
Ralph Hultgren, Conductor

William Tell Overture..... Rossini/Charles Cassey
Mike Bankhead, 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, photo galleries, video excerpts and much more.

Tickets for the upcoming July 4th Fireworks Concert (Monday, 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. (Pre-concert entertainment at 7 p.m.)

Our web site also features extensive information about the 27th Annual Western International Band Clinic (Sea-Tac Double Tree Hotel, Seattle, Washington, Nov. 18-21) which features 9 concerts, 8 lecture sessions and four 160-member high school honor bands under 6 guest conductors with guest artist, Brian Bowman (euphonium).

Also see our web site for extensive digital presentation in our Bandworld Magazine. (Now in our 21st year of publication.)

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

June 26, 2005 Craterian Theater Concert CD*	\$12.00
July 4, 2005 Fireworks Concert Ashland CD*	\$12.00
ABC 2005 DVD*	\$23.00

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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 2004 concert CD's (each)	\$12.00
ABC 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 DVD's (each)	\$23.00

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