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Lawrence Spell
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Assistant Conductor
&
Five Former Conductors

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FIFTIETH
ANNIVERSARY
CONCERT

May 3, 2026
3:00 P.M.
The Opera House
Lexington, Kentucky

The Conductors

DENNIS VAN HORN graduated Lafayette High School and Eastern KY University, with a Bachelors & Masters in music education. Taught school for 12 years, full time Ky National Guard for 12 years (Retired Army Vietnam veteran), owned and operated sign & graphics business in Frankfort for 20 years.

PETER MARTIN, a proponent of community bands, is a proud founder and past principal conductor of the Central Kentucky Concert Band. He is Professor Emeritus of Music at the University of Southern Maine and Conductor Emeritus of both the Casco Bay Wind Symphony (an adult community band) and the Portland Youth Wind Ensemble. A native of Bensenville, Illinois, he holds the Bachelor of Music Degree from Northern Illinois University, the Master of Music Degree from Wichita State University, and the Ph.D. from Northwestern University.

JOHN ANDERSON served as Director of Bands at Transylvania University from 1980–1985, during which time he also had the privilege of conducting the Central Kentucky Concert Band. Following Transylvania he served at Indiana State University, Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo and Monterey Peninsula College in Monterey, California. In 1992 he founded and conducted Ensemble Monterey, a professional chamber ensemble,

and just retired from that position in March, 2025.

BEN HAWKINS served as Music Director of CKCB from 1985–1992 and again from 2013–2025. Dr. Hawkins retired as Professor Emeritus from Transylvania University in 2024, his 39-year service following five years of public-school teaching in Virginia and Texas. At Transylvania, he conducted both band and orchestra, and taught courses in music education, music theory, and conducting. He has guest conducted, adjudicated, and presented in most regions of the United States, as well as in Australia and Mexico.

W. HARRY CLARKE began his music career during his sophomore year in college as the band director in a tiny high school in the middle of a cotton field in the deep south. Continuing his teaching in Mississippi, Tennessee and in Kentucky at EKV’s Model High School. In 1968 he was appointed as interim Director of Bands at UK. That one-year appointment turned into 21 years and from 1989 to 2002 he served as Director of the School of Music. After his retirement he began public service as a member of the Lexington City Council and has continued his work there in a number of volunteer positions. The University of Kentucky recognized his work at UK and in Lexington by awarding him an Honorary

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in 2021.

LES ANDERSON joined the CKCB in 1986 as a trombonist and was assistant conductor for 35 years starting in 1989. His dedication to the band is well known. He was an educator for 30 years with the FCPS system. He taught band at the high school, junior high school, and elementary school levels for 23 years and was the principal at Russell Elementary for 7 years.

PETER LARUE Professor Emeritus, Georgetown College:
“It was a great privilege to serve the CKCB as Music Director and Conductor, to work with these outstanding and committed adult music-makers, to be a part of the heritage of this wonderful ensemble. Twenty years I will always cherish.”

LAWRENCE SPELL, before joining the Central Kentucky Concert Band and the faculty of Transylvania University, served as Director of the Titan Civic Band in High Point, NC, Director of Orchestras at Salt Lake Community College and assistant conductor for the Utah Youth Orchestras and Ensembles in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Program

- A Bluegrass Overture (2016)
Philip Sparke
b. 1951
- Lawrence Spell (2025) *conductor*
- Central Kentucky Concert Band Day
Proclamation
Mayor Linda Gorton
- Sòlas Ané (2006) Samuel Hazo
b. 1966
- John Anderson (1980–85) *conductor*
- Folk Dances (1987) Dmitri Shostakovich
1906–1975
arr. by Curnow
- W. Harry Clarke (1992–93) *conductor*
- Jitterbug! (2018) Robert Buckley
b. 1946
- Les Anderson (1993–94) *conductor*
- Armenian Dances (1974) Alfred Reed
1921–2005
- Ben Hawkins (1985–92 & 2014–2025)
conductor
- Old Scottish Melody
arr. by Charles Wiley
- Dedicated to all the saints departed who
were part of the CKCB
music-making family over the decades.
Peter LaRue (1994–2014) *conductor*
- Galop (1971) Shostakovich
arr. by Hunsberger
- Peter Martin (1977–79) *conductor*
- Stars and Stripes Forever (1896)
John Philip Sousa
1854–1932
- Dennis Van Horn (1976–77) *conductor*

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Join CKCB for the climatic concert in its golden-anniversary season, Sunday, May 3, 2026, at 3:00 P.M. at the Lexington Opera House. Many of the band’s previous conductors and members will be there. The former conductors have been invited to conduct the band in music of their choosing. It promises to be a joyful and memorable occasion that you won’t want to miss.

At the conclusion of the concert there will be a champagne reception to which all are invited.

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FIFTIETH ANNUAL
SPRING CONCERT

ECHOES OF THE
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March 8, 2026
3:00 P.M.
Haggin Auditorium
Transylvania University
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The Program

Entry of the Gods into Valhalla
from *Das Rheingold* (1851–54)
Richard Wagner
1813–1883
arr. by Hermann Zumpe
trans. for band
by Lawrence Spell

Satiric Dances for a Comedy
by Aristophanes (1975)
Allegro pesante Norman Dello Joio
Adagio mesto 1913–2008
Allegro spumante
Ben Hawkins, conductor

Old Churches (2002) Michael Colgrass
1932–2019

Kyrie from *Missa Papae Marcelli* (1562?)
Giovanni Pierlugi da Palestrina
1525–1594
arr. by Lawrence Spell

Celtic Ritual (1997) John Higgins
b. 1948

Pini di Roma (1924)
II. *I Pini presso una Catacomba*
III. *I Pini del Gianicolo*
IV. *I Pini della Via Appia*
Ottorino Respighi
1879–1936
trans. by Toshihiro Kimura

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THROUGH A
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Ella Petrey is a senior at Transylvania University majoring in Music Education with a minor in Psychology. During her time at Transy, she has had the opportunity to conduct both the Transylvania University Band and Choir, and is also an active member of the Transy Choir. Ella is currently completing her student teaching at Leestown Middle School and Stonewall Elementary, where she continues to grow as an educator and musician.

She is passionate about helping young musicians grow through supportive and engaging music-making. Ella is deeply grateful to Dr. Spell and the CKCB for welcoming her and giving her the opportunity to work with and participate in this experience.



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The Program

An American In Paris (1928)
George Gershwin
1998–1937
arr. Brubaker

Scenes from “The Louvre” (1966)
The Portals Norman Dello Joio
Children’s Gallery 1913–2008
The Kings of France
The Nativity Paintings
Finale

Lincolnshire Posy (1937)
Lisbon Percy Aldridge Grainger
Horkstow Grange 1882–1961
Rufford Park Poachers
The Brisk Young Sailor
Lord Melbourne
Lost Lady Found

Overture to Italian in Algiers (1813)
Gioacchino Rossini
1792–1868
arr. Cailliet
Ben Hawkins, *conductor*

Hands Across the Sea (1899)
John Philip Sousa
1854–1932
Ella Petrey, *conductor*

Selections from Pictures at an Exhibition
(1874) Modest Mussorgsky
Promenade 1839–1881
Catacombs arr. Neumann
Baba Yaga
The Great Gate of Kiev

Sleigh Ride (1948) Leroy Anderson
1908–1975

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50th Anniversary Concert

Sunday, May 3, 2026

3pm

Lexington Opera House



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