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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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# Whirlwinds

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Michael Kroth, bassoon  
Joseph Luloff, saxophone  
Nermis Mieses, oboe  
Deborah Moriarty, piano  
Richard Sherman, flute  
Corbin Wagner, horn  
Mingzhe Wang, clarinet  
Guy Yehuda, clarinet

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Monday, April 7, 2025  
Fairchild Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

# PROGRAM

Suite pour trio d'anches, Op. 47 (1949)	Alexandre Tansman (1897-1986)
Dialogue	
Scherzino	
Aria	
Finale	
Nermis Mieses, oboe; Guy Yehuda, clarinet; Michael Kroth, bassoon	
Riversong	Kevin Day (b. 1996)
Nermis Mieses, oboe; Guy Yehuda, clarinet; Mingzhe Wang, bass clarinet; Joseph Lulloff, saxophone; Michael Kroth, bassoon; Deborah Moriarty, piano	
Sonatine Sportive, Op. 63 (1939)	Alexander Tcherepnin (1899-1977)
Lutte: Allegro	
Mi Temps: Larghetto	
Course: Vivace	
Nermis Mieses, oboe; Mingzhe Wang, clarinet; Joseph Lulloff, saxophone; Michael Kroth, bassoon	
Sonata for Wind Quartet, No. 5 in D Major	Gioachino Rossini (1792-1868)
Allegro spiritoso	
Andante assai	
Rhondo	
Richard Sherman, flute; Mingzhe Wang, clarinet; Michael Kroth, bassoon; Corbin Wagner, horn	
Sextet for Piano and Winds, FP 100	Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)
Allegro vivace	
Divertissement: Andantino	
Finale: Prestissimo	
Richard Sherman, flute; Nermis Mieses, oboe; Guy Yehuda, clarinet; Michael Kroth, bassoon; Corbin Wagner, horn; Deborah Moriarty, piano	

## ARTIST FACULTY BIOS

**Michael Kroth**, professor of bassoon and associate dean for undergraduate studies at the MSU College of Music, has earned a reputation as an excellent solo, chamber, and orchestral musician having performed in recitals and concerts throughout the U.S. and Germany. He served as principal bassoon with the South Dakota Symphony and Dakota Wind Quintet and has held positions as principal bassoonist with the Air Force Academy Band and the Colorado Springs Symphony Orchestra. Kroth is principal bassoon with the Lansing Symphony Orchestra, a faculty artist at the Colorado College Summer Music Festival, and at the Peninsula Music Festival (Door County, WI). He performs regularly with Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and The Cleveland Orchestra. He has also performed with the Trenton Symphony, the Colorado Ballet, and The Philadelphia Orchestra. He earned his Bachelor degree in bassoon performance from Ithaca College and a Master of Music in from Temple University. He has released recordings on the Sound Works, Ultrasound, AFSC, and HCS labels.

**Joseph Lulloff** maintains a prolific performance career as a soloist, chamber musician and member of the acclaimed Capitol Quartet. A recipient of the Concert Artists Guild Award and the Pro Musicis International Soloist Award, he has performed at venues such as Carnegie Hall, Weill Recital Hall, Disney Hall, and the Smithsonian Institute. Festival appearances include the Ojai Festival, the Autumn Festival in Moscow, the Lucerne Festival, the Cortona Sessions (Italy), the Mid Europe Festival, and the Ravinia Festival.

He is a frequent soloist with orchestras and wind bands in the United States and abroad, including the Cleveland and Minnesota Orchestras, the U.S. Air Force and Navy Bands, Moscow Contemporary Music Ensemble, the Polizeiorchester Bayern, and the Dallas Winds. He has performed as principal saxophonist with the Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis, Minnesota, Grand Rapids, and Lansing Symphony Orchestras in addition to jazz performances and numerous recordings.

Lulloff is Professor of Saxophone at Michigan State University, where he is the recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award as well as the Withrow Award for Excellence in Teaching. During the summertime, Mr. Lulloff serves on the teaching faculty of the Brevard Music Center Summer Institute and the Great Plains Saxophone Workshop.

## ARTIST FACULTY BIOS (cont.)

**Nermis Mieses** is faculty at Michigan State University and the Sewanee Summer Music Festival. Formerly, she taught at Bowling Green State University, performed as Principal Oboe of the Detroit Opera and served as Chair of the IDRS Gillet-Fox International Competition for Oboe. Her artistry has been recognized by the University of Michigan Paul Boylan Alumni Award, the Barbirolli International Oboe Competition, the First International Oboe Competition of FEMUSC, and others. She is an active competition juror, recitalist, and masterclass presenter in America and abroad. She has performed with Sphinx, Chineke!, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and several regional orchestras in Ohio and Michigan. Her debut album, "Oboe in Hues", features solo oboe pieces by the French oboist-composer Gilles Silvestrini. In her native country of Puerto Rico, she earned a BM from the Conservatory of Music. Her MM and DMA degrees are from the University of Michigan under Nancy Ambrose King

**Deborah Moriarty** is professor of piano and chair of the piano area at the Michigan State University College of Music, where she is a recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award. A Massachusetts native, she made her debut with the Boston Symphony Orchestra at age eleven. She has also served on the piano faculty at the New England Conservatory of Music and the University of Lowell.

Moriarty attended the Curtis Institute of Music, the Juilliard School, and the New England Conservatory of Music, where she received her Master of Music degree with honors. She has studied with Russell Sherman, Theodore Lettvin, and Beveridge Webster.

An active recitalist and soloist with orchestras throughout the eastern United States, she has also performed in Belgium, Japan, Colombia, Mexico, and the Soviet Union. Moriarty is a founding member of the Fontana Ensemble of Michigan, and as an advocate of new music, has participated in numerous premiere performances including Milton Babbitt's "Whirled Series" at Merkin Hall in New York City. She has recordings on the Crystal and CRI labels.

## ARTIST FACULTY BIOS (cont.)

Flute soloist, orchestral musician, recitalist, and recording artist **Richard Sherman** is a dynamic performer of outstanding dramatic power. He is principal flute with the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra (NY), International Chamber Orchestra of Puerto Rico, Lansing Symphony Orchestra, and Jackson Symphony Orchestra. He has given performances with the Chicago Symphony, English Chamber Orchestra, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and Toronto Symphony Orchestra. His work as a soloist includes the Columbus Symphony, Rochester Philharmonic, Youngstown Symphony, Lansing Symphony, and Chautauqua Symphony Orchestras, among many others. Sherman was the recipient of an ITT International Fellowship for study at the Royal College of Music in London and received the Henri Cohn Memorial Prize at Tanglewood for most outstanding fellowship student. As an educator, he oversees a vibrant flute studio at MSU while also giving master classes throughout the country, including at Eastman School of Music, Northwestern University, Louisiana State University, Ohio State University, Arizona State University, Brigham Young University, and University of Michigan, among others. In 2020, he was presented with the William J. Beal Outstanding Faculty Award, honored for a comprehensive and sustained record of excellence in creative activities, instruction and outreach.

**Corbin Wagner** received his Bachelor degree in 1979 from the University of Michigan. Prior to graduation, he became a member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He later received his Master degree from University of Michigan in 1989. Prior to his appointment at Michigan State University, he served as adjunct horn professor at Oakland University, the University of Michigan, and Wayne State University. After his appointment as Associate Professor of Horn, Wagner retired from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra after 35 years and retired from the Detroit Chamber Winds of over 30 years of service.

Wagner has received many prestigious performing honors, including a third prize at the 1983 ADR, the Munich International Horn Competition. He also took first prize at the American International Horn Competition in hand horn, valve horn, and horn quartet. He has released two CDs featuring new works for horn, soprano, and piano. He currently performs with Lansing Symphony and Traverse City Symphony Orchestras. His summer involvement includes Interlochen Arts Festival and the Peninsula Music Festival in Door County, WI.

## ARTIST FACULTY BIOS (cont.)

Clarinetist **Mingzhe Wang** is committed to promoting both the music of our time and the classics. He has worked closely with some of the world's leading composers. In addition, he has performed on period clarinets with prominent groups such as American Classical Orchestra and Clarion Music Society Orchestra. As a chamber musician, Mr. Wang has collaborated and continues to work with some of the most prominent artists of today, appearing in concerts and festivals in East Asia, Europe, and North America. Recent engagements include world premiere performances of music by Berlin-based composer James Helgeson and a performance of Isang Yun's monumental work *Riul*, with pianist Manuel Laufer, at the Isang Yun International Society in Berlin, Germany. His performances have been broadcast on China's Central Television, New York's WQXR, Nashville's WPLN, and many public radio stations across North America.

Mr. Wang, native of Wuhan, China, first studied clarinet at the age of nine. His first public performance was at the age of ten. He received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Yale University, with major teachers including David Shifrin, Charles Neidich, Ayako Oshima, and Paul Green. Mr. Wang is a co-founder of Trio Séléné and currently serves as an Associate Professor of Clarinet at Michigan State University College of Music.

MSU Associate Professor of Clarinet **Guy Yehuda** is recognized as one of the most outstanding and unique clarinetists on the international concert stage. The top prizewinner of several international competitions, Yehuda was hailed by composer John Corigliano as "one of the most awe-inspiring clarinetists today." He has toured extensively in Europe, North America, Israel, and China, performing at the Lucerne Contemporary and Spoleto Festivals, and with the Israel Philharmonic, Grand Rapids, Detroit, Haifa Symphony, Cincinnati Chamber, and Chicago Symphony Orchestras. He has toured Europe and the U.S. under the batons of top conductors including Pierre Boulez and Zubin Mehta, and performed and collaborated with Steve Reich, John Corigliano, Menahem Pressler, and many others.

A sought-after recitalist, Yehuda has performed as soloist in prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall, Disney Hall, Chicago Symphony Hall, and Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv. His discography

## **ARTIST FACULTY BIOS (cont.)**

includes several recordings, and he has given master classes around the world. A Selmer-Paris and Vandoren international performing artist and product consultant, he held visiting faculty positions at Indiana University and the University of Virginia. He is principal clarinetist with the Lansing Symphony Orchestra and the clarinet faculty resident at Aria International Music Festival and Fresno Summer Orchestra Academy.

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- **Merritt Lutz** (Celebrating the Spectrum; Wind Symphony, Apr. 24)
- **Clare Mackey** (Pass a Good Time, Oct. 6; Oboe, Trumpet and Organ, Feb. 11)
- **Joseph and Jeanne Maguire** (A Jazzy Little Christmas)

- **Patrick and Victoria McPharlin Guest Artist Endowment for Jazz Studies in the College of Music** (Jazz: Spirituals, Prayer and Protest Concert)
- **Pat & Mary McPharlin** (Tambuco Mexican Percussion Ensemble, Nov. 21)
- **Dr. Roy and Christine Meland** (Vive La France)
- **Gordon E. Miracle** (Votapek, Sept. 25; Helton, Oct. 31)
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- **Milton Powell, in memory of Sue Powell**, accomplished pianist and organist (Red Cedar Organ, Sept. 15)
- **Liz and Tony Raduazo in honor of Andrew Raduazo** (Sensory Friendly Spartan Concert, Nov. 9 and April 8)
- **Joy A. Rimpau** (Tuba and Euphonium Alumni Concert, April 13)
- **Nancy and Charlie Seebeck** (MSU-Stanford Piano Quartet)
- **Michael and Elaine Serling** (A Celebration of the Beautiful Voice)
- **Leonard and Sharon Tabaka** (Jazz Spectacular Finale Concert)
- **TechSmith** (Celebrating the Spectrum)
- **Dr. Robert W. Uphaus and Dr. Lois M. Rosen** (Symphony Orchestra, Sept. 27; Woodward String Quartet, Mar. 13; Bagratuni, Mar. 31)
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4/8 Thursday

**Sensory Friendly Spartan Concert**

CMS – East Lansing, 10:00 a.m. free

4/8 Tuesday

**Mosaic and Singing Spartans**

Fairchild Theatre, 7:30 p.m. \$

4/10 Thursday

**Jazz Nonets – Jazz Spectacular**

Fairchild Theatre, 7:30 p.m. \$

4/11 Friday

**Swing Dance – Jazz Spectacular**

Large Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m. \$

4/12 Saturday

**Jazz Spectacular Finale Concert**

Fairchild Theatre, 8:00 p.m. \$\$\$

4/13 Sunday

**Tuba and Euphonium Alumni Concert**

Fairchild Theatre, 3:00 p.m. \$

4/15 Tuesday

**Concert Band and Campus Band**

Cobb Great Hall, 7:30 p.m. \$

4/16 Wednesday

**State Singers and University Chorale**

Fairchild Theatre, 7:30 p.m. \$

4/21 Monday

**Musique 21, “Finnish Perspective”**

Fairchild Theatre, 7:30 p.m. \$

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- \$ \$12 Adults, \$10 Seniors (age 60 and older), Students with ID and anyone under age 18 are free but require a ticket for admission.
- \$\$ \$17 Adults, \$15 Seniors, \$7 Students with ID and anyone under age 18.
- \$\$\$ \$22 Adults, \$20 Seniors, \$12 Students and those under age 18.  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

4/22 Tuesday

**Concert Orchestra, "Russian Masters"**

Cobb Great Hall, 7:30 p.m. \$

4/24 Thursday

**Wind Symphony**

Cobb Great Hall, 7:30 p.m. \$

4/26 Saturday

**Symphony Orchestra and Choirs**

Cobb Great Hall, 8:00 p.m. \$

4/27 Sunday

**Symphony Band and Spartan Youth Wind Symphony**

Cobb Great Hall, 3:00 p.m. \$

5/4 Sunday

MSUFCU Showcase Series

**Piano Monster**

Fairchild Theatre, 3:00 p.m. \$\$\$

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