

#### **Conference Recital:**

#### 2023-02-25 - Northern Illinois University Steel Band





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## **ENSEMBLE CONCERT**

**National Society of Steel Band Educators Conference** 

**Northern Illinois University Steel Band** 

Liam Teague, director

Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 3:00pm Voxman Music Building Concert Hall

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# **PROGRAM** (TO BE SELECTED FROM)

Ella Andall arr. Jalen Charles Festival Song

Come, Let's Dance Joshua Bedeau

Playdate Liam Teague

Still Here Evan Jacobson

Elements of Love Joshua Bedeau

Rashunda Dorset-Headley Caribbeana

Song to the Chiracahua Clifford Alexis

Mambo Caliente Arturo Sandoval arr. Matthew Schneider

Ken "Professor" Philmore Pan by Storm

The **Northern Illinois University Steelband (NIU Steelband)** is dedicated to demonstrating the versatility and profundity of the steelpan, the national instrument of Trinidad and Tobago. Created in 1973 by G. Allan O'Connor, the NIU Steelband is the first active steel orchestra formed at an American university and will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on Sunday, April 16th, 2023. NIU is also one of the few institutions in the world at which students may pursue undergraduate and graduate music degrees with a steelpan emphasis.

The ensemble has performed throughout the United States and across the globe. Some of the band's most notable appearances include a performance for 18,000 soccer fans at Yankee Stadium, tours of Taiwan in 1992 and 1998, concerts with symphony orchestras (including the St. Louis Symphony and the Chicago Sinfonietta), and several performances at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention (PASIC). In 2000, the NIU Steelband had the distinction of placing 2nd at the World Steelband Festival in Trinidad and represented the USA at the 2002 Seoul Drum Festival in South Korea.

The NIU Steelband regularly appears in concert at public schools, universities, conventions, and arts series, and has many recordings to its credit, including Dangerous, which features an eclectic blend of musical styles. After many years under the leadership of G. Allan O'Connor and steel band legend Clifford Alexis, the ensemble is now directed by head of steelpan studies and professor of music, Liam Teague. The band's instruments are maintained by Yuko Asada, music instrument technician, and she also significantly contributes to the daily operations of the NIU Steelband.

#### **NIU Steel Band**

Lead: Jalen Charles, Matthew Kiser, Christian Baugher

Double Tenor: Rashunda Dorset-Headley, Jonah Payne

Double Seconds: Robert Simmons, Evan Jacobson, Matthew Schneider

Cello: Savion Nicholls, Karl Olsen

Bass: Yuko Asada, Rhiannon Robinson

**Engine Room** 

Joshua Bedeau, drum set Andrew Kinsey, congas; auxiliary percussion Liam Teague, congas; auxiliary percussion

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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FEBRUARY 2023			
25	7:30pm	Larnell Lewis with Joy Lapps-Lewis & Friends NSSBE Closing Concert 🎅	Concert Hall
26	3:00pm	Key Change: Piano Revolutionaries Series, Concert #5 🄝	Concert Hall
26	7:30pm	Faculty Recital: Wolfgang David, violin & David Gompper, piano	Concert Hall
27	7:30pm	Iowa Symphony Band: American Bandmasters Association Conference Preview Concert 🉃	Concert Hall
MARCH 2023			
3	7:30pm	Jazz Repertory Ensemble	Concert Hall
4	7:30pm	21st Annual Cello Dayz Concert	Concert Hall
5	1:30pm	Piano Sundays at the Old Capitol: Uriel Tsachor & Studio Old Cap	oitol Museum

