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The Northshore Concert Band Celebrates 60 Years of Musical Excellence!

Evanston, IL – The Northshore Concert Band is excited to announce its upcoming Season of Celebration. The 2015-2016 season marks its 60th season of musical excellence as well as the 10th anniversary of Dr. Mallory Thompson's reign as Artistic Director.

2015-2016 Subscription Season Concerts:
ZERO TO SIXTY! - November 1, 2015
CARMEN BURANA: LOVE, LUCK AND FATE - January 31, 2016
LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL - April 17, 2016
A DIAMOND CELEBRATION - June 12, 2016

Programming for this season can be summarized by four thematic themes.

The Fall Concert features the world premiere of Michael Martin's **Zero to Sixty!** This work was commissioned to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Northshore Concert Band. Sparks will fly when Mr. Martin, fourth trumpet of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, is joined by his brother Christopher Martin, principal trumpet of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, as they go head-to-head in a fiery "sibling rivalry" performance of Bizet's Carmen Fantasia for Two Solo Trumpets and Wind Ensemble.

The Winter Concert titled **Carmina Burana: Love, Luck and Fate** features Carl Orff's dramatic masterwork. Also featured in the January concert are talented young musicians from the Chicagoland area who will join the Northshore Concert Band playing music by Gustav Holst.

Spring offers a musical tribute to the civil rights movement, **Liberty and Justice for All.**This concert features two moving musical tributes to the Civil Rights Movement: Adolphus Hailstork's *American Guernica*, composed in memory of the four young girls killed in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama on September 15, 1963 and Mark Camphouse's tribute to the venerable Rosa Parks and her peaceful and dignified act of defiance in *A Movement for Rosa*.

This Season of Celebration comes to an end with the **A Diamond Celebration** Summer Concert. Alumni from throughout the sixty-year history will join the Northshore Concert Band in an exciting concert and season finale, performing fan favorites including founder John Paynter's arrangements of Malcolm Arnold's *Four Scottish Dances* and Gershwin's *Strike Up the Band!*

All concerts are on Sundays at 3:00 pm. at the Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive in Evanston, Illinois.

Four Concert Subscriptions are \$48, seniors \$35, students/children \$20. Individual concert tickets are \$18 each, seniors \$13, students/children \$7.

Tickets are available in advance or at the door, with special group rates available. Call 847-432-2263 or visit <u>tickets@northshoreband.org</u>. Doors open at 2:00 pm.

About the Northshore Concert Band

The Northshore Concert Band has brought music to the Chicago metropolitan area for 60 years. Performing up to 15 concerts a year and reaching over 20,000 people annually, the NCB's season includes a four-concert subscription series, educational outreach programs at area schools, summer concerts, and professional band festivals and conferences. NCB is committed to music education and is the proud co-sponsor of the Northshore Concert Band/Northwestern University Festival of Music, now in its 39th year, which attracts over 3,500 young musicians annually. Additional programs include the John P. Paynter Scholarship Award and the Lifetime of Music initiative. The NCB is composed of over 100 dedicated volunteer musicians, ranging in age from 20 to 85, with an average tenure of 15 years. **northshoreband.org**

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