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If you enjoyed the
Caribbean Eclipse Duo
and would like more
information on their
availability for booking,
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FORT ATKINSON

ORCHESTRA



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Proudly Presents
the 35th Annual

ORCHESTRA DESSERT CONCERT

Featuring Guest Artist

TIM RUSH



Sunday, March 2nd, 2025

Featuring the Orchestras of the
School District of Fort Atkinson

Music Educators

Andrea Haffelder & Tom Spitz

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Performing Arts Concert Festival**
 - Friday, April 4th, 2025
 - In-school field trip. Each FAMS & FAHS Orchestra performs for a panel of adjudicators. While not performing, each ensemble listens to other performances & critiques.
- **Performing Arts Festival**
 - Saturday, April 5th, 2025
 - Students are scheduled for ~10-minute performance slots between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to perform a Solo or Ensemble work for a small audience.
- **Exemplary Honors Festival**
 - Thursday, May 1st, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.
 - Performances noted as “Exemplary” from PAF are granted an opportunity to perform again, this time for the community.
- **FAHS Spring Concert**
 - Monday, May 12th, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.
- **5th grade Spring Concert**
 - Tuesday, May 20th, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.
- **8th Grade Beyond The Notes Clinic**
 - Thursday, May 22nd, 2025
 - Day trip to Kalahari for performance & critique
- **FAMS Spring Concert**
 - Tuesday, May 27th, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

GUEST ARTIST: TIM RUSH

Tim Rush has been a performing percussionist, teacher, clinician, composer, and recording artist in Southeastern Wisconsin since 2001.

Originally from East Troy, WI, Mr. Rush started his musical journey as most young musicians do, by joining school band in 5th grade. “It was at that point that I knew what I wanted to do for the rest of my life,” he often says. As a teenager, Rush furthered his musicianship by studying music privately, joining the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra, and performing professionally by the age of 14.

Primarily a drumset player, Rush has furthered his palate to include classical percussion, pitched mallet percussion, and instruments from cultures around the world.

In 2001, he started Caribbean Eclipse, a musical ensemble centered around the steelpan as a lead instrument. While Caribbean Eclipse can involve up to 8 musicians rocking the big stage, Rush most often performs as a duo with his long time friend and marimba player, John Seydewitz.

In 2007, Mr. Rush started an educational steel band program through the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra. This program can serve up to 36 students, geared toward City of Milwaukee residents and Milwaukee Public Schools.

Mr. Rush received his Bachelor of Music degree from Northern Illinois University, where he was introduced to the National Instrument of Trinidad and Tobago, the steelpan. He then received his Master of Music from Arizona State University, while directing the ASU Pan Devils Steel Band, studying, performing, and teaching in the Phoenix area. Since then, steelpan has been a primary focus of his teaching and performing career.

Rush has performed throughout most regions of the US, and has toured internationally, including Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, Taiwan, and Jamaica. He currently resides in Lake Geneva, WI, and focuses on nurturing the culture of steelpan in the Midwest.

7TH GRADE ORCHESTRA (CONT.)

Jason Matzke
Lilian McKinney
Olivia Nelson
April Rangel
Karis Schemenauer
Jackson Statz
Lillian Weiss
David Winski
Ayyanna Yang

8TH GRADE ORCHESTRA

Anthony Benkowski
Kaden Bruce
Michael Cassiday
Julius Draeger
Ariana Dudzek
Gabriel Encarnacion
Magdalena Farrell
Brinley Hanson
Brooklyn Hawkins
Hannah Hesselbacher
Lacey Jones
Ally Kanthers
Aubrey Keller
Autumn Kostroski
Alexandria Luebke
Maggie Mather
Angelica Middlebrooks
Tempe Naber
Eve Oakley
Ellie Recob
Lerissa Reu
Holden Saunders
William Steele
Luke Wielgat

PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Carter Anderson
Ryleigh Armstrong
Madeline Buckingham
Jude Clayton
Ian Copp

PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA (CONT.)

Mackenzie Cramlet
Logan Crossman
Theo Gehrenbeck
Ava Green
Walid Guerra
Juan Hernandez Silva
Jackson Hertzfeldt
Madelyn Hoeye
Olivia Jung
Zoey King
Antonia Kuefler
Emily Maas
Taylor McGeough
Nicol Meza Garcia
Grace Michalak
Reese Miller
Audriana Monestero-Klotz
Connor Ojibway
Kayla Rowe
Lillian Siglinsky
Landon Stachel
Joshua Yang
Aaden Zebell

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Hannah Behling
Zee Bernal
Maxin Calvert-Minor
Moriah Cooper
Ainsley Copp
Mackenzie Cramlet
Calvin Ficenec
Tiana Galeai
Henry Gehrenbeck
Reese Hacht
Maxwell Jonas
Jasmyne MacSaveny
Lauren Mattrisch
Mia Oakley
Willow Severin
Conner Smith
Kayla Teed

CONCERT PROGRAM

Calypso..... Martin Norgaard
SDFA Orchestras, grades 5-12

Montego Bay..... Susan H. Day
7th Grade Orchestra

Nassau Bound Bahamian Folk Song
5th Grade Orchestra

Orange Jam..... Jeffrey S. Bishop
Symphony Orchestra

Fire in the Forge..... Ted Allen
Philharmonic Orchestra

Storm..... Soon Hee Newbold
6th Grade Orchestra

Original Works Courtesy of Tim Rush

Davis Jump 5 Sides To Every Story
8th Grade Orchestra Symphony Orchestra

I Lika Do Da Cha Cha
Philharmonic Orchestra

The 35th annual Dessert Concert
- and our Tropical Vibes -
will resume after a 10 minute intermission.

CONCERT PROGRAM (CONT.)

Cruising the Caribbean..... Carrie Lane Gruselle
SDFA Orchestras, grades 6-12

Day-O

(Banana Boat Song)..... arr. Frank J. Halferty
5th Grade Orchestra

Calypso Sea..... Soon Hee Newbold
8th Grade Orchestra

Caribbean Eclipse Duo

Selections as announced

Tim Rush - steelpan, percussion

John Seydewitz - marimba, percussion

Puerto de Libertad..... Randy Sabien
Philharmonic Orchestra

Pirates of the Caribbean, Hans Zimmer
Dead Man's Chest..... arr. Rickets
Symphony Orchestra

Under The Sea..... Alan Menken
arr. Custer

SDFA Orchestras, grades 5-12

SDFA ORCHESTRAS

5TH GRADE ORCHESTRA

Ryan Barber
Aoife Bixby
Addalyn Brand
Riley Butts
Aleyda Cervantes Jaramillo
Thomas Damm
Iris Dauck
Harper Dorfman
Greta Dunham
Clinton Durst
Charlie Fortney
Aleigha Gess
Karlee Glowacki
Lainey Gottschalk
Ava Hathaway
Kendall Hill
Bennett Kraus
Arianna Liesch
Adalina Lively
Brooklyn McKinney
Luca Monestero
Yahir Payan Alvarado
Adrianna Peterson
Scarlett Prisk
Kiera Punzel
Megan Roddy
Haridian Rodriguez
Betim Rexhepi
Katie Sanchez
Emma Scheckel
Adler Schneider
Rayven Smith
Ameila Sturzen
Tommy Tyloch
Savannah Welke
Brielle Woolridge

6TH GRADE ORCHESTRA

Paysen Allie
Hannah Calzadas Espino
Riley Carson
Jocelyn Draeger
Samanta Michell Duarte Rodriguez
Kierra Ganzow
Pyper Gefvert
Kinley Gille
Christina Hardwick
Isabelle Hernandez
Isaac Hill
Cleo Knapp
Mason Kooiman
Olivia Kopps
Briggs Luedtke
Adrian Mendez
Daniella Moguel
Dublin O'Reilly
Terry Parish
Sofia Perez
Ryann Pierce
Esmerelda Ramirez Zuniga
Wesley Reinart
Angel Reyes
Delaney Riddell
Alondra Rivera Zuniga
Mackinley Schuldt
Alexander Shoemaker
Logan Simmons
Julia Turrittin-Johnson
Sarah Webster

7TH GRADE ORCHESTRA

Devin Anderson
Lincoln Beavers
Freyja Bronstad
Tonkhoa Daosuk
Avelina Dayton
June Duarte
Chelsea Flores
Lillian Hansen
Bentley Kurszewski