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The Brooklyn Wind Symphony is a select, all-volunteer ensemble dedicated to high quality music making. We promote lifelong participation in music by providing a diverse yet like-minded group of advanced instrumentalists the opportunity to play the most esteemed repertoire for symphonic wind ensembles. We increase public awareness of symphonic wind ensembles and the literature written for them through commissioning new works by talented composers and by acting as an arts advocate in major venues in New York City and beyond.

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Our members come from all

professions and walks of life; some of our seats are filled by alumni of the Grand Street Campus High Schools, from which the band took its original name. BKWS fills a huge void for symphonic wind ensembles in the New York City area. Along with our emphasis on musicianship, we take pride in being a social, friendly group that encourages community values and gives our participants the opportunity to play together at the highest level. BKWS's efforts continue to surprise and delight both musicians and audiences, while keeping classical music alive and well within the Brooklyn community and beyond. In addition to presenting our regular series at Grand Street High School, we have participated in Columbia University's Festival of Winds, DCINY's Lincoln Center Concert Series, Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College and the Midwest Clinic in Chicago, IL.

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Jeff W. Ball

Jeff W. Ball is the Founder, Artistic Director and Conductor of the Brooklyn Wind Symphony, established in 2008 as the Grand Street Community Band. From its original thirty members, the organization has grown into the seventy-piece Brooklyn Wind Symphony and allowed for the formation of two additional ensembles, the seventy-five piece Grand Street Community Band and the sixty-piece Kings County Concert Band. The Brooklyn Wind Symphony is the first ever New York City based ensemble to be twice invited to perform at both the Midwest Clinic and the World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles Conference. The Metropolitan Music Community, a 501c3 non-profit corporation on which Jeff serves as a board member, oversees all three organizations.

Jeff is also Director of Bands and Coordinator of Performing Arts at the Grand Street Campus (GSC) High Schools in the Bushwick neighborhood of Brooklyn, NY. His responsibilities include direction of the GSC Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Jazz Band A and Beginner Band as well as overseeing a large performing arts department. The 10 bands at GSC involve over 650 students from the three Title 1 high schools that make up the campus. Over 95% of the band students at GSC begin their musical training in the 9th grade. Despite this late start, the four concert bands and two jazz bands at the school consistently

receive the top ratings of "Gold" and "Gold with Distinction" at the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) festival. often participating at the highest levels of 5 and 6.

Additionally, Jeff now serves as director of the New York City "All-City" High School Concert Band, a ninety-piece auditioned honors ensemble that meets weekly and comprises the finest high school age musicians from New York City. Jeff also spent 5 years as director of the Brooklyn College Conservatory of Music Wind Ensemble and as director of the New York City "All-City" High School Marching Band.

Jeff received his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education and Jazz Studies from Ithaca College and his Master's Degree in Music Education from the same institution. He was a semi-finalist for the Grammy Music Educator of the Year award in 2018. Jeff is a member of NYSSMA, NYSBDA, NAFME, MEANYC, Pi Kappa Lambda

and CBDNA. Jeff is a highly sought after auest conductor and clinician, having conducted bands on four continents.

conducting program. He chaired dean for academic mentoring and of the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music. Cross has conducted the UCLA Wind Ensemble at the California All-State Music Education Conference and College Band band for centenary performances of Leonard Bernstein's Mass with Gustavo Dudamel and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. During five years as wind ensemble conductor at Virginia Tech, Cross at the Virginia Music Educators Association Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall and developed the Virginia Tech Band Directors Institute into a major conducting workshop.

> Cross earned doctor and master of music degrees in conducting from Northwestern University and the bachelor of music degree cum laude in vocal and instrumental music education from St. Olaf College. His principal teachers were Mallory Thompson and Timothy Mahr. Prior to graduate study, he taught for four years at Edina (Minn.) High School, where he conducted two concert bands and led the marching band program.

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Cross wrote a chapter for volume four of Composers on Composing for Band and contributed to The



Forward: Stories of Courage, Underrepresented Communities in the Wind Band Field and The Future of the Wind Band: Philosopher and Practitioner in Dialog, all available from GIA Publications. His more than

Travis J. Cross

20 original compositions and arrangements are published by Boosey & Hawkes, Daehn Publications/C.L. Barnhouse, and Theodore Music.

Cross has appeared as a guest conductor, composer, and clinician in nearly 40 states; internationally in Canada, China, Germany, Korea, Singapore, Spain, Thailand, and the United Arab Emirates: as featured band clinician at the Texas Music Educators Association Clinic/ Convention; and on several occasions at the Music for All National Festival and Midwest Clinic. He has engagements in California, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Tennessee, Virginia, Australia, Canada, Japan, Korea, and Singapore during the 2023-24 season. Cross is a member of the Council of Korean Americans and a Yamaha Master Educator.