

Wind Symphony and Concert Band

Michigan Tech's Wind Symphony and Campus Concert Band join forces for a Winter Concert on Friday, December 8, at 7:30 pm in the Rozsa Center. The 60 band members and director Nick Enz invite the community to join them in celebrating the end of the semester and the coming holiday season. Tickets for the concert are \$5, available from the Rozsa Box Office in advance or at the door.

The program features the "Norman Rockwell Suite" by Hayoto Hirose, a musical tribute to the paintings of small-town America by the beloved Saturday Evening Post artist, and "Lost Colony" by Robert Sheldon, based on the story of Roanoke, the first English settlement in America. Both use the sounds of wind and brass instruments to tell fascinating stories. From a perilous ocean voyage to the Roanoke colony's thanksgiving for safe arrival, to the final mysterious discovery of the colony abandoned, Sheldon celebrates the lives of daring American pioneers. The Norman Rockwell Suite captures the spirit of Rockwell's warm, humorous paintings of ordinary people. "The Marriage License" shows an excited young couple filling out the application form in a glow of bliss while a weary receptionist looks on. "Christmas Homecoming" depicts a son returning from his first semester of college, with his doting extended family waiting to greet him. "Shuffleton's Barbershop" is the rehearsal space for a group of elderly amateur musicians.

Other pieces include the stately and noble "Swan on the Hill," by Jan van der Roost, "Jungle," a lively musical adventure that could easily be a movie sound track, "Novena," a meditative masterpiece by the celebrated composer James Swearingen, "Fanfare Nueve," an exciting Spanish fanfare, and "National Emblem March" by Frederick Fennell, known as the father of the wind band, incorporating themes from the national anthem. Two classics, "Battle Pavane" by Tielman Susato and Swearingen's arrangement of "O Come All Ye Faithful," round out the program.

The concert is sponsored by Michigan Tech's Department of Fine Arts.