Leonard Falcone International Euphonium & Tuba Festival

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2023 Festival Awards

Euphonium Artist

1st Prize	Leonard Falcone Tribute	\$ 2	2,800
2nd Prize	Seymour & Faye Okun Tribute	\$1	,400
3rd Prize	Douglas & Jane Goodrich	\$	850
Tuba Artist			
1st Prize	Leonard Falcone Tribute	\$ 2	2,800
2nd Prize	Philip & Carolyn Sinder		,400
3rd Prize	Bill & Doris Kooyer	\$	850
Euphonium Stu	udent		
1st Prize	Beryl Falcone Tribute underwritten by Emil & Doris Ellis Family Foundation	\$1	,400
2nd Prize	Cecilia Falcone	\$	800
3rd Prize	Tom & Joyce Broka	\$	600
Tuba Student			
1st Prize	Ed Livingston Tribute	\$1	,400
2nd Prize	Roger and Nadine Weyersberg	\$	800
3rd Prize	Cecilia Falcone	\$	600

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Dr. Leonard Falcone 1899-1985

The most consummate performing artists are able to expand the horizons of their instruments and set the standard for their generation. A subset of this group (a small number indeed) possesses pedagogical skills to match their artistic talents. These individuals are the true leaders of the music education world, who maintain extraordinary artistic standards while touching the lives of countless young people.



Such was the case with Leonard Falcone, who served on the faculty of Michigan State University for 53 years. Dr. Falcone was one of those rare talents who combined remarkable artistic talent with natural pedagogical instinct.

Dr. Falcone was born in 1899 in Roseto-Valfortore in southeastern Italy, about 75 miles northeast of Naples. He was a professional musician (playing in the prestigious Roseto-Valfortore Town Band) before immigrating to America in 1915 at the age of 15. In 1927, he was appointed Director of Bands at Michigan State University, where he concurrently was Chairman of the Winds and Brass Department and Professor of Baritone Horn.

Dr. Falcone was truly a world-class brass player, and his reputation for excellence touched all aspects of his career. His solo performances, his bands, and his students were all characterized by his singular dedication to the highest standards.

Dr. Falcone retired as Director of Bands at MSU in 1967, although his teaching relationship with MSU continued. During the course of his tenure as Director of Bands, Leonard Falcone's original single 65-piece Military Band developed into four units: the 175-piece Marching Band, the 115-piece Concert Band, the 100-piece Activity Band, and the Spartan Brass. In recognition of distinguished his career. Michigan State awarded Leonard Falcone the Doctor of Fine Arts degree in 1978, marking 50 years of involvement with MSU. He retained his position as Professor of Baritone Horn until his death in 1985. In 2014, the MSU Alumni

Band honored Dr. Falcone with a bronze plaque bearing his image and story, placed in the College of Music.

Dr. Falcone was active in the program of Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp since it opened in 1966. As a guest conductor and honorary trustee, Dr. Falcone helped Blue Lake become what former Michigan Governor William Milliken considered to be "one of the state's greatest cultural assets."

It was in honor of his exemplary musical and educational accomplishments that a number of Falcone students, in cooperation with Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, established the Leonard Falcone International Euphonium Festival (now Euphonium and Tuba Festival). The Festival has become a continuing testimony to Dr. Falcone's profound influence upon the lives of his students and the extraordinary artistry he achieved on the instrument he loved.

> Dr. Falcone's papers can be found in the MSU Archives (UA17.133)—the guide is at: https://findingaids.lib.msu.edu/repositories/2/reso urces/147



Photos from left: concert at Interlochen, 1930; formal portrait, MSU years; half-time marching formations ca. 1947; pregame, 1963; last known photo, fall 1984. Source: 1, 2, 4, 5 from Cecilia Falcone & 3 from MSU Archives/UA 17.133

Festival Objectives

The Leonard Falcone International Euphonium & Tuba Festival has gained recognition as the premier event of its kind. Our objectives include:

- & promoting the highest level of artistry on the euphonium and tuba;
- sencouraging young musicians to study the euphonium and tuba;
- A enhancing the repertoire for the euphonium and tuba by commissioning and encouraging original compositions, transcriptions, and arrangements;
- a presenting master classes and performances by distinguished euphonium and tuba artists; and
- \bigstar fostering increased awareness and appreciation for euphonium and tuba by the general public.

Student and artist level competitions remain integral to the Festival. The competition has a truly international flavor, with contestants attending from countries around the world. We have awarded nearly \$350,000 in prize money since this competition began. Competition cash prizes are underwritten by foundations, companies, and friends who believe in the values of the Festival.

Competitor Eligibility

Artist Eligibility

Participants must not currently be or formerly been a full-time paid professional in either a performance position or a college teaching position as of August 1 of the Festival year. There is no age limitation, and participants may be of any sex, race, or nationality.

Student Eligibility

There is an age limit for the student divisions. Participants must not have reached their 20th birthday prior to December 1 of the Festival year. For the 2023 Festival, a participant who will be 20 years old or older on December 1, 2023, is not eligible to apply in either student division. Participants may be of any sex, race, or nationality. Previous first place winners of the Student Level Competition must enter the Artist Level should they compete in ensuing years.

Applicants in Multiple Divisions

While participants may choose to apply in multiple divisions, they must choose one division in which to compete. Application fees are refunded as outlined in the Cancellation and Refund Policy.

Competition Process

Preliminary Round

Applicants submit an audio recording of the preliminary round music as specified, with no identifying information. Preliminary round adjudicators listen to and rate the recordings for selection of Festival participants.

Semi-Final Rounds

Participants prepare required music, both accompanied and unaccompanied pieces. Festival adjudicators listen to and rate the performances at the Festival, but competitors are identified by letters, not by name. Performances are NOT open to the public.

Final Round

Finalist competitors are announced at the Sunday luncheon and have until the following day to polish and rehearse. All Festival adjudicators rate the final round competitors. The public is invited to all final performances.

Dates for the Thirty-ninth Annual Falcone Festival

March 31, 2024	Entry deadline for application and audio recording
	Competition & Festival
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Mai Kokubo is one of the most active euphonium performers in Japan both on stage and as a teacher. She began studying the euphonium at 11 years old, and three years later, she started to perform as a soloist. After graduating high school, she studied under Toru Miura at the Kunitachi College of Music and under Brian Bowman at the University of North Texas, where she completed her Master of Music Degree in Euphonium Performance.

In 2012, Kokubo won the top prize at the Japan Wind and Percussion Competition, launching her career as a professional Euphonium player. Her brilliant musicality and cheerful personality became well known as she was invited to be a guest artist at the 2014, 2016, and 2019 International Tuba Euphonium Conference (ITEC). She completed a highly successful recital tour after releasing

her first CD "A War in Wonderland" in 2015 and "Miko Dance" in 2020. Both of the recordings were nominated by ITEC for the CD prize and the Roger Bobo Award for Excellence in Recording in 2016 and 2021.

More recently, Kokubo has been involved in teaching. In 2015 and 2018, she hosted the Hamamatsu Euphonium Tuba Festival, where around 200 participants of junior and high school students, music college students, and professional and amateur performers joined to learn the instrument and enjoy concerts. She also hosted the Hamamatsu Euphonium Tuba Camp in 2019 and continues to teach at music colleges and high schools. Now she teaches at Senzoku Gakuen College of Music and Tokoha University Junior College. Mai Kokubo is a Willson artist.

Composer Kevin Day



Composer Kevin Day is an internationally acclaimed, award-winning American composer, conductor, producer, and multi-instrumentalist. His compositions intersect the worlds of jazz, minimalism, Latin, Blues, fusion, and contemporary classical idioms; his music ranges from powerful introspection to joyous exuberance.

Currently, Day serves as artistic director of the Millennium Composers Initiative, a collective of more than 120 composers from several countries around the world, and is Assistant Professor of Composition at Wilfrid

Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

Day's composition "Metallic Figures" is the Tuba Artist Finals piece, and his "Dancing Fire" is opening Sunday night's concert with the Blue Lake Festival Band.

2023 Falcone Festival Semi-Finalists & Alternates

= Unable to compete \checkmark = Will compete * May be semifinalist in one division only

Euphonium Artist Division

Semi-Finalists (in alphabetical order) Hunter Bellows

Austin, TX, USA Baylor University Dr. Kent Eshelman, Brett Blackstone

Naoki Fujimoto Tokushima, Japan le Pôle d'Enseignement Supérieur de Musique et de Danse Atsutaro Mizunaka

Anthony Gonzalez Rio Grande City, TX, USA The University of Texas at Austin Charles Villarrubia, Dr. Matthew Hightower Dr. Alex Avila, Dr. Jesse Orth

Michael Dakota Kelso University of Central Arkansas Dr. Gail Robertson, Dr. Micah Everett, Jeff Triplett

Yurika Kotani Tokushima, Japan Aichi University of the Arts Kaoru Tsuyuki, Takanori Miyake

Zachary Leinberger Fayetteville, GA, USA Duquesne University Dr. James Gourlay, Dr. Paul Dickinson, Jason Casanova

Sam McHenry Enterprise, AL, USA University of Central Arkansas Dr. Gail Robertson, Dr. Robert Pendergast Dr. Jason Sulliman, Mike Mason

William Rachko Havertown, PA, USA Duquesne University Dr.James Gourlay, Jonathan Fowler, Alex Gittelman

Andrew Sallee Bloomington, IN, USA Indiana University Jacobs School of Music Dr. Demondrae Thurman, Carl Lenthe Joseph Alvarez, Jay Hunsberger

Tommy Vo Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada University of North Texas Dr. David Childs, Dr. Brian Bowman, Peder MacLellan

Alternates (in this order) Nathan Meyers Pittsburgh, PA, USA Duquesne University Dr. James Gourlay, Dr. Brian Bowman, Dr. David Childs

Justin Weis Franklin, WI, USA University of North Texas Dr. David Childs, Dr. Brian Bowman Dr. John Mueller, Dr. John Tuinstra

Phillip Marion James Madison University, Temple University University of North Texas Kevin Stees, Jay Krush, Dr. Brian Bowman Tuba Artist Division

Semi-Finalists (in alphabetical order) Jorge Gauvin Caraballo Valdosta State University Dr. Brandon Smith, Ryan Sorenson

Ben Kauffman Pearland, TX, USA Rutgers University Alan Baer, Dr. Kent Eshelman, Dr. Aaron Tindall, Dave Kirk

Connor Korioth Austin, TX, USA University of Texas at Austin Charles Villarrubia, Dr. Clay Garrett, Richard Murrow

Benjamin Liberti Orlando, FL, USA University of Miami Aaron Tindall, Alan Baer, Aaron Vanderweele

Blake Lile Benton, KY, USA University of North Texas Don Little, Matt Good, Dr. Ryan Robinson, Dr. Todd French

Kaho Manome Ibaraki-ken, North Kanto, Japan Aichi University of the Arts Yuto Hayashi, Jun Miyanishi

Daniel Oczko

Xan Perkins

Charley Pollard

Derby, KS, USA Washington State University Dr. Chris Dickey, Dr. Jason Byrnes Sam Pilafian, Dr. Steven Maxwell

> Malibu, CA, USA University of Miami Aaron Tindall, Blake Cooper

> > Mount Horeb, WI, USA

David Zerkel, Mike Forbes

University of Michigan

Austin, TX, USA

Charles Villarrubia

Mount Prospect, IL, USA University of Miami

Aaron Tindall, Josh Wirt

Ryan Sorenson Dallas, GA, USA Florida State University Dr. Justin Benavidez, Rex Martin, Jay Hunsberger

Alternates (in this order) ✓Ally Hansen

Jonas Lowe University of Texas at Austin

Eddie Gonzalez El Paso, TX, USA Oklahoma State University Ryan Robinson, Donald Little, Matt Good, Jeff Baker

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Euphonium Student Division

Semi-Finalists (in alphabetical order) **Caleb J Alexander** San Antonio, TX, USA Louis D. Brandeis High School Dr. Matthew Mireles, Michael Brumbaugh

John Chow Denton, TX, USA University of North Texas Dr. David Childs, Jason Casanova Dr. Demondrae Thurman, Bernard Flythe

Pontotoc, MS, USA Coda Ethridge University of Mississippi Dr. Micah Everett, Randy Dale, Sarah Todd

Anthony Genevro Stillwater, OK, USA Oklahoma State University Ryan Robinson, Stephen Haddad, John Feeny

Miguel Gonzales

Pearland, TX, USA University of Texas at Austin Charles Villarrubia, Jeff Homick

Rockwall, TX, USA Texas A&M University - Commerce Dr. Jeff Baker

Alternates (in this order) ✓ Nathaniel Spence Rogersville, TN, USA **Tennessee Tech University** Dr. Preston Light, Jimmy Self, Nick Fisher, Brandon Linkous

Campbell Byrd

Brett Strange

Candice Neel

Perkins, OK, USA **Oklahoma State University** Dr. Ryan Robinson

> Moore, OK, USA University of Oklahoma Brian Dobbins

Tuba Student Division

Semi-Finalists (in alphabetical order) **Moses Bannister** Charleston, SC, USA University of Georgia Dr. Matthew Shipes, Dr. Justin Clarkson, Stephen Spalding

Mitch Brady

Raleigh, NC, USA Boston University Mike Roylance

Mountain Lakes, NJ, USA # Rebecca Hirschfeld Juilliard Pre-College, Mountain Lakes High School Andrew Bove

Samuel Hernández Imbernón Torrevieja, Alicante, Spain Superior Conservatory Óscar Esplá of Alicante Vicente Lopez Velasco, Sergio Finca Quirós José López Sánchez, Daniel Llos Pearrocha

Jacksonville, FL, USA **Charlie Nelson** Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Bernard Flythe, James Jenkins, Paul E Weikle, Jim Daniel

Andrew Prather

Alternates (in this order) # Tyler Lane

Grapevine, TX, USA **Boston University** Mike Roylance, Ed Jones

York Community High School

Elmhurst, IL, USA

Josh Wirt

✓ David Horn

Livingston, NJ, USA Livingston High School Andrew Bove, Kyle Turner, Carl DellaPeruti

Zach Larakers

Wheaton, IL, USA Wheaton North High School Kent Krause, Josh Wirt



2023 Festival Adjudicators



DR. PAUL CARLSON, Associate Professor of Tuba and Euphonium at Grand Valley State University, is currently touring the country performing clinics and concerts with the Dallas Brass. He has studied with Dan Perantoni, Richard White, Mark Moore, and Joseph Goble. Carlson has performed with the New Mexico

Brass Quintet, The King's Brass, Disney Collegiate All-Star Band, and Harvey Phillips Tuba Company, as well as several symphonies around the US. He can be heard on recordings on the Summit and Naxos labels as well as Alfred Music Publishing. Carlson's first solo recording "Mountain Song" was released through Potenza Records. He has also appeared as a soloist and chamber musician at numerous tuba conferences. He is a Buffet Crampon USA Artist.



DR. CHRIS COMBEST, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Graduate Studies at Middle Tennessee State University, leads an active career as a performer and educator. Principal Tubist with the Nashville Opera, he can also be heard on numerous recent video game recordings, including "Destiny

2" and "Aliens: Fire Team Elite." His latest solo album Mosaic (released 2022) was recently recognized with a Silver Medal for Outstanding Achievement by the Global Music Awards and is also a finalist for the American Prize. Combest is a Performing Artist for Melton Meinl Weston and B&S instruments.



DR. MARK COX, Professor of Tuba and Euphonium at Central Michigan University, holds BM and DMA degrees in performance from the Eastman School of Music, and a MM degree in performance from Northwestern University. Cox has performed at major concert halls in

the US, Germany, and Japan and has performed with numerous international performers. He gives seminars on teaching and performing throughout the US. Cox's students include public school teachers and professional performers. His former students have won the Yamaha Young Artists Competition, placed in the artist division of the Leonard Falcone Competition, are members of the US Army Band "Pershing's Own" and have performed as soloists around the US. Cox is a Yamaha Artist.



MARTY ERICKSON, Principal/Solo Tubist with the US Navy Band for 26 years, is one of the most versatile tubists in the world. He has played in 38 countries and 48 states, has over 50 recordings plus 3 solo CDs, and had a recital at Carnegie Hall in 2013. Now Principal E-flat Tuba with the

Brass Band of Battle Creek, he has played extra with the National Symphony, the Baltimore Opera Orchestra, and the Chicago Symphony; soloed with the Boston Pops; is an associate artist with the Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass; is Principal Tuba with the Fox Valley Symphony; and performs with the Millennium Brass. Retired from teaching at Lawrence University in Appleton, WI, Erickson is a clinician for Eastman-Shires-Willson Band Instrument Company and plays the Willson 3400S E-flat tuba he helped design. He has served as Falcone Festival Adjudicating Chairman for over 30 years.



MAI KOKUBO, our guest artist, will also be adjudicating at the semifinalist and finalist competitions. For her full biography, please see page 5.



DR. JAMIE LIPTON is Professor of Low Brass and Director of the Brass Band at Henderson State University (Arkadelphia, AR). A Willson Performing Artist, Jamie has performed throughout the US and all over the world, most recently in Brazil. A past winner of both the Falcone Euphonium Artist and the ITEC

Euphonium Artist competitions, she now serves on the Falcone Festival board and is the ITEA Competition Coordinator. Lipton has been a clinician at many leading American brass workshops and has been on faculty at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp since 2007. She is the Euphoniumist for the touring ensemble Trio di Velluto, and she is a board member and Principal Euphonium of the Natural State Brass Band in Little Rock, AR.



DR. MATTHEW MURCHISON enjoys a varied career as performer, composer, arranger, educator, conductor, and producer. Murchison was a member (and frequent soloist) of Pittsburgh's River City Brass from 2002-2015. He has also performed with the US Army Band "Pershing's Own," Brass Band of Battle Creek,

and many symphony orchestras. He has produced album recordings and performed on solo, chamber, large ensemble, and rock band albums; he has also been engaged to write jokes and perform as emcee for concerts. As a composer, he self-publishes most of his compositions through his website. Recent performances of his compositions have taken place across the US and in Japan, South America, and Europe. Murchison is Adjunct Instructor of low brass at Cornell University. Visit www.murchmusic.net for sheet music, recordings, videos, and more.



PHILIP SINDER is Professor of Tuba and Euphonium at the Michigan State University College of Music. His students are found in performance and teaching positions throughout the US and abroad, and have won awards in numerous solo competitions. Sinder has performed with many leading ensembles, including

the Detroit Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, and Houston Symphonies. Principal Tuba with the Lansing Symphony Orchestra since 1982, he also is a founding member of the Brass Band of Battle Creek. He has performed on over 20 large ensemble and brass quintet recordings, as well as his solo tuba recording "Aerodynamics." Sinder has authored publications available from Mountain Peak Music and Indiana University Press. In 2009, Sinder received the inaugural Withrow Excellence in Teaching Award at Michigan State University, and in 2017 he received the International Tuba Euphonium Association Excellence in Teaching Award. Since 2005, he has been a Valade Teaching Fellow at the Interlochen Arts Camp.



DR. WILL SUTTON is currently Assistant Professor of Music at Northwest Missouri State University where he teaches trombone, euphonium, tuba, music theory, and leads the Northwest Concert Band. He spends his summers teaching music theory and low brass at the New England Music Camp in Maine.

Sutton has competed in the Leonard Falcone International Euphonium and Tuba Festival, advancing to the semifinals four times. He has been invited to perform at the Midwest Regional Tuba and Euphonium Conference, International Tuba and Euphonium Conference, and as a soloist with many College and University ensembles. His solo playing can be heard under the Kendor Music label.

Preliminary Round Judges

EUPHONIUM ARTIST DIVISION

- Dr. Brian Bowman Regents Professor Emeritus of Music, University of North Texas
- Dr. Martin Cochran Instructor of Music, Dillard University
- Dr. Gail Robertson Associate Professor of Tuba & Euphonium, University of Central Arkansas
- Dr. Danielle VanTuinen Assistant Professor of Tuba & Euphonium, University of Florida

TUBA ARTIST DIVISION

- Remo Capra Instructor of Tuba, Euphonium & Chamber Music, Lucerne & Zug music schools, Switzerland; Chamber Musician, Swiss Brass Consort & Hornbeats
- Dr. Paul Carlson Associate Professor of Tuba & Euphonium, Grand Valley State University
- Mike Roylance Principal Tuba, Boston Symphony
- Dr. Bethany Wiese Professor of Tuba & Euphonium, Appalachian State University

EUPHONIUM STUDENT DIVISION

- Gregory A. Freeman Graduate Teaching Assistant, George Mason University; Trombonist, Monumental Brass Quintet; Associate Artist, Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass
- TSgt Alison Miserendino Euphonium, USAF Band, Washington DC
- Dr. Remus Webb Assistant Professor of Music, Albany State University

TUBA STUDENT DIVISION

- Dr. Beth Chouinard-Mitchell International Recital Artist & Clinician, Eastman Winds
- Bernard Flythe Adjunct Professor of Tuba, University of North Florida
- Dr. Joanna Ross Hersey Associate Dean of Student Success & Curriculum, College of Arts and Sciences; Professor of Music, The University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Collaborative Pianists



DR. MARY JO COX received her Bachelor of Music from Houghton College and her Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. Cox maintains an active schedule as soloist and chamber musician throughout the United States. She serves on the faculty of

Central Michigan University, currently holds the position of Principal Keyboardist with the Midland (MI) Symphony Orchestra, and is a frequent collaborative pianist for festivals and competitions throughout the US. (Tuba Artists & Guest Artist Recital)



DR. LING LO holds degrees from Michigan State University (DMA Piano Performance, Collaborative Piano/MM Collaborative Piano), Boston University (MM Piano Performance), and Soochow University (BM Music Performance). Lo is a Teaching Assistant Professor in Collaborative Piano at the

University of North Dakota. Prior to this, she served as staff pianist at Texas A&M University-Kingsville and Saginaw Valley State University. Lo has been invited as a guest artist to present duo recitals at universities throughout the US and has served as a festival pianist for many conferences and festivals. (Euphonium Artists)



DR. SHERYL IOTT is an active solo and collaborative performer, speaker, teacher, and adjudicator. She is an examiner and online course facilitator for the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto, and author of "Thinking and Playing Music: Intentional Strategies for Optimal Practice and Performance," published by Rowman and

Littlefield (2021). A Fulbright scholar, she taught at the University of Brasilia in 2017 and has served on the faculties of Interlochen Arts Camp, Grand Rapids Community College, Michigan State University, and Hope College. She has studied with Ralph and Tine Votapek, Ian Hobson, and Joseph Evans. (Euphonium Students)



MARIE BLAIR holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Michigan State University, a Master of Music degree from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, and a Professional Performance Diploma from the Royal Northern College of Music in England, where in 2002 she won the Bach Prize and the Piano Duo

Prize. As a soloist, she has performed in New York, the Midwest, and internationally. She is a highly sought-after collaborative pianist for instrumentalists and vocalists alike. She now resides in New York. (Tuba Students & Adjudicator Recital)

Commissioned & Adjudicated Compositions

2020 In Modo Humano *

for unaccompanied solo Euphonium by Thomas Rüedi

2020 Climate Strike * for unaccompanied solo Tuba by Evan Zegiel

2015 Crossroads

for solo Euphonium and wind ensemble by Brian Balmages, premiered by Lance LaDuke

2010 URSA

for solo Tuba with piano or concert band accompaniment by Libby Larsen, premiered by Jens Bjørn-Larsen

2007 Double F Fanfare

for concert band by David Gillingham, premiered by Blue Lake Festival Band, Donald Flickinger, Conductor

* 2020 Falcone Festival Solo Works Competition Winner

2005 Fantasia di Falcone

for solo Euphonium with piano or concert band accompaniment by James Curnow, premiered by Angie Hunter

1999 Hieronymus for unaccompanied Tuba by Daryl Burghardt, premiered by Philip Sinder

1997 Three Pieces for Tuba for unaccompanied Tuba by Ron Newman, premiered by Øyvind Grong

1995 Blue Lake Fantasies for unaccompanied Euphonium by David Gillingham, premiered by Brian Bowman

1988 Concertino for Euphonium with piano or concert band accompaniment by James Niblock, premiered by Roger Behrend

Previous Festival Gold Medalists

1986	EA	Angie Hunter
1700	ES	Lance LaDuke
1987	EA	
1707	ES	-
1988	EA	
1700	ES	
1989	EA	
1707	ES	
1990	EA	
		Matthew Tropman
1991		Robin Taylor
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1994	EA	
	ES	David Thornton
1995	EA	Takeshi Hatano
	ES	Joseph Bello
1996	EA	
	ΤА	
	ES	-
	тs	Frank Crawford
1997	ΕA	Adam Frey
	ΤА	
	ES	Matt Murchison
	тs	Kent Eshelman
1998	ΕA	Benjamin Pierce
	ΤА	Thomas Bratten
	ES	Adam Lessard
	ΤS	Kevin Sanders
1999	ΕA	Jamie VanValkenburg
	ΤA	Charles Guy
	ES	Adam Dotson
	тs	Nicholas Wyatt
2000	ΕA	Mark Jenkins
	ΤA	Kent Eshelman
	ES	Kathryn Lindsey
	ТS	Carolyn Jantsch
2001	ΕA	Matt Murchison
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	ES	Aaron Ging
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2002	EA	
		Jason Koi
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TS Chase Garner

		Artist TA: Tuba Artist Student TS: Tuba Student
2003	EA	Ryan McGeorge
		Grant Harville
	ES	Chester Elliott
	ΤS	Collin Campbell
2004	ΕA	Mitsuro Saito
	ΤA	Carolyn Jantsch
	ES	Mike Veale
	ТS	Beth McDonald
2005	ΕA	Jeremy McBride
		Ben Miles
		Dan Geldert
	ΤS	Thomas Crail
2006	EΑ	Jamie Lipton
		Scott Deveraux
		Kennedy Wells
		Zachary Graff
2007		Philip Eberly
		Beth McDonald
		Cassie Black
		Ibanda Ruhumbika
2008		Matthew Mireles
		Derek Fenstermacher
		Layne Todd
2000		Daniel Walley
2009		Christopher Buckley
		Clinton McCanless
		Ethan Henshaw
2010		Patrick Melvin
2010		Kyohei Ando
		Clay Garrett Toby Furr
		Joshua deVries
2011	EA	
2011	TA	,
	ES	Ryan Chen
	TS	Zach Bridges
2012	EA	-
2012	TA	•
	ES	Tim Morris
	TS	Jacob Daniel
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2022 Gold Medalists from left: Euphonium Artist–Andrew Ribo; Tuba Artist–Chris Bloom; Euphonium Student–Roel Arazo; Tuba Student–Victor Cruz

2013	EA	Geoff Durbin
		Daniel Frost
		Alfredo Leitão
	тs	Evan Zegiel
2014	ΕA	Christopher Leslie
	ΤА	Lee Jarzembak
	ES	Michael Stone
		Joe LeFevre
2015	ΕA	Alex Avila
	IA	Maxwell Briggs
	ES	Ada Brooks
		Ramon Garavito Jr
2016	ΕA	Joe Broom
		Preston Light
		Thomas Gusewelle
	тs	Carter Loud
2017	ΕA	Natsumi Minobe
	ΤА	Natsumi Minobe Evan Zegiel
	ES	Gabriel Hart
	тs	Seth Carter
2018	ΕA	Blake Birmingham
		Jake Fewx
	ES	Greg Stevens
		Robert Black
2019	EA	Rie Kaizuka
	ΤА	Alex Purdy
	ES	Peyton Sills
	тs	Caleb Chambers
2020	ΕA	Jason Donnelly
	ΤА	Seth Carter
	ES	Wesley Gangluff
		Ben McWilliams
2021	ΕA	Natsuhiro Aoyama
	ΤА	Natsuhiro Aoyama Bridget Conley
	ES	Hunter Bellows
	ΤS	Ally Hansen
2022	EA	Andrew Ribo
	ΤA	Chris Bloom
		Roel Arazo
	тс	Vistor C

TS Victor Cruz

The Artistry of Leonard Falcone



The Leonard Falcone International Euphonium and Tuba Festival is proud to announce that Dr. Leonard Falcone's first three albums of solo works for euphonium are now available on digital music streaming services. This collection of digitally remastered recordings, now titled "The Artistry of Leonard Falcone," can be heard on services such as Spotify, Apple Music, Pandora, Prime Music, and more. To find these recordings, search for "The Artistry of Leonard

Falcone" on your favorite streaming service.

Scan the QR code to learn more about the recordings, including original liner notes and track listings.

They will be missed . . .



ROGER BOBO (1938-2023) was one of the most influential musical artists of the second half of the twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. Bobo performed the first tuba recital at Carnegie Hall in 1961 to high critical acclaim, establishing the tuba as a solo instrument in its own right. He was awarded the ITEA Lifetime Achievement Award and has had an impact on generations of tubists and brass musicians around the world.



FLOYD COOLEY (1948-2022), nationally and internationally known tubist, joined the San Francisco Symphony as the youngest tuba player in any major orchestra in the US; he remained there more than 30 years. He next joined DePaul's School of Music,

retiring shortly before his death. Cooley's influence on countless tuba students will be felt for generations worldwide.



DR. BERNIE DOBROSKI (1946-2023) was tubist of the US Navy Band (1968-1972), dean of the University of Oregon School of Music (1986-1990), and dean of the Northwestern University Bienen School of Music (1990-2003), where he emphasized

recruitment, courses for non-music majors, and community engagement programs. He was committed to connecting with students and supporting them in their creative and professional pursuits.



ED DOWNING (1935-2023) was director of the National Music Camp (now Interlochen Arts Camp) and became president of the Interlochen Center for the Arts. In his long career as a music educator and administrator, he inspired and encouraged

thousands of euphonium and tuba students. His passion for the arts spilled over into every project he touched and inspired all lucky enough to work with him.



ED GOLDSTEIN (1954-2023) was a founding member and director of the Peabody Ragtime Ensemble and former tuba instructor at Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University. He was also co-author, with R. Winston Morris, of "The

Tuba Source Book." He was awarded the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Musicians' Association of Metropolitan Baltimore.



PETRI KESKITALO (1972-2023) was tubist of the Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra for more than 20 years. He was a versatile performer, playing in orchestral, chamber, and jazz ensembles. He also taught tuba at the Sibelium Academy–University of the

Arts Helsinki since 2003 and was an active composer and arranger.



DAVE UNLAND (1951-2023) was associate professor of tuba and euphonium at the Ithaca College School of Music for 33 years. He performed with many professional orchestras and chamber groups and wrote the college text Tuba Performance and

Pedagogy. He also performed in more informal settings, bringing music to the people of Ithaca.

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Public Events & Concert Programs

Friday, August 4		
7:30 pm	Guest Artist Recital Mai Kokubo, Euphonium • Dr. Mary Jo Cox, Piano	Blodgett Recital Hall
A War in Wond		Yo Goto
Euphonium Cor		Takashi Haga
Daylight Rhapso Concert Variatic	dy	Yukiko Nishimura Jan Bach
Saturday, August	5	
7:30 pm	Festival Adjudicators Recital Program will be announced from the stage Marie Blair, Piano	Blodgett Recital Hall
Sunday, August 6		
8:00 pm	BLFAC Festival Band Concert – Live Broadcas Dr. Trae Blanco, Conductor	
Dancing Fire	e <i>Streaming of concert available at:</i> https://bluelake.org/radio/lis	Kevin Day
Steampunk Suite	e I. Charlie and the Mechanical Man Marching Band II. The Strange Case of Dr. Curie and Madam Hyde III. Bertie Wells attends Mr. Vern's lecture on flying machir IV. Barnum & Tesla's Tandem Bicycle	Erika Svanoe nes
	announced from the stage ne Festival Euphonium & Tuba Ensemble (Adjudicators & Cor	npetitors)
Summer Triangl		Yukiko Nishimura
	I. Aquila ● II. Lyra (Star Ship) ● III. Cygnus Mai Kokubo, Euphonium	
The Melody Sho	Blue Lake Festival Band & Falcone Festival Adjudicators	Karl King
Monday, August 7		
8:30–9:00 am	Combined Euphonium-Tuba warm up session	Blodgett Recital Hall
9:10–10:20 am	Artist Level Master Class Student Level Master Class	Blodgett Recital Hall Marek South
10:30-11:20	Clinic for all participants	Blodgett Recital Hall
l :00–2:30 pm Euphonium: (Student Divisions Final Competition Concerto "Creative States," Mvts. 1, 2, 3 by Barbara York • Dr Tuba: Tuba Sonata by Stephen Rush • Marie Blair, Piano	Niblock Hall 7. Sheryl lott, Piano
7:00 pm	Artist Divisions Final Competition Tuba: Metallic Figures by Kevin Day • Blue Lake Festival Bar Euphonium: Concert Variations by Jan Bach • Dr. Ling Lo, Pia	
	Presentation of the Medallions and Awards	
	Festival Afterglow Reception	Blodgett Foyer

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Friday, August 4

1:00-1:30 pm	Festival staff organizational meeting	Niblock Hall
1:30-2:30 pm	Adjudicator meeting	Niblock Hall
3:00-4:30 pm	Festival welcome meeting for competitors	Marek South



6:30-7:15 pm Guest Artist/pianist sound check Blodgett Recital Hall

7:30 pm

(See program on page 13.)

*Guest Artist RecitalBlodgett Recital Hall

* open to general public

2023 Festival Competition Required Music



EUPHONIUM ARTIST

Preliminary Round (recorded with piano) Fantasia di Concerto by Eduardo Boccalari Semi-Final Round (unaccompanied) Arv (Heritage) by Bente Illevold – AND – Moving Out, Mvt. 2 "Goodbye" by Michael Goodman Semi-Final Round (accompanied) Pantomime by Philip Sparke

Final Round (with piano) Concert Variations by Jan Bach

TUBA ARTIST

Preliminary Round (recorded with piano) Concerto for Tuba, Mvt. 1 by Eric Ewazen Semi-Final Round (unaccompanied) Naked Tuba by Anne McGinty – AND – Etude No. 18 from "Low Etudes for Tuba" by Phil Snedecor Semi-Final Round (accompanied) Music for Two Big Instruments by Alex Shapiro Final Round (with band) Metallic Figures by Kevin Day

EUPHONIUM STUDENT

Preliminary Round Tantalus by Kevin Houben (recorded with piano) - AND -Euph'tudes No.11 "Panza's Revenge" by Phil Snedecor (recorded unaccompanied) Semi-Final Round (unaccompanied) Lucidity of Confusion by Peter J. Felice Semi-Final Round (accompanied) Cyanic Ballade by Jiro Censhu Final Round (with piano) Concerto "Creative States," Mvts. 1, 2, 3 by Barbara York

TUBA STUDENT

Preliminary Round (recorded with piano) Suite for Tuba, Mvts. 1 & 3 by Don Haddad Semi-Final Round (unaccompanied) Mini-Suite for Solo Tuba, Mvts. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 by Charles Ingram Semi-Final Round (accompanied) Harvey's Tuba by Eduardo Nogueroles Final Round (with piano) Tuba Sonata by Stephen Rush

Saturday, August 5

9:00 am-2:30 pm Semi-Final Competition-unaccompanied (closed to the public; screened) ALL COMPETITORS WARM UP IN SAC MEZZANINE–CHECK IN WITH VOLUNTEERS Euphonium Artists, Euphonium Students, Tuba Students compete in Niblock Hall Tuba Artists compete in Blodgett Recital Hall

Performance	Euphonium	Tuba	Euphonium	Tuba	
Time (approx.)	Artist	Artist	Student	Student	
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1:00-6:15 pm Rehearsals with pianists (30 minutes each) in SAC Mezzanine posted rooms

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	Euphonium	Tuba		Euphonium	Tuba
Time	Artist	Artist	Time	Student	Student
1:00	А	А			
1:30	В	В			
2:00	С	С	2:00	А	А
2:30	D	D	2:30	В	В
3:00	E	E	3:00	С	С
3:30	Break	Break	3:30	D	D
3:45	F	F	4:00	E	E
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5:15	Ι	I			
5:45	J	J			

3:30-4:20 pm	Guest Artist rehearsal with Festival Band	Stewart Shell
6:00-7:15 pm	Adjudicators sound check	Blodgett Recital Hall
7:30 pm	* Festival Adjudicators Recital	Blodgett Recital Hall

* open to general public

Sunday, August 6

9:00 am-Noon Semi-Final Competition-accompanied (closed to the public & screened)

ALL COMPETITORS WARM UP IN SAC MEZZANINE-CHECK IN WITH VOLUNTEERS

Euphonium Artists compete in Niblock Hall

Tuba Artists compete in Blodgett Recital Hall

Euphonium Students and Tuba Students compete in SAC String Room 125

Performance	Euphonium	Tuba	Euphonium	Tuba
Time (approx.)	Artist	Artist	Student	Student
9:00	J	J		F
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9:30	Н	Н		D
9:45	G	G		С
10:00	F	F		В
10:15	E	E		А
10:30	D	D	F	
10:45	С	С	E	
11:00	В	В	D	
11:15	А	А	С	
11:30			В	
11:45			А	

12:15-12:45 pm	Photo Session (competitors with instruments & in t-shirts plus judges)Blodgett Foyer	r
12:45-1:45 pm	Luncheon and announcement of finalists Marek South	۱
1:45-3:30 pm	Informal adjudicator/competitor conferences Marek South	۱
1:45 pm	Euphonium Artist and all Student finalists select rehearsal times with pianists Blodgett Foyer	r
1:45 pm	Tuba Artist finalists meet with conductor-discuss pieceSAC Ensemble Room	۱
2:00-4:00 pm	Euphonium Artist and All Student finalists rehearse with pianists in SAC Mezzanine posted rooms	
2:50-3:30 pm	For Adjudicator/s: Euphonium Clinic for BLFAC campers SAC 125	5
2:50-3:30 pm	For Adjudicator/s: Tuba Clinic for BLFAC campers SAC 126	5
2:50-4:20 pm	Tuba Artist finalists & Guest Artist rehearse with Festival Band	I
4:30-5:30 pm	Festival Euphonium & Tuba Ensemble RehearsalStewart Shel	I
	Adjudicators and Competitors	

* open to general public



Monday Schedule

Monday, August 7

8:30-9:00 am	*	Combined euphonium-tuba warm-up session	Blodgett Recital Hall
9:10-10:20 am	*	Artist Level Master Class	Blodgett Recital Hall
	*	Student Level Master Class	Marek South
10:30-11:20 am	*	Clinic for all participants	Blodgett Recital Hall
1:00-2:30 pm	*	Student Divisions Final Competition	Niblock Hall
		Competitor warm-up rooms: SAC Mezzanine	
		Euphonium competitors • Dr. Sheryl lott, Piano	
		Tuba competitors • Marie Blair, Piano	
2:50-4:20 pm		Tuba Artist Finalists rehearse with Festival Band	Blodgett Recital Hall
7:00 pm	*	Artist Divisions Final Competition	Blodgett Recital Hall
·		Competitor warm-up rooms: SAC First Floor	C
		Tuba competitors • Blue Lake Festival Band	
		Euphonium competitors • Dr. Ling Lo, Piano	
		Jim Ross, Announcer	
	*	Presentation of the Medallions and Awards	
9:30-11:00 pm	*	Festival Afterglow Reception for all	Blodgett Fover

* open to general public



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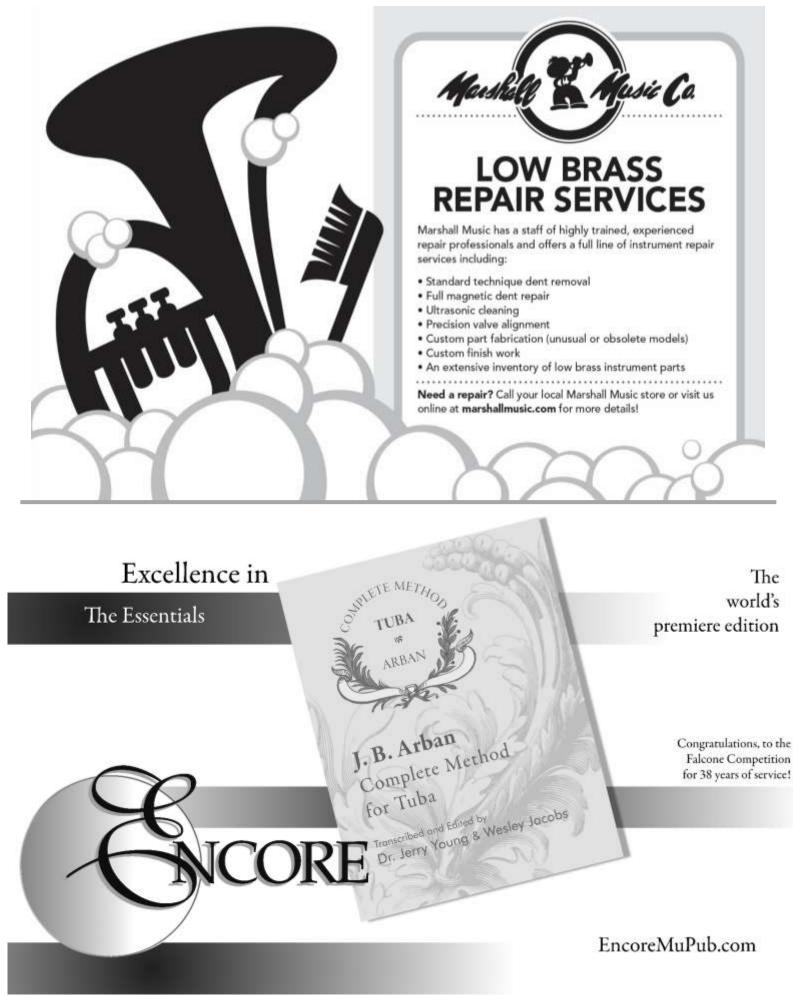
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