

*South Jersey Area  
Wind Ensemble*

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**New Jersey Music Educator's  
State Conference  
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## *About the SJAWE*

The South Jersey Area Wind Ensemble is a 70 member band composed of professional casino musicians, music teachers, and college graduates who have maintained high musical standards since playing in their college bands. Formed in March of 1997, the band has commissioned seven band compositions by composers Stephen Melillo, Patrick Burns, David Slonaker, Dean Sorenson, Russell Newberry, Anne McGinty and Key Poulan, performed over 50 concerts, awarded three \$1000 scholarships to outstanding high school musicians, and rehearsed over four hundred major band works. They have played under the baton of guest conductors Col. Bryan Shelbourne, U.S. Army Field Band, Washington, D.C., Dr. Jack Stamp, Indiana U. of Pa., Dr. Peter L. Boonshaft, Hofstra U., Dr. William Berz, Rutgers U., Patricia Childress, Bruce Yurko, Patrick Burns, Lt. Col. John Pastin, U.S. Navy Band Ret., Timothy Oliver, Temple U. , Dr. Christian C. Wilhjelm, Goldman Band Conductor and Stephen Melillo, composer.

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## Program

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Herb Roselle  
Announcer

### **Proudly We Hail!**

*(A Setting of our National Anthem)*

*arr. Brian Balmages*

### **Windsprints**

*Richard Saucedo*

### **Raise of the Son**

*Rosano Gallante*

### **Ammerland**

*Jacob deHan*

### **Celebrations**

*Dr. Christian Wilhelm, Guest Conductor*

*John Zdechlik*

### **New Mexico March**

*John Philip Sousa*

### **Greensleeves Fantasia**

*2004 Commission of the South Jersey Area Wind Ensemble*

*Anne McGinty*

### **Portrait of a City**

*Philip Sparke*

**I. Skyline**

**II. Autumn**

**III. Downtown**

### **Ride**

*Samuel Hazo*

# Biographies



## Keith W. Hodgson, Conductor, Music Director



Keith William Hodgson, received his Bachelor's degree in Music Education from William Paterson University in Wayne, NJ and has been pursuing graduate studies at Central Connecticut State University in Music Education, and Rowan University in Educational Administration and Supervision.

Mr. Hodgson, now in his fifteenth year as a high school band director, is currently the Director of Instrumental Music at Mainland Regional High School in Linwood, New Jersey where he oversees a three tiered Concert program, conducting the Wind Symphony and the Symphonic Band. He also directs the Mainland Marching Band, the Pit Orchestra for the musical and teaches Music Theory and Advanced Placement Music Theory classes.

In 2003, Mr. Hodgson received education's highest honor, National Board Certification. This is a three year certification program that recognizes highly accomplished teachers in their field. Mr. Hodgson is the first music educator from New Jersey to receive National Board Certification. Mr. Hodgson also works for the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards in the benchmarking, training, and scoring process for the National Board Certificate in music.

Mr. Hodgson is the founding Conductor and Music Director for the South Jersey Area Wind Ensemble, an adult community band of music educators and professional musicians. As Director of the SJAWE since 1997, the SJAWE has commissioned and premiered six works for wind band and has the ensemble conducted annually by high profile guest conductors and composers. The ensemble performs six concerts each year and explores large quantities of wind band literature. Mr. Hodgson has studied conducting and band literature with Stephen Melillo, Anthony Maiello, and Dr. Mallory Thompson.

As an active guest conductor, Mr. Hodgson has conducted the South Jersey, Region III Symphonic Band, the Atlantic Brass Band, and the South Brandywine Middle School Honor Band in 2002 and the Bucks County Festival Honor Band in 2003. He is currently the President-Elect for the South Jersey Band and Orchestra Director's Association.

Mr. Hodgson was honored in the 2001, 2002 & 2004 Editions of Who's Who Among America's Teachers by his former students. Mr. Hodgson and his wife Jennifer, who is also a high school band director, also serve as Symphonic Band Director's for the American Music Abroad Gold Tour, (annual European Tour of six countries.) They reside in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey.

## Dr. Christian C Wilhjem, Guest Conductor



### Music Director, The Goldman Memorial Band

Hailed by critics as "... one of the finest band conductors in this country," **Dr. Christian Wilhjem** is currently the Music Director of the Goldman Memorial Band and the Ridgewood Concert Band (New Jersey). Wilhjem is praised "for his classical conducting technique, for his phrasing and nuance and with his understated baton, he stretches long musical phrases seamlessly over time." Since his appointment in 2001, Wilhjem's enthusiastic showmanship has re-energized the legendary Goldman Memorial Band.

Dr. Wilhjem is the founder of the Ridgewood Concert Band (New Jersey), and for the past 20 years its music director. In 1998, he took the band on a critically acclaimed tour of Central Europe and again, in 2003, to the French Riviera. He has recorded the CDs *Organic Band* for organ and concert band and the *Music of Michael Valenti*.

Dr. Wilhjem is also in demand as a conductor of orchestras and chamber music concerts. He has conducted the Norwalk Symphony (Connecticut), the Adelphi Orchestra and the Fair Lawn Summer Series (New Jersey). In freezing weather, he conducted *Merry Tuba Christmas* with host Harvey Phillips in Rockefeller Center to a huge audience with network television coverage. Dr. Wilhjem is now the permanent conductor for this annual event.

As a professional musician, Dr. Wilhjem has played the French horn with the Boston Symphony, the Boston Pops and, as a principal, with the Boston Ballet Orchestra, the Boston Opera Orchestra and the Richmond Symphony. He spent three summers performing in the Fellowship Orchestra at Tanglewood where he received the distinction of being named a Leonard Bernstein Fellow. Dr. Wilhjem has performed with many renowned conductors including Leonard Bernstein, Sir Colin Davis, Arthur Fiedler and Seiji Ozawa. He has also performed with many leading jazz and popular musicians including: Benny Carter, Art Farmer, Isaac Hayes, Rufus Reid, Sonny Rollins, Henry Mancini and Dionne Warwick.

Dr. Wilhjem champions the music of Michael Valenti, Joan Tower, Percy Grainger, Eric Whitacre, John Philip Sousa, and Edwin Franko Goldman. As an authority on the broad spectrum of published music, Dr. Wilhjem has traveled extensively promoting bands and band music at conferences throughout the nation.

Dr. Wilhjem graduated from the New England Conservatory where he studied with Harry Shapiro of the Boston Symphony. He was the principal hornist with the Conservatory Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Gunther Schuller and the Wind Ensemble conducted by Frank Battisti. He received a Master of Music degree from The College of New Jersey, and a Doctor of Education degree from Teachers' College, Columbia University.



# Ensemble Personnel

## Oboe

DAVID KURKOWSKI  
GARY PRESS

## Flute

ROBERTA J. BECKLER  
LISA D'ALESSANDRO  
LAUREN JACOBS  
ROSE MARIE JURGAITIS  
KAREN KALLAS  
BETH ROACH  
M. KATHY SYVARTH

## Clarinet

LAUREN BYE  
ROBERT DeSANTIS  
DAWN DONCHEY  
CRICKET HANSON  
JENNIFER HODGSON  
TERRI LONGDO  
SHERRI MILLER  
DAVID O'NEILL  
KAREN POORMAN  
RON POORMAN  
JEFF SEALS  
GARY SITA

## Bass Clarinet

JANA GREER

## Bassoon

CAROLYN GUTIERREZ

## Alto Sax

ELLIOTT ALMANZA  
MICHAEL KOKOLA  
MICHAEL MARANO

## Tenor Sax

WILLIAM WALSH  
KAREN WOOD

## Bari Sax

MITCH HITMAN

## French Horn

THOMAS R. CHECKET  
SEAN DESSAIGNE  
ROBERT HELSABECK  
JACKIE LUNN  
JASON REED

## Trumpet

JOSEPH BROWN  
JOHN DONDERO  
BEN FONG  
ANNE HARLAN  
JEREMIAH PATON  
DOMINIC SCALFARO  
J. DAVID SEALS  
JIM WARD  
CLANCY WILSON

## Trombone

JOSEPH JACOBS  
FRED PEEK  
HERB ROSELLE

## Euphonium

MATTHEW HOLMBERG  
PHILIP SENSENEY  
RACHEL OJSERKIS  
JIM WEINHOUSE

## Tuba

CHRIS BURBANK  
NORM BURBANK  
AMBROSE O'DONNELL JR.  
JEFF VANAMAN

## Percussion

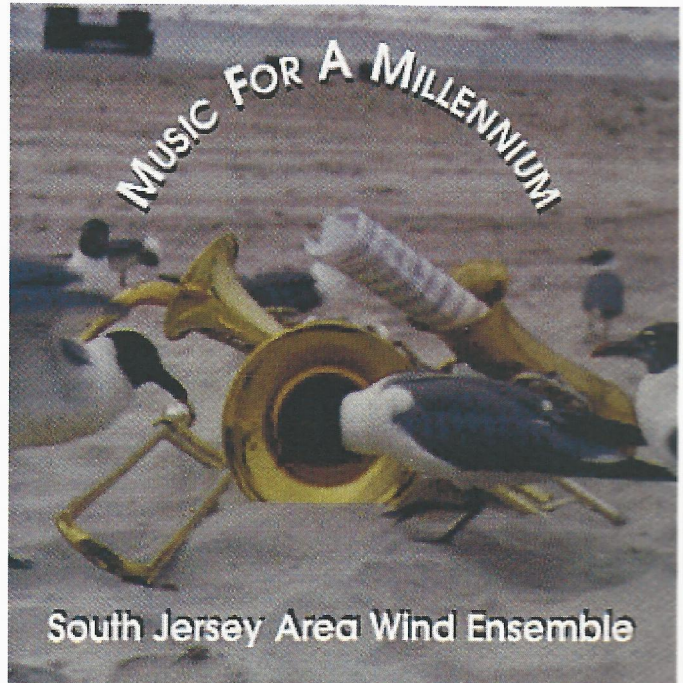
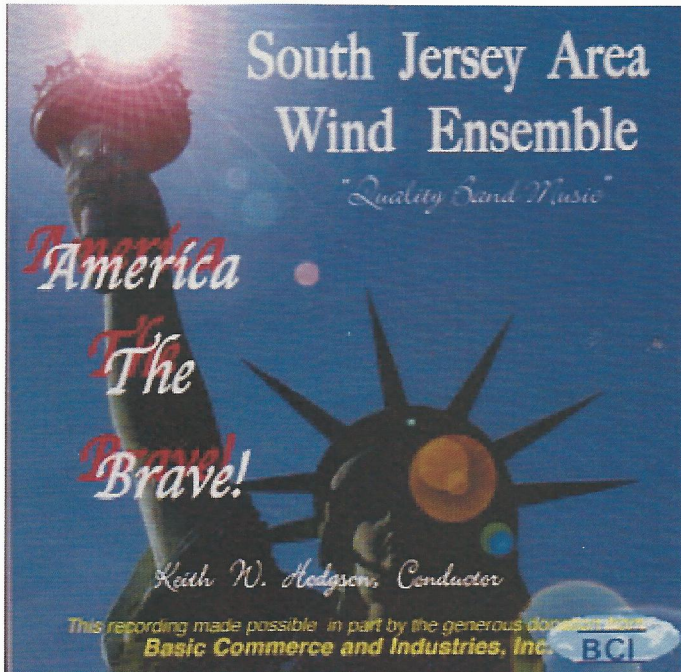
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THOMAS J. COWGILL  
ED HERRING  
ALAN KINSEY  
SCOTT SCHMIDT  
JAKE WEINER

\* Names are listed alphabetical

# Recordings of the SJAWE

2003

1999



**America The Brave!**

1. Fanfare & Allegro	6:10	Clifton Williams
<i>"Freedom, Courage, and Determination"</i>		
2. Americans We	3:20	Henry Filmore
<i>"Proud, Loving, and Resilient"</i>		
3. To A New Dawn	8:57	Philip Sparke
<i>"America enters the third millennium"</i>		
4. Concertpiece	6:36	James Curnow
<i>"Salute to the brave explorers in flight: 1086 Challenger, 2003 Columbia"</i> <i>David Swals, Cornet Solista</i>		
5. Under One Flag	3:21	Jay Bocook
<i>"A Nation United"</i>		
6. October	7:01	Eric Whitacre
<i>"The Beauty of the American Spirit"</i>		
7. On Jersey Shore	2:44	Arthur Pryor
<i>"An American Community Band with Sand in their Shoes"</i>		
8. An American Elegy	10:48	Frank Ticheli
<i>"For those who perished and those who survived the tragedy at Columbine High School"</i>		
9. Rushmore	4:35	Alfred Reed
<i>"Tribute to the American Presidency"</i>		
10. America The Brave!	5:02	Stephen Melillo
<i>"Honoring All of America's Hero's"</i>		
11. Star Spangled Banner	1:54	Jack Stamp
<i>"A Love Song for America"</i> <i>.....Never Forgotten!</i>		

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**Music For A Millennium**  
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1. Fanfare for a New Era (1997)	Jack Stamp	2:19
2. Songs of Sailor and Sea (1996)	Robert W. Smith	7:52
3. The Gift of Love from Erich (1994)	Stephen Melillo	3:45
4. Beguine for Band (1954)	Glenn Osser	3:55
5. The Last Spring (1880)	Edvard Grieg	5:29
6. Someone Like You (1990)	Frank Wildhorn arr. J. Nowak Mary Jane Morey - Vocalist	4:25
7. And The Heart Replies (1992)	Anne McGinty	6:49
<i>Escape from Plato's Cave (1993)</i>		
		Stephen Melillo
8. I. The Cave, The Struggle, and The Man from the Light		4:45
9. II. Message of the Man (The Fragile Heart)		3:51
10. III. Escape...Into the LIGHT!		4:26
11. The Stars and Stripes Forever (1897)	J. P. Sousa	3:30
12. The Star Spangled Banner (1793)	F. S. Key / Smith	1:18

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