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North Iowa Concert Band to Present Fall Concert at NIACC on November 24

The North Iowa Concert Band will present its Fall Concert on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:30 pm in the North Iowa Community Auditorium on the NIACC campus. The concert is free and open to the public.

Under the direction of conductor Mary Kate Arians, the concert will open with “Beyond the Summit,” a piece composed by NIACC alumnus Jared Barnes. The evening will also include a special tribute honoring the memory of North Iowa Concert Band founder Chuck Cooper, who recently passed away.

The North Iowa Concert Band includes musicians from communities throughout North Iowa and Southern Minnesota. Members of the band and their hometowns include: **Albert Lea, MN:** Porscha McClanahan; **Austin, MN:** Colin Zidlicky; **Belmond**: Avery Brannen, Nevaeh Hanson, Claire Uselding; **Charles City:** Lynn Bauer, Makenna Jensen, Lyle Western; **Clear Lake**: Dylan Berte, Blaine Fisher, Kathy Gates, Emily Gerdts, Ty Heller, McKenna Powell, Jim Reynolds, Mark Tesar; **Cresco:** Lexus Vrba; **Dougherty**: Amy Noss, Bridget Staudt; **Forest City:** Ken Ferjak, Liberty Langenbau; **Garner:** Dionysus Goll, Paula Wirtz; **Hampton:** Becky Palmer; **Lake Mills:** Aidan Benny; **Manly:** Amy O'Connell; **Mason City:** Chris Andersen, Krystan Arnold, Jared Barnes, Brian Bauer, Ann Beasley, Gloria Billings, Bernie Bjorklund, Jordan Brunsma, Mary Davenport, Tracie Dedor, Larry Guadagnoli, Kellie Hogan, Jody Holmes, Sabrina Kingston, Dennis Klemas, Kimber Kleven, David Kropman, Ashley Lapointe, Beau Lapointe, Libby Lembke, Barb MacGregor, Charlotte Maynes, Izzie Nonnweiler, Addi Ostrander, Anni Ostrander, Jenni Read, Jim Reisinger, Paul Riemersma, Bill Riesen, Kevin Schultz, E. Howard Sonksen, Clay Trytten, Jacob Welper, Colleen Weiland; **Nora Springs**: Alaina Clarke, Sarah Ryner, Steven Shafer, Grace White**; Northwood:** Linca Scarlett; **Rock Falls:** Richard Schinnow; **Rockford:** John Johannsen, Jenny Shoars**; Rockwell**: Brian Koob, Emily Koob, Irena Symonds; **Sheffield:** Ivy Hartman**; St. Ansgar**: Gayle Heimer.

The public is invited to attend and enjoy an evening of live music performed by musicians from across the region.

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