Carthage College Lakeside Band Festival

KENOSHA, Wis. – The 17th annual Lakeside Band Festival will be held on Saturday, February 29 at 7 p.m. in the A. F. Siebert Chapel featuring regional high school students, members of the Carthage Concert Band, and the Wind Orchestra. Music selections for the Festival highlight the compositions of distinguished Polish composers Krystoph Penderecki, Witold Lutoslaski, Wanda Landowska and Frederic Chopin.

The Lakeside Band Festival began in 2002, with the aim of giving the region’s exceptional young instrumentalists the opportunity to interact with the country’s top performers and composers. The first festival featured Larry Combs, principal clarinet of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Award winning composers from the United States, Netherlands, and Australia have also been featured in past Festivals. This year, as part of the concert, Madeline Weirick ‘14 will serve as guest conductor for the Wind Orchestra. Madeline is the band director at Trevor-Wilmot School, and one of the music educators being recognized this year as part of the 150 Years of Carthage Women Celebration. Throughout the 17 years the Lakeside Band Festival has taken place, an array of other distinguished artists have participated in the event. Some of these artists include composers Frank Ticheli, Libby Larsen, Jonathan Newman, Dana Wilson, Bill Connor, Jim Stephenson and James Barnes, and performers Susan Cook, Scott Tegge, Alvin Lowrey, and the New Century Saxophone Quartet.

James Ripley, director of the Festival Honor Band, is the Director of Instrumental Music Activities at Carthage and conductor of the Wind Orchestra, Concert Band, and chamber winds group AMATI. Dr. Ripley serves as the principal guest conductor of the Sakuyo Wind Orchestra at Sakuyo University in Kurashiki, Japan, and President-Elect of the World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles. Dr. Ripley has been recognized for distinguished service in the field of instrumental music by Luther College with the Carlo A. Sperati Award in 2012.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit us at carthage.edu/fine-arts or contact the Fine Arts Office at 262-551-5859. Be sure to like us on Facebook facebook.com/carthagefinearts for upcoming events and information about Fine Arts at Carthage.

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this year, the College has launched The Aspire Program™, a comprehensive four-year career development program for all students. The Aspire Program builds on Carthage’s strong history of providing students with the skills they need to succeed after college.

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