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Questions? Email Shari@ArtsSouthDakota.org or visit ArtsSouthDakota.org for more information and to register.

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ROBERT SHELDON
Director of Band Publications for Alfred Music

Robert Sheldon is one of the most performed composers of wind band music today. A recipient of numerous awards from the American School Band Director’s Association, Phi Beta Mu and the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, his compositions embody a level of expression that resonate with ensembles and audiences alike. His music is performed around the world and appears on many international concert and contest lists. With over two million copies of his compositions and books sold, Mr. Sheldon regularly accepts commissions for new works, and produces numerous publications for concert band and orchestra each year.

Sheldon’s schedule includes many appearances as conductor for All-State and Regional Honor Bands and Orchestras. He also frequently appears as a Music Education clinician, and has presented sessions and seminars at numerous colleges and universities as well as state and national conferences. He has served as a conductor and clinician for over one-thousand events throughout the United States, Japan, Canada, Taiwan, Italy, Germany, Australia and China, and has conducted performances of his works in New York’s Carnegie Hall, Chicago’s Orchestra Hall, Boston’s Symphony Hall, Taipei’s National Concert Hall, Matsumoto’s Seiji Ozawa Performing Arts Center, the Sydney Opera House and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C. Mr. Sheldon is currently Director of Concert Band Publications for Alfred Music.

ROLF OLSON
Director of Bands, Northern State University

Rolf Olson is Director of Bands, Professor of Trumpet, and Chair of the Music Department at Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Olson directs the Symphonic Band and teaches Conducting. Previous to NSU, Olson taught at the University of South Dakota, Augustana College, and in the public schools of Arlington and Vermillion, South Dakota.

Olson is an active guest conductor, having directed the Dakota Wind Ensemble, Nebraska All State Bands, South Dakota Middle School All State Band, Northwest Iowa Honor Band, and numerous other band and jazz festivals in the mid-west. He serves as adjudicator for the South Dakota All State Band auditions, and other regional music competitions. Olson is co-founder of the South Dakota All State Jazz Festival and served for many years as Treasurer for the South Dakota Unit of the International Association of Jazz Educators (IAJE).

Awards received include the South Dakota Outstanding Bandmaster of the Year Award, and the Distinguished Service Award from the South Dakota High School Activities Association for the furtherance of high school activities while making significant contributions that have exemplified the highest ideals of service given to the Association and to the youth of South Dakota. Olson has also been recognized by the National Federation of State High School Associations as the Outstanding Music Educator for South Dakota, and was nominated for the national award. He is one of only two inductees into the Vermillion High School Fine Arts Hall of Fame.

Olson is an active trumpet player as a member of the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra, the Sioux Falls Big Band, and the Dalesburg Cornet Band, of which he is cornet soloist and musical director. He has performed twice at International Trumpet Guild Conventions and is a frequent soloist with high school bands. He has also played professionally with the Carson & Barnes Circus Band, Gene Pitney Orchestra, and Myron Floren.

Dr. Olson earned the D.A. degree in Trumpet Performance and Pedagogy from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, a M.M. degree in Trumpet Performance from the University of South Dakota, and a B.M. degree in Music Education from Augustana College. He is a member of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association (SDBA), International Trumpet Guild (ITG), National Association for Music Education (NAFME), Music Teachers National Association (MTNA), South Dakota Alliance for the Arts (SDAA). He has been elected to Phi Beta Mu and Pi Kappa Lambda Honor Societies.