

Three SWOSU Bands Plan Concert Friday Night

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Three bands at Southwestern Oklahoma State University will perform this Friday night, February 24, at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium on the Weatherford campus.

The concert will feature a multitude of musical styles and admission is free.

Performing first will be the Community Band, conducted by Dr. James South. The band is comprised of people from all around western Oklahoma, including Weatherford, Clinton and Elk City, and members range in age from high school to senior citizens. The band's performance will include everything from a traditional march to a suite by Tchaikovsky.

Next, the SWOSU Symphonic Band will take the stage, conducted by South and Marc Mueller. Their program will include music by Richard Wagner and several contemporary American composers including Sam Hazo, who was on the SWOSU campus last summer.

The Wind Ensemble is the top concert band at SWOSU and will conclude Friday's concert. The ensemble is conducted by Mueller and South. *Aurora Awakes*, a recent composition by young American composer John Mackey, will be featured on the concert. The beautiful and at times, thrilling piece depicts the appearance and movement of the northern lights (Aurora Borealis) across the sky. Faculty clarinetist Stacey DiPaolo will be featured on a movement of Scott McAllister's *Concerto X*. The impressionistic *Procession du Rocío* by Joaquin Turina and Leonard Bernstein's *Overture to Candide* complete the program.

South said the entire concert will last about 90 minutes. For more information, contact South at 580.774.3717.