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Re: Wind Ensemble Conductor (4625)

To Whom It May Concern:

As an enthusiastic conductor and a lifetime supporter of music education, I am very interested in the opportunity to work with the Wilfrid Laurier Wind Ensemble.

The music program at Laurier is an important part of the arts community in Waterloo and boasts a rich and proud history. Many of my former students went on to study at Laurier and have excelled musically, something I had an opportunity to witness first hand when I lead the Laurier Wind Ensemble in the winter of 2022. Because of this, I believe I have a unique perspective into this position, with ideas on how to enhance the Wind Ensemble as well as other tangential programs. Additionally, I am very familiar with the musical ongoings at the Faculty of Music as my brief stint at Laurier allowed me to witness and participate in all manner of operations and protocols at the school. I have met and worked with several faculty, all with the same goal to help students reach musical excellence. This is something I'm very passionate about, and hope that I can be afforded that opportunity once again.

I do not have an degree in music as I fell short of completing the undergraduate requirements 15 years ago, though I have been actively working on completing a Masters in Community Music. However, what I lack in academic credentials I feel I more than make up for in my skills and experience. I have forged for myself a very successful career in music that granted me opportunities to work with several ensembles including the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir and the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra; collaborations with world-renowned artists like the Canadian Brass and Joe Alessi of the New York Philharmonic; I've adjudicated at virtually every major band festival in Canada, and I've lectured at the University of Toronto, Mount Allison University, the University of Manitoba, York University and Laurier University.

I believe I will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to this position and I am excited about the opportunity to participate once again. I look to discussing this further.

Sincerely,



Colin Clarke