

2025 8th ALL-STATE JAZZ BAND CONDUCTOR BIO

NSBA is proud to welcome Bassist and educator **Natalie Boeyink** to conduct the 2025 8th Grade All-State Jazz Band. Boeyink was appointed associate professor of music in jazz studies at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music in 2023.

After completing her doctorate in music education at the Jacobs School of Music in 2015, Boeyink spent eight years as a jazz lecturer and senior lecturer at the University of North Carolina. She earned an M.M. in Jazz Performance from the University of Louisville and a B.M. in Jazz Studies from the Jacobs School.

Boeyink's interest in the educational experiences and careers of jazzwomen has launched a series of research projects, conference presentations, and publications, including her dissertation, "An Analysis and Description of Female Jazz Instrumentalists." An advocate for jazzwomen, she served as chair of the Jazz Education Network's Women in Jazz Committee and worked to reestablish the Sisters in Jazz Collegiate Combo Competition.

Raised in a musical home in Bloomington, Indiana, Boeyink was surrounded by recordings of the Modern Jazz Quartet and Miles Davis in addition to those of Arlo Guthrie and Johannes Brahms. Violin studies began at age five and were soon followed by piano lessons. In high school, she became enthralled with the rhythms of Latin jazz and bossa nova and knew she wanted to be a jazz bassist.

Batuquê Trio is Boeyink's seasoned collaboration with drummer Andy Smith and pianist Jamaal Baptiste. Focusing on contemporary Brazilian, Afro-Cuban, and Caribbean jazz, they frequently appears at jazz festivals as performers and clinicians. The trio's first CD, *Transparency*, was released in 2015, and a second album is forthcoming in 2023.

Some of Boeyink's notable performances include appearances with Tammy McCann, Jamie Baum, Ingrid Jensen, Terri Lyne Carrington, Christine Jensen, Leni Stern, Jovino Santos Neto, Joe Piscopo, David "Fathead" Newman, Jon Hendricks, Jeff Coffin, David Liebman, and Lorraine Feather.



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NSBA looks forward to having Dr. **David Bohnert** conduct the 2025 8th Grade All-State Concert Band. has served as the Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities since 2021, where he is also responsible for directing the Honors program and Interdisciplinary Studies. Prior to this appointment, he served as chair of the Department of Music, professor of music, and Director of Bands for 25 years at WSC. An active performer and clinician, Bohnert has presented performances and clinics around the globe and enjoys working with musicians at all levels. Bohnert was selected for the State National Bank Teaching Excellence Award in 2011.

Education

DMA, Trumpet Performance, Conservatory of Music, University of Missouri-Kansas City
M.M., Trumpet Performance, Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati
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