

Dr. Fraser Linklater Biography

Conductor: University of Manitoba Wind Ensemble



Dr. Fraser Linklater is presently an Associate Professor in the Desautels Faculty of Music at the University of Manitoba, where he directs the Wind Ensemble, Concert Band and Chamber Winds and teaches courses in music education. A native of Winnipeg, Dr. Linklater holds a Master's degree in Music Education from the University of North Texas and a Ph.D. in Music Education from the University of Michigan. He has published articles in the *Journal of Research in Music Education*, the *Music Educators Journal*, and the *Canadian Music Educator*. He has also presented at national music education conferences as well as at CBDNA and WASBE international conferences.

At the provincial level, Dr. Linklater has been on the Executive Board of the Manitoba Band Association for almost two decades and coordinates all three levels of the MBA honour band program. In October 2002, he received the MBA Award of Distinction for his services to music education in Manitoba. Nationally, Dr. Linklater is an assistant editor of *Canadian Winds*, the national journal of the Canadian Band Association. Over the past decade, Dr. Linklater has contributed almost twenty articles to this journal. An authority on Canadian wind band repertoire, in addition to his writing on the topic Dr. Linklater founded the North Winds recording project, which has resulted in five CDs of Canadian band music featuring over eighty pieces, most of them never recorded before.

A trumpet player, Dr. Linklater has performed with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the Orchestre Symphonique de Genève (Switzerland), and the Ron Paley Big Band, as well as being a founding member of the Winnipeg Brass Quintet. His trumpet teachers have included Vincent Cichowicz, Armando Ghitalla, and Edward Tarr. Dr. Linklater has studied wind conducting in numerous workshops with clinicians such as Frank Battisti, Eugene Corporon, Craig Kirchoff, Allan McMurray, Larry Rachleff, and Mallory Thompson, as well as with H. Robert Reynolds at the University of Michigan. Dr. Linklater has guest conducted and adjudicated at various festivals and music camps across Canada as well as the United States.

For almost a decade, Fraser Linklater was co-director (with Dale Lonis) of the Canadian Wind Conductors Development Program, an international conducting and instrumental music education summer workshop. In May 2006 Dr. Linklater was the guest conductor of the National Youth Band of Canada and has also guest conducted wind groups several times at the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra's New Music Festival. In October 2014, Dr. Linklater was presented with the 2014 National Band Award by the Canadian Band Association, in recognition of outstanding contribution to band at the educational, community and professional level in Canada.