



Bethany Amundson

Conductor, 2019 SDMEA Middle School All State Orchestra

Bethany Amundson is the director of bands and director of instrumental activities at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, where she conducts the LyricWood Orchestra, Wesleyan Band, Tiger Pep Band, and teaches instrumental music lessons, instrumental pedagogy, band methods, and courses in music appreciation, music history and world music. She holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Augustana University, a Master of Music in Trumpet Performance and a Master of Music in Conducting, both from the University of South Dakota. She is currently a candidate for the Doctorate of Musical Arts in Wind Conducting at the University of Kansas, where she studies with Dr. Paul Popiel. In January 2017, Amundson attended the Women's Conducting Masterclass with Marin Alsop and The BBC Orchestra in London, England. Amundson is the president-elect of the South Dakota Music Education Association, the South Dakota representative to the College Band Directors National Association, the chair of the South Dakota Intercollegiate Band Committee, and is a member of South Dakota Bandmasters and Phi Beta Mu honor society for band directors. She is an active clinician and adjudicator, and performs regularly throughout out the Midwest with various ensembles, including the Sioux Empire Brass and Over Forte Jazz Orchestra.