



The John E.N. & Dede Howard Department of Music
HILLSDALE COLLEGE

MUSIC FACULTY 2026–27

MUSIC ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Melissa Knecht: Department Chair*
Laurie Marsh: Staff Administrative Assistant
Stacey Jones-Garrison: Music Admissions Coordinator*

MUSIC ACADEMICS

Dr. Daniel Tacke: Theory/Composition*
Dr. Derek Stauff: Music History*

VOICE & CHOIRS

Dr. Bradley Holmes: Director of Choirs*
Dr. Timothy McDonnell: Director of Choral Scholar*
Dr. Katherine Rick: Assistant Director/Organist of
Choral Scholars
Julie Adams: Voice*
Emily Douglass: Voice*
Kristen Matson: Voice
Karl Schmidt: Voice
Mark Stachofsky: Voice
Anna (Maria) McDonnell: Voice
Olivia VanGoor: Jazz Voice

KEYBOARDS

Brad Blackham: Piano*
Dr. Daniel Kuehler: Piano*
Takeshi Nagayasu: Piano
Dr. John Solari: Piano
Dr. Derek Stauff: Organ*
Ryan Kennedy: Organ
Dr. Daniel Tacke: Harpsichord*
Duncan McMillan: Jazz Piano
Tom Ryskamp: Collaborative Pianist*

STRINGS

Dr. Timothy McDonnell: Director of Orchestras*
Dr. Melissa Knecht: Violin/Viola
Jilliene Bowers: Violin/Viola
Josh Cook: Violin
Zachary Rinas: Violin, Ensemble Assistant
David Peshlakai: Cello
Amy Chang: Cello
Aaron Johnson: Bass
Brittany DeYoung: Harp
Daniel Palmer: Guitar

WOODWINDS & BRASS

Cory Champion: Director of Wind Symphony, Pep Band
Christopher McCourry: Trumpet, Director of Jazz*
Christopher Wheeler: Oboe
Jaimie Wagner: Flute
Dr. Andrew Sprung: Clarinet
Christian Green: Bassoon
Jonathan Gewirtz: Saxophone
Dominic Hayes: Horn
Stefan Stolarchuk: Trombone

PERCUSSION

Stacey Jones-Garrison: Percussion
Larry Ochiltree: Drum Set

**tenured and full-time faculty*

Contact Laurie Marsh for additional information, lmash@hillsdale.edu