



DR. JAMES PATRICK MILLER

James Patrick Miller is the Douglas Nimmo Endowed Professor and Conductor of the Gustavus Wind Orchestra at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN, where he leads the storied collegiate ensemble on annual tours around the United States and abroad. Miller and his ensembles have toured across Sweden, Norway, Spain, France, and have been featured at conferences of the College Band Directors National Association and the Minnesota Music Educators Association in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2022.

Internationally recognized for his work, Miller conducted Stephen Paulus' Concerto for Two Trumpets and Wind Ensemble to a GRAMMY Nomination in 2015 with his University of Massachusetts Wind Ensemble, one of the only nods from the National Academy of Recording Artists for a wind band album in history. Miller has since recorded three albums with the Gustavus Wind Orchestra, *Awakening* (2019), *HEROES* (2021), and *Drawing Inspiration* (2022). Another album, *Toward the Horizons* (2023), is due out soon on all major streaming platforms. Miller also won the 2003 American Choral Directors Association National Conducting Prize at the graduate level during the ACDA National Conference in New York

City, becoming the youngest recipient of that prize.

Widely active as a guest conductor, Miller led the United States Coast Guard Band in 2018 as the Lewis J. Buckley featured guest conductor and has led more than 75,000 high school students in all-state festivals and workshops throughout the United States. Devoted to supporting composers and new music, performances and premieres under his baton have been noted by such composers as Katherine Bergman, Shawn Brogan Allison, Brent Michael Davids, David Maslanka, Oscar Navarro, Stephen Paulus, Joel Puckett, James Stephenson, Judith Weir, Dana Wilson, 10-time EMMY Award winner Bruce Broughton, and Pulitzer Prize-winning composers Karel Husa, Gunther Schuller, and Steven Stucky. Miller has also collaborated with renowned artist performers and teachers such as Frank Battisti, Keith Brion, Michael Burritt, Ayano Kataoka, Lynn Klock, and Charles Schlueter.

Miller was inducted into the Kappa Theta Chapter of Phi Beta Mu - the International Bandmasters Fraternity. He is an honorary member of Kappa Kappa Psi, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Tau Beta Sigma, and was elected into Pi Kappa Lambda in 2001. Miller's professional mentors include Craig Kirchhoff and Stephen Peterson. He resides in St. Peter, MN, with his wife, conductor and soprano, Heidi Johanna Miller, their daughters Linnea and Ingrid, and their two rambunctious cats. Outside of the concert hall and classroom, Miller is most often found with his family or on the golf course -- usually behind a tree or in a bunker.

