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## NEW CONDUCTOR LEADS AUBURN WINDS FALL CONCERT, “SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE”

Auburn, California – September 19, 2017 – Auburn Winds, Auburn’s official town band, welcomes new conductor, Dr. Matthew Morse, Assistant Professor of Music at Sacramento State University (Sac State). Morse will lead the band at its first formal concert of the 2017/18 performance season on Sunday, October 15 at the historic, Auburn State Theatre (Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center), located at 985 Lincoln Way, at 3 p.m. Admission is free with tax-deductible donations gratefully accepted.

“Audience members will enjoy a variety of musical genres during this concert that offers something for everyone,” said Morse. “In addition to traditional marches, this performance will include Leonard Bernstein’s *Selections from West Side Story*; *English Folk Song Suite* by Ralph Vaughan Williams; John Zdechlik’s *Chorale and Shaker Dance* and George Gershwin’s *Strike Up the Band*.”

This is the band’s first performance with Morse, who is a new Associate Director of Bands at Sac State. He recently graduated with a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Wind Conducting from the University of North Texas, where he was a conducting student of Eugene Corporon. Morse earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from Thomas Edison State University in Trenton, New Jersey, in 2011 and subsequently completed a Master of Arts degree in Instrumental Conducting in 2013 from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he was a student of Jack Stamp. Concurrent with finishing his undergraduate degree in 2011, Morse retired with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4 following a 25-year military music career with the United States Army.

“Morse is an experienced conductor, euphonium and bass trombone player who served many years as a bandmaster in the Army,” said Auburn Winds Secretary Vince Warm, who plays tenor saxophone. “We are lucky to have him as our new conductor, and we’re excited to see where he will lead us in the future!”

The band’s previous conductor, Brian O’Donnell, recently completed a Master of Music in orchestral conducting at Sac State and will be moving out of the area soon to pursue a conducting career with the United States Air Force.

“Brian is a great conductor and will be missed,” said Auburn Winds President Bill Borba. “The band members are extremely proud of his decision to serve our country in the Air Force, and we wish him great success!”

Auburn Winds is a 40-member community concert band with a long-standing history. A community band has existed in Auburn for more than 150 years, and the band is proud to carry on that tradition. Performances are presented several times a year, and include four, **FREE** formal concerts at the Auburn State Theatre. The band, and its small ensembles, also participate in many community events each year. Upcoming performances:

### Formal Concerts, Sundays at 3 p.m. at Auburn State Theatre

- October 15, 2017
- December 17, 2017
- February 25, 2018
- May 6, 2018

### Community Events

- Veteran’s Day Parade, November 11 at Auburn’s Downtown Square, Brass Ensemble.
- Auburn Old Town Country Christmas, December 9 and 16, Small Ensembles.
- Wreaths Across America, December 16.

For more information about Auburn Winds, and future concerts, visit [www.auburnwinds.org](http://www.auburnwinds.org). To schedule an interview with Dr. Morse, send an email to [morsean@aol.com](mailto:morsean@aol.com). Concert programs, promotional signs, banners and logo design provided by Advantage Marketing and Print in Auburn.

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Dr. Matthew Morse named new conductor of Auburn Winds Community Concert Band, September 2017.



Auburn Winds Community Concert Band on stage at the Auburn State Theatre, April 30, 2017.  
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