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Dr. Darrin Oehlerking is Director of Bands and Associate Professor of Music at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, Canada where he conducts the Wind Orchestra, and teaches courses in Conducting, Wind Literature and Music Education. He previously served as Director of Bands and Jazz at Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minnesota, and as Music Coordinator for the Louis Riel School Division in Winnipeg, Manitoba. His post-secondary experience also includes assignments at the University of Manitoba and Iowa Wesleyan College.

Originally from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Dr. Oehlerking earned his Doctor of Musical Arts in Wind Conducting at The University of Iowa, where he studied with Dr. Myron Welch. He earned his Masters in Music Performance with an emphasis in Conducting at the University of Manitoba. His undergraduate work was also at Manitoba, where he earned separate Bachelor degrees in Music and Education.

Prior to his appointment at Saskatchewan, Dr. Oehlerking taught a wide variety of students and musicians at the primary, secondary and post-secondary levels. His ensembles have enjoyed success at the local, national and international levels, garnering outstanding performance awards and showcase invitations from a variety of organizations. In July 2015, the University of Saskatchewan Wind Orchestra performed at the bi-annual conference of the World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles in San Jose, California. In 2017, the ensemble released their latest compact disc, *Skyscapes: The Music of Peter Meehan*.

More recently, Dr. Oehlerking participated in the 2019 TEDx event 'Building Bridges' held on the University of Saskatchewan campus, where he spoke about "Building Community Through Music." He has also published his research in forums such as *Alta Musica*, the *WASBE Journal* and the *Canadian Winds*. His research and scholarly activity includes interest and advocacy of important Canadian composers such as Charles O'Neill, J.J. Gagnier and Richard Hayward. In 2019, Eighth Note Music published his arrangement of O'Neill's *Royal Canadian Mounted Police Regimental March* for band. Another O'Neill arrangement, entitled *Souvenir de Quebec*, was released in the Spring of 2020.

Dr. Oehlerking is Past President of the Canadian Band Association, a Past President of the Saskatchewan Band Association, and is also a Yamaha Artist/Educator. He is in demand as a guest conductor, adjudicator, conference presenter and clinician. He has conducted and presented across Canada, as well as in the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands. In the Spring of 2021 he will serve as the Conductor of Canada's National Youth Band, which will rehearse and perform in Nova Scotia.