

Peter J. Haberman

Peter Haberman is a conductor and educator who serves as the director of bands and professor of music at Concordia College where he is the conductor of The Concordia Band. He also leads the Symphonic Band, Echo Band, works with student conductors, teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in music education, and coordinates the comprehensive band program. Prior to his appointment at Concordia, Haberman held similar positions as director of bands at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and Bucknell University.

As a conductor, Dr. Haberman works to share music that engages audiences and performers in deeply meaningful ways. In doing so, his career spans multiple continents, musical genres, and he works with educational, professional, and community ensembles. Currently Peter serves as the Artistic Director for the Encore Wind Ensemble in the Twin Cities and the Conductor of Bands at the Red Lodge Music Festival in Red Lodge, Montana. Known for his collaborative approach to rehearsals and performances, he seeks many opportunities to perform with guest composers, musicians, and artists. His ensembles have been selected to perform at many national and international conferences and music festivals.

Dr. Haberman is a committed advocate for artful music education and continues to be a frequent guest conductor, clinician, and presenter around the world. Prior to his college career, Haberman spent several years teaching at the Mercer Island School District in Washington and the Maple Lake School District in Minnesota. He was honored to be the recipient of the Educator of the Year Award and the Principal's Award for Outstanding Teaching at Mercer Island, and the Maple Lake Employee of the Year Award.

Haberman is a long-time member of the College Band Directors National Association, Minnesota Band Directors Association, Minnesota Music Educators Association, National Association for Music Education, National Band Association, Phi Beta Mu, Phi Mu Alpha, and Pi Kappa Lambda. A native of Minnesota, he has earned degrees from Concordia College, the University of Montana, and the University of Minnesota where he completed a Doctor of Music Arts in conducting with Craig Kirchhoff. Peter lives in Moorhead, Minnesota with his wife Erika Tomten and their daughter Claire.