



The United States
Army Field Band
& Soldiers' Chorus

The Musical Ambassadors of the Army
Washington, DC



THIS WE'LL DEFEND

La Mirada Theatre
for the Performing Arts
La Mirada, California

February 28 • 3:00 p.m.



February 1, 2026

Guests of the United States Army Field Band:

On behalf of the United States Army, it is our privilege to welcome you to this evening's performance by The United States Army Field Band—our Nation's premier touring ensemble. As they embark on their Spring 2026 National Engagement Missions, these gifted Soldiers showcase the limitless opportunities found in service to our Army—brought to life through passion, discipline, and purpose. Their artistry, energy, and patriotic dedication reflect the very spirit of the American Soldier and Veteran, each of whom answered the call to serve and forged their own path of excellence. I am confident you will leave both inspired and entertained.

The Soldiers you see on stage represent the Total Army Force—those stationed at home and abroad—standing watch to protect our Nation and its interests. From generation to generation, the Army has drawn out the best in its people, producing leaders of character and service. Thank you for your continued support of the United States Army, and please enjoy tonight's performance.

Vern B. Daley, Jr.
Command Sergeant Major

Antoinette R. Gant, PMF
Major General, U.S. Army
Commander

YOUR COMMENTS about our program are greatly appreciated. Scan this QR code to send us an email.



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†Adrian Hernandez **This We'll Defend**

John Stafford Smith and Francis Scott Key **The Star-Spangled Banner**
arr. †Adrian Hernandez

Dmitri Kabalevsky **Overture to *Colas Breugnon***
tr. Walter Beeler

John Philip Sousa **Sound Off!**

Jacob Collier, Shawn Mendes, Stormzy,
Kirk Franklin, & Scott Harris **Witness Me**
arr. *Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Jamieson *Staff Sgts. Verlene Faust and
Joseph Mazzara, vocal soloists*

Joseph Bertolozzi **Contemplation of Bravery**
Master Sgt. J. G. Miller, horn

Blake Neely **Soar**
arr. *Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Jamieson **From *Masters of the Air***

Alex Warren, Adam Yaron, Cal Shapiro,
& Mags Duval **Ordinary**
arr. *Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Jamieson *Staff Sgt. Aaron McAleavey, vocal soloist*

INTERMISSION

John Philip Sousa **The Beau Ideal March**

Paul Simon **The Sound of Silence**
*Sgt. 1st Class Sarah Polinski and
Staff Sgt. James Wilson, vocal soloists
Sgt. 1st Class Grace Bauson, harp*

Gavin DeGraw **Soldier**
arr. Paul Murtha *featuring the Soldiers' Chorus Men*
ed. *Master Sgt. Paul White

Ludwig van Beethoven **Symphony No. 9**
arr. *Master Sgt. Paul White **IV. Finale**

various composers and arrangers **Armed Forces Salute**

Julie Ward Howe & William Steffe **Battle Hymn of the Republic**
setting by Peter Wilhousky
arr. James Neilson

* Staff Arranger, The U.S. Army Field Band † Former Staff Arranger, The U.S. Army Field Band
program subject to change

COMMAND STAFF	COMMANDER Lieutenant Colonel Domingos Robinson	<i>Rockland, MA</i>
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CONCERT BAND

FLUTE/PICCOLO
 *MSG Katayoon Hodjati Silver Spring, MD
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 SSG Chloe Tordi North Palm Beach, FL
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 *MSG Erika Grimm Centerville, VA
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 SSG Jacob Bricker Columbus, IN
 SSG Ellé Crowhurst Bloomington, IN
 SSG Luis Mejias Havana, Cuba
 ALTO/BASS CLARINET
 *MSG Kevin Walko Bethel Park, PA
 SSG Noah Stone Westwood, MA
 BASSOON
 *SFC Sergio Acosta Milwaukee, WI
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 SFC Mitchell Gribbroek Melbourne, FL
 SFC Derek Stults Princeton Junction, NJ
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SOPRANO
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 †MSG Charis Strange Campbellsville, KY
 SFC Rachel Rose Farber Somers Point, NJ
 *SFC Sarah Polinski Sayre, PA
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 *MSG Timothy Coombs South Brunswick, NJ
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 SSG Ruben Ortega San Antonio, TX
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BASS

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 SFC William Tvrdik Vacaville, CA
 SSG Robert Henderson Huntsville, AL
 SSG Joseph Mazzara Alexandria, VA
 SSG Christian Teague Fort Worth, TX
 SSG James Wilson Cary, NC

COMMERCIAL MUSIC

SSG Aaron McAlavey Patchogue, NY
 SSG Lamar Riddick Fort Lauderdale, FL

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 SGT—Sergeant ** Element Leader † Group Leader * Section Leader

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