



The United States  
Army Field Band  
& Soldiers' Chorus

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The Musical Ambassadors of the Army  
*Washington, DC*



AMERICA THE  
BEAUTIFUL

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*featuring world premiere*

**EVIDENT TRUTHS**

*Nkeiru Okoye*

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Scranton Cultural Center  
at the Masonic Temple  
Scranton, Pennsylvania

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June 30, 2026 • 7:00 p.m.



June 28, 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 Summer 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, PMP

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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# AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

- Vangelis  
arr. Randol Alan Bass      **Conquest of Paradise**
- John Stafford Smith and Francis Scott Key  
arr. †Adrian Hernandez      **The Star-Spangled Banner**
- Aaron Copland  
trans. Don Patterson      **Hoe-Down from *Rodeo***
- Traditional  
arr. Emma Lou Diemer      **She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain**
- Nkeiru Okoye      **Evident Truths**  
*Staff Sgt. Lamar Riddick, vocal soloist*
- World Premiere**
- John Philip Sousa      **The Diplomat**
- Jacques Ibert  
trans. Howard B. Bowlin      **Allegro scherzando from**  
***Concerto for Flute and Orchestra***  
*Staff Sgt. Chloe Tordi, flute*
- Alex Warren      **Carry You Home**  
*Staff Sgt. James Wilson, vocal soloist*
- Julie Giroux      **Views Panoramic**
- Staff Sgt. Lamar Riddick  
arr. \*Master Sgt. Paul White      **All American**  
*Staff Sgt. Lamar Riddick, vocal soloist*
- Staff Sgt. Lamar Riddick  
arr. \*Master Sgt. Paul White      **Land of the Free**  
*Staff Sgts. Verlene Faust and Lamar Riddick,*  
*vocal soloists*
- Marc Anthony, Khaled, RedOne,  
Bilal Hajji, Alex P, Björn Djupström,  
and AJ Junior  
arr. \*Staff Sgt. Tyler Mire      **Vivir Mi Vida**  
*Staff Sgt. Chris Sierra, vocal soloist*
- Victor Daniel  
arr. Isidro Infante and \*Staff Sgt. Tyler Mire      **La Vida Es Un Carnaval**  
*Staff Sgt. Verlene Faust, vocal soloist*
- Samara Joy and Paul Sylvester Morton, Jr.  
arr. \*Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Jamieson      **Why I'm Here**  
*Staff Sgt. Alexis Monroe, vocal soloist*
- various composers and arrangers      **Armed Forces Salute**
- Katharine Lee Bates and Samuel A. Ward  
arr. Robert Schaer      **America the Beautiful**

\* 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  
**COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR** Command Sergeant Major Dan Brinshall  
**DEPUTY COMMANDER** Lieutenant Colonel Randy Bartel  
**ASSOCIATE BANDMASTER** Captain Jae'kel R. Smalls

*Rockland, MA*  
*Sweetgrass, MT*  
*Marshall, MO*  
*Goose Creek, SC*

**CONCERT BAND**

FLUTE/PICCOLO  
 \*SFC Troy Paolantonio Coral Springs, FL  
 SSG Taylor Francis Plano, TX  
 SSG Chloe Tordi North Palm Beach, FL

OBOE/ENGLISH HORN  
 \*MSG Erika Grimm Centerville, VA  
 MSG Sarah Schram-Borg Milton, MA  
 SSG Katie Eaton St. Petersburg, FL

B-FLAT/E-FLAT CLARINET  
 \*MSG John Blair Virginia Beach, VA  
 SFC Mikey Arbulu Cooper City, FL  
 SFC Dane Clark Jupiter, FL  
 SFC Marlena Dillenbeck Coopersville, MI  
 SSG Daniel Aisenberg Skokie, IL  
 SSG Victor Battista Wappingers Falls, NY  
 SSG Jacob Bricker Columbus, IN  
 SSG Ellé Crowhurst Bloomington, IN

ALTO/BASS CLARINET  
 \*MSG Kevin Walko Bethel Park, PA  
 SSG Noah Stone Westwood, MA

BASSOON  
 \*SFC Sergio Acosta Milwaukee, WI  
 SFC Randy Fultz Aiken, SC

SAXOPHONE  
 †MSG Christopher Blossom Canton, MI  
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 SSG Lauren Bagshaw South Windsor, CT  
 SSG Shane Rathburn Burnsville, NC

TRUMPET  
 †SGM Ward Yager Memphis, TN  
 \*SFC Tiffany Hoffer Fairfax, VA  
 SSG Bradlee Brown Clarksville, TN  
 SSG Michael Gillespie Durham, NC  
 SSG Joshua Harris Fresno, CA  
 SSG Nathan Little Argyle, TX  
 SSG Benjamin Lostocco Newington, CT

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 SFC Selena Maytum Nicholson, GA  
 SFC Lori Roy Schoharie, NY  
 SSG Morgan Chalmers Clarence, NY

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 \*\*SGM Wesley Ballenger III Torrance, CA  
 \*MSG Carmen Russo Bradenton, FL  
 SFC Anthony Colella Boardman, OH  
 SSG Nate Berry Salem, OR

EUPHONIUM  
 SSG Roel Arazo Miami, FL  
 SSG Lindsay Ring Bloomington, IL

TUBA  
 SSG Victor Collins Radcliff, KY  
 SSG Chase Garner Birmingham, AL  
 SSG Benjamin Poirot Simsbury, CT

STRING/ELECTRIC BASS  
 SFC Joel Ciaccio Canton, PA

**PERCUSSION/TIMPANI**

†SGM Brian Spurgeon River Falls, WI  
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 SFC Mitchell Gribbroek Melbourne, FL  
 SFC Derek Stults Princeton Junction, NJ  
 SSG Steven Estes Bradenton, FL

HARP  
 SFC Grace Bauson Kokomo, IN

PIANO  
 SSG Kelvin Ying Edina, MN

**SOLDIERS' CHORUS**

SOPRANO  
 \*\*MSG Teresa Alzadon Auburn, WA  
 †MSG Charis Strange Campbellsville, KY  
 SFC Rachel Rose Farber Somers Point, NJ  
 \*SFC Sarah Polinski Sayre, PA  
 SSG Verlene Faust Naranja, FL  
 SSG Marie Marquis Fulton, MS

ALTO  
 \*SFC Lucy McVeigh Baltimore, MD  
 SSG Erin Gonzalez Las Vegas, NV  
 SSG Alexus Monroe Jacksonville, FL  
 SSG Safiatou Souare Charlotte, NC  
 SSG Hannah Waldrep Norman, OK

TENOR  
 †MSG Benjamin Hilgert Fairland, IN  
 \*MSG Timothy Coombs South Brunswick, NJ  
 SSG Thomas Drew Cleethorpes, UK  
 SSG Napat Mingkwanyuen Bangkok, Thailand  
 SSG Ruben Ortega San Antonio, TX  
 SSG Chris Sierra Clifton, NJ

BASS  
 \*SFC Ian Bowling Harrisburg, PA  
 SFC Joseph Mazzara Alexandria, VA  
 SFC William Tvrdik Vacaville, CA  
 SSG Robert Henderson Huntsville, AL  
 SSG Christian Teague Fort Worth, TX  
 SSG James Wilson Cary, NC

**STAGE-SUPPORT-PRODUCTION**

STAGE MANAGER  
 SFC Marlena Dillenbeck Coopersville, MI

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 SGM Ward Yager Memphis, TN  
 MSG Timothy Coombs South Brunswick, NJ

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 \*\* Element Leader † Group Leader \* Section Leader

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