

2026 Program



ROSE AND THE THORN, OPENING PERFORMERS

THE WOODLAND PARK WIND SYMPHONY

STAR WARS MAIN TITLE JOHN WILLIAMS ARR. ROBERT W. SMITH

STAR SPANGLED FANFARE CHARLES J. TORIAN, JR.

LOUANNE BRIGHT NARRATOR

STAR SPANGLED BANNER WORDS-FRANCIS SCOTT KEY, MUSIC-JOHN STAFFORD SMITH ARR. CHARLES J. TORIAN JR

AMERICAN SALUTE MORTON GOULD ARR. DOUGLAS E. WAGNER

SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME GEORGE AND IRA GERSHWIN ARR. WARREN BARKER

JUDITH MEYER GUEST ARTIST

YOU MAKE ME FEEL SO YOUNG WORDS-MACK GORDON, MUSIC-JOSEF MRYOW ARR. DAVE WOLPE

MARK LINN WIND SYMPHONY CONDUCTOR & ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

FUGUE ON YANKEE DOODLE JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

IN THE MILLER MOOD GLENN MILLER ARR. WARREN BARKER

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PORTRAIT OF A TRUMPET SAMMY NESTICO

RON STINSON GUEST ARTIST

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AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL WORDS-KATHARINE LEE BATES, MUSIC-SAMUEL AUGUSTA WARD ARR. CARMEN DRAGON

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A special feature tonight: Local students will be performing on Memorial Park's "Harmony Park" music pipes, donated to Memorial Park by Kiwanis & Andersen Construction.

STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER JOHN PHILIP SOUSA



ROSE AND THE THORN ~ OPENING PERFORMERS

Rose and the Thorn is the creative collaboration of Briggs Geister (aka Rose) and Kevin Michael Leis (aka the Thorn), Colorado's musical storytellers. Rose and the Thorn marries Briggs' old time jazz and classical styles with Kevin's background in rock, pop, country, and blues. Together they've sparked the finest and most poignant songs of their careers. Their songs paint a picture of what we, as humanity, can all identify with.

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The WPWS now boasts Swing Factory Big Band, Clarion Winds Clarinet Ensemble, Mountain Brass Quintet, HighAltiTooters Flute Ensemble, Woodland Winds Woodwind Quintet, and Peak Hornsemble French Horn Choir.



CRAIG HARMS ~ MUSICAL DIRECTOR

In January of 1989 Mr. Harms left Woodland Park Middle School and Senior High School as director of bands to devote full time to his own music technology consulting dealership. . . Creative Consultation Service and Bandfo.com. In 1985 Mr. Harms was a Fulbright Teacher to London England. Mr. Harms is internationally known as presenter throughout the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Japan on the subject of "Computerized Marching Band and Drum Corps Drill and Pageantry Design". He has been, since inception, the conductor of the Woodland Park Wind Symphony.



MARK LINN ~ ASSOCIATE CONDUCTOR

Besides his position as Woodland Park Wind Symphony Associate Director, Mark Linn is Director of Bands at Mountain Vista Community School of the Harrison D-2 School District. Mark has a Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory receiving the prestigious Concerto Aria Award. His bands have performed for presidents and competed in several different countries.



RAY CRAMER ~ GUEST CONDUCTOR

As the University of Indiana Emeritus Professor, Ray Cramer conducted the Wind Ensemble and Chamber Winds. He was president of the Midwest Band Clinic and past president of the College Band Directors National Association.

Future 2026 Wind Symphony Concerts ~

July 26, 7:00 pm - Swing Factory, Ute Pass Cultural Center, Woodland Park

September 19, 7:00 pm - Swing Factory, Butte Theater, Cripple Creek

September 27, 4:00 pm - Woodland Park Wind Symphony, Concert at the Ent Center for the Performing Arts, Colorado Springs

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JUDITH MEYER ~ FEATURED ARTIST

Judith is currently an elementary School Teacher in the Pikes Peak area. She was a featured soloist with the U.S. Army Field Band Soldiers' Chorus, performing for audiences totaling more than 600,000 annually, including solo performances with the London and Baltimore National Symphony Orchestras, Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the state funerals of Ronald Reagan and Gerald Ford. Judith is also a featured soloist with the First Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs.



RON STINSON ~ FEATURED ARTIST

Ron graduated in 1972 from Wichita State University with a BME degree, which was followed by four years as a member of the NORAD Band in Colorado Springs. After earning a Master of Music in Trumpet Performance from Yale University in 1978, Ron spent the next 18 years performing professionally in New York City, mainly focusing on Broadway. Ron is currently the Musical Director of Swing Factory Big Band



LOUANNE BRIGHT ~ GUEST PERFORMER

Since 2014 Louanne has been actively performing in community theatre having appeared in 30 community theatre shows. In 2020 she and her husband Scott moved to Colorado to be near family members. He has appeared as an extra in several movies still in production. She would like to thank Craig for this opportunity to be a voice for WPWS and Teller County on America's 250th anniversary and Colorado's 150th.



CLARKE BECKER ~ HONORARY GUEST CONDUCTOR

Clarke, a native of Colorado Springs and a 1975 Graduate of Baker University, was a High School Teacher, Varsity Football and Head Girls Basketball Coach at WPHS for 7 years. Clarke is longtime resident of Woodland Park, along with his wife Joni and daughters Katie and Jill. Clarke is a founding member of the Ute Pass Kiwanis Club and a long time member of Mountain View United Methodist Church. Clarke's 17 years of public service included Mayor of Woodland Park and Teller County Commissioner.



DAN PARK ~ ANNOUNCER

Dan has been the "Voice" of the Woodland Park Wind Symphony for several years. He is a talented guitar player and member of Swing Factory Big Band and Rose and the Thorn. Many may remember Dan as "Wrangler" (Master of Ceremonies) at the recent Western Movie Music Concert and Jedi Master (Master of Ceremonies) at the recent Star Wars Concert. Photography is Dan's profession. Dan's support allows him a prime spot in the WPWS Family.



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