

*The Patriots*  
Symphonic Band  
*presents...*



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# Season

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023 - 7:30pm**

The Stocker Arts Center - Hoke Theatre



# Welcome and HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Thank you for joining us for the Patriots Symphonic Band Christmas Concert! The Patriots Band is delighted to present a special performance filled with music of the holiday season. We are thrilled to welcome back our talented guest vocalist Laura Pedersen to engage the audience with powerful and delightful performances. The Patriots Band is excited to perform for you this evening and we appreciate your support of this annual community event. We are glad to have you here with us!

## Merry Christmas!

*As a courtesy to audience members and performers, please turn off cellular telephones and all portable electronic devices. This will ensure that everyone has a pleasant musical listening experience. THANK YOU!*

For more information on the Patriots Symphonic Band, including dates and locations of future performances, please visit [www.patriotsband.com](http://www.patriotsband.com)

**A Most Wonderful Christmas** ..... Arranged by Robert Sheldon

**Carol of the Bells** ..... Mykola Leontovich/Peter Wilhousky,  
Arranged by Sean O'Loughlin

**The Little Drummer Boy** ..... Katherine Davis/Henry Onorati/Harry Simeone  
Arranged by James Ployhar

**Sleigh Ride** ..... Leroy Anderson

**Grown-Up Christmas List** ..... David Foster/Linda Thompson-Jenner  
*Soprano soloist, Laura Pedersen* Arranged by Michael Brown

## Intermission

**The Lord's Prayer** ..... Albert H. Malotte  
*Soprano soloist, Laura Pedersen* Arranged by Chris Donze

**The Eighth Candle** ..... Steve Reisteter

**O Holy Night** ..... Adolphe Adam  
*Soprano soloist, Laura Pedersen* Arranged by David P. Miller

**The Sussex Mummers' Christmas Carol** ..... Percy Grainger  
Orchestrated by Carl Simpson

**A Christmas Festival** ..... Leroy Anderson

**Christmas Sing-A-Long** ..... Arranged by James Ployhar  
*Soprano soloist, Laura Pedersen*

**Quality Entertainment in the American Concert Band Tradition**



**DR. JOHN KNIGHT** is Professor Emeritus of Conducting and Ensembles and Music Education at Oberlin Conservatory, Oberlin, Ohio. A member of the Oberlin Conservatory community since 1978, he served as chairman of the Conducting Division for many years, retiring in 2013. John received his baccalaureate degree from the University of Central Arkansas and masters and doctoral degrees from Louisiana State University. He is a guest conductor of professional orchestras and bands, all state and honor ensembles throughout the

United States, Europe, and Asia at such venues as the Sir Adrian Boult Hall in Birmingham, England; Severance Hall, Cleveland, Ohio; Chicago Orchestra Hall; and in 2016 in Carnegie Hall, New York.

Dr. Knight is on the board of directors for The Instrumentalist magazine where he has had over 100 published articles on conducting. For his articles he received the Citation of Excellence for creative writing from the Educational Press Association of America. Dr. Knight is the author of The Interpretive Wind Band Conductor published by Meredith Music Publications in 2007, which is devoted to the conducting pedagogy needed for the interpretation of major concert band repertoire, and The Golden Age of Conductors, published by Meredith in 2010, which is an interpretive analysis of musical masterworks by twenty great maestros from Arturo Toscanini to Carlos Kleiber. John is also co-author of the popular textbook "Prelude to Music Education," published by Prentice Hall which is used in college classrooms throughout the USA.



**LAURA PEDERSEN** is a versatile, internationally-acclaimed American singer who brings an exciting lyric soprano voice and beauty to opera houses and concert halls around the world. The breadth and depth of her repertoire are staggering, including Georgetta in Il Tabarro, Knoxville: Summer of 1915, and the soprano solo in Faurè's Requiem performed at Carnegie Hall. Laura has made multiple tours of Scotland, most recently to sing a world premiere and record the newly expanded version as Flora in Flora and the Prince as an Oratorio, she sang

Mahler's Second in Fresno, Tosca for Atlanta Opera, and gave concerts and masterclasses with Harp and Heels across the country. She has also appeared with Indianapolis Opera, Cleveland Opera, Di Capo Opera, Opera Delaware, Florida Opera, Sacramento Opera, Panama Opera, Atlantic Opera, Opera Project Columbus. Highlights from those companies include the roles of Donna Anna, Nedda, Santuzza, Hanna Glawari (one of her Merry Widow productions was broadcast live for Public Radio), Mimi, Musetta, Violetta, Susannah, Juliette, Rosalinda, Donna Anna, Donna Elvira, Musetta, Antonia, and Micaela. No matter when or where she performs, Laura has the rare ability to make each role come alive on stage.

Ms. Pedersen spent four years in Bremen, Germany singing countless performances, singing at least six leading roles each season in the performances ranging from well-known beloved operas like Norina in Don Paquale, to yearly musicals like Maria in Bernstein's West Side Story and World Premieres of annually commissioned Operas.

Ms. Pedersen has sung and continues to solo with countless symphonies and orchestras internationally, as well as doing ongoing concerts with her dynamic duo Harp and Heels.

**THE PATRIOTS SYMPHONIC BAND** is one of northeast Ohio's largest and most active nonprofit, all-volunteer music organizations. The Band's members, who are drawn from more than 25 communities across northeast Ohio, range in age from the teens to the lower nineties. The Band has performed at Severance Hall, Cleveland State University, Baldwin Wallace University, the Sandusky State Theatre, numerous summer concert series locations, the 2003, 2009, 2014, and 2017 OMEA/MENC Professional Conferences in Cleveland and Columbus, as well as many other venues inside and outside northeast Ohio.

Formed in 1977, the Patriots maintain a tradition of providing the local community with fun and enriching music in the form of an American-style, hometown concert band. The Patriots routinely provide musical entertainment for civic events, festivals, and concert programs. The Band strives to provide access to the musical performing arts and to encourage both youth and adults to pursue playing and performing music. The Patriots Band members voluntarily contribute a wealth of solo and ensemble talent to demonstrate that playing a musical instrument can be an enjoyable lifetime experience.

## **PATRIOTS SYMPHONIC BAND METRONOME SOCIETY**

*Northeast Ohio's best 501(c) (3) nonprofit music ensemble*

# *Support the Band!*

The Patriots Symphonic Band is one of northeast Ohio's largest and most active nonprofit, volunteer music organizations.



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# ***The Patriots Symphonic Band Members***

*Dr. John W. Knight, Conductor, Wellington*

*Laura Pedersen, Soprano, Rocky River*

## **FLUTE**

*Cindy Becker manager  
(retired), Rocky River*

*Gina Bitonte dentist,  
Shaker Heights*

*Gretchen Burmeister funeral  
director (retired), Avon Lake*

*Stacy Hetrick scopist, Lakewood*

*Lois Lam stitch fix stylist, Avon*

*Barbara Lucas business  
educator (retired), Avon*

*Tracey Maxwell program  
director (retired), Berea*

*Gretchen Moore registered  
nurse, North Ridgeville*

*Jill Murrell music educator  
(retired), Sheffield Lake*

## **OBOE**

*Kim Weaver operating room  
nurse (retired), Columbia Station*

## **BASSOON**

*Carol Burke music teacher  
(retired), Wellington*

*Melanie Nichols programmer,  
Garfield Heights*

## **CLARINET**

*Teri Alten medical technologist,  
North Ridgeville*

*Leah Barmasse physician's  
therapist, North Olmsted*

*Melanie Birchfield executive  
secretary (retired), Birmingham*

*Brian Burke minister, Wellington*

*Sheryl Cawrse winery  
owner, Huron*

*Phil Chumley band director  
(retired), Chardon*

*Rebecca Darby 911  
dispatcher, North Ridgeville*

*Diane Diekroger college  
counselor (retired), Avon*

*Mary Jo Shalkhauser engineer  
(retired), Amherst*

*Barbara Sherman teacher  
(retired), Avon Lake*

*Lee Shoemaker engineer,  
Avon Lake*

*Karen Sokol music teacher  
(retired), North Ridgeville*

*Karen Sprague educator  
(retired), Elyria*

*Joe Szabo lineman  
(retired), Amherst*

## **ALTO SAXOPHONE**

*Gerald Bilodeau data systems  
analyst (retired), Avon Lake*

*John Kerr plant manager,  
Fairview Park*

*Ron McCoy PT assistant,  
Amherst*

## **TENOR SAXOPHONE**

*Janice Peak teacher,  
Sheffield Lake*

*Leah Schmitz physician's  
assistant, Avon*

## **BARITONE SAXOPHONE**

*Brad Vandasik engineer,  
Berea*

## TRUMPET

Beth Boudreau *teacher  
(retired), Vermilion*  
Debbie Chase *quality control  
clerk (retired), Wellington*  
Dave Hager *band and  
orchestra director, Westlake*  
Bill Kannen *software business  
owner (retired), Oberlin*  
Don Kraps *clergy  
(retired), Cleveland*  
William Legare *laboratory  
technologist, Lakewood*  
Laurel Lloyd *community  
band director, Westlake*  
Sandra Orland *IT solution  
architect, Brooklyn Heights*  
Polly Radune *machinist,  
North Ridgeville*  
Amanda Shalkhauser  
*industrial hygienist, Berea*  
Peter Struk *engineer,  
Olmsted Falls*  
James Tinsley *professional  
musician, Oberlin*

## FRENCH HORN

Gretchen Axton *legal  
assistant, North Olmsted*  
Jay Calderhead *music  
teacher, North Olmsted*  
Sharon Dixon *church  
administrator (retired),  
Westlake*  
Susan Pack *student, Lorain*  
Dyanna Seabold *private horn  
instructor/bank teller, Berea*  
Benjamin Washburn *GM  
Jim Pizza Box, Huron*

## TROMBONE

Dan Brady *carpenter  
(retired), North Ridgeville*  
Mitch Cramer *auto worker,  
North Ridgeville*

Jeff Krejci *insurer,  
North Olmsted*  
Frank Lupinski *teacher  
(retired), LaGrange*  
Don Pincombe *security  
mgr, U.S. Army (ret.),  
North Ridgeville*  
Dave Weaver *chemical  
engineer (retired),  
Columbia Station*  
Steve Wiersma *engineer  
(retired), Westlake*

## EUPHONIUM

Gail Hayden *teacher  
(retired), Grafton*  
Kurt Shalkhauser *engineer  
(retired), Amherst*  
Jon Sokol *music teacher  
(retired), North Ridgeville*

## TUBA

Walter Diekroger *VA hospital  
chaplain (retired), Avon*  
Kevin Mayle *3D digital  
engineer, Westlake*  
Gary Twining *wine wholesaler  
(retired)/ wine writer, Elyria*

## PERCUSSION

Clarence Barber *composer/  
music editor/publisher, Elyria*  
Jill Cornell *piano/percussion  
teacher, LaGrange*  
David Eddleman *band director  
(retired), Avon Lake*  
Mike Groboske *self-  
employed driver, Lorain*  
Sarah Kittelberger *student,  
Columbia Station*  
Anna Sawyer *student, Elyria*

# Patriots Symphonic Band

## METRONOME SOCIETY PATRONS

### LARGO \$25+

Daniel Newman, Rockport Church

### ADAGIO \$50+

Kevin and Cindy Becker  
Eckert Family  
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Leslie Schraff  
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Dr. Gina Bitonte

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# 2024 Patriots Symphonic Band Concert Schedule

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more information.

### Spring Concert—Salute to the Movies

Saturday, March 23 · 7:30PM  
Stocker Arts Center

### Paper Moon Vineyards Concert

Saturday, June 22 · 7:00PM  
2008 State Road, Vermilion

### Avon Lake Concert

Sunday, June 30 · 6:00PM  
Miller Road Park

### Independence Day Celebration

Wednesday, July 3 · 7:00PM  
Wellington Town Square

### Summer Concert

Sunday, July 14 at 2:00PM  
Ohio Veterans Home

Happy Holidays

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