



The Patriots Symphonic Band
presents

Classical
FAVORITES

SATURDAY
APRIL 5, 2025
at 7:30PM

Lorain County
Community College
Stocker Arts Center



Welcome!

Thank you for joining the Patriots
Symphonic Band for an evening of
classical favorites from Copland,
Dvořák, and more!

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!

Quality entertainment in the
AMERICAN CONCERT BAND TRADITION

For more information on the Patriots Symphonic Band, including dates and
locations of future performances, **please visit www.patriotsband.com**

Fanfare for the Common Man Aaron Copland
Arranged by Robert Longfield

**The Promise of Living
from “The Tender Land”** Aaron Copland
Transcribed by Kenneth Singleton

Appalachian Spring Aaron Copland
Arranged by Robert Longfield

**Hoe Down
from “Rodeo”** Aaron Copland
Transcribed by Mark Rogers

Intermission

Liberty Fanfare John Williams
Arranged by Jim Curnow

The House I Live In Lyrics by Louis Allan
Music by Earl Robinson
Arranged by Chris Donze

Sway Corey Swinderman

**The New World Symphony
Second Movement** Antonin Dvořák
Transcribed by Mark H. Hindsley

**Finale from
The New World Symphony** Antonin Dvořák
Transcribed by Erik W.G. Leidzen

The Patriots Symphonic Band Members

Dr. John W. Knight, Conductor, Wellington

Brian Burke, Concert Narrator

VOCALIST

Brian Walsh *management consultant, Avon Lake*

FLUTE

Cindy Becker *manager (retired), Rocky River*

Gina Bitonte *dentist, Shaker Heights*

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

Stacy Hetrick *scopist, Lakewood*

Barbara Lucas *business educator (retired), Avon*

Tracey Maxwell *program director (retired), Berea*

Laurie Miller *clergy (retired), Elyria*

Gretchen Moore *registered nurse, North Ridgeville*

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

Amanda Shalkhauser *industrial hygienist, Berea*

Amy Stoessel *journalist, North Ridgeville*

PICCOLO

Stacy Hetrick *scopist, Lakewood*

OBOE

Kathleen Vittel Abraham *music teacher (retired), North Ridgeville*

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

ENGLISH HORN

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

CLARINET

Teri Alten *medical technologist, North Ridgeville*

CLARINET CONT.

Melanie Birchfield *executive secretary (retired), Birmingham*

Brian Burke *minister (retired), Wellington*

Sheryl Cawrse *winery owner, Huron*

Rebecca Darby *911 dispatcher, North Ridgeville*

Diane Diekroger *college counselor (retired), Avon*

Mary Jo Shalkhauser *engineer (retired), Amherst*

Barbara Sherman *teacher (retired), Avon Lake*

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

Karen Sprague *educator (retired), Elyria*

Joe Szabo *lineman (retired), Amherst*

BASS CLARINET

Lee Shoemaker *engineer, Avon Lake*

BASSOON

Carol Burke *music teacher (retired), Wellington*

Melanie Nichols *programmer, Garfield Heights*

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Tara Habenicht *high school teacher, North Ridgeville*

John Kerr *plant manager, Fairview Park*

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Janice Peak *teacher, Sheffield Lake*

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Leah Schmitz *physician assistant, Avon*

TRUMPET

Debbie Chase *quality control clerk (retired), Wellington*

TRUMPET CONT.

Dave Hager *music educator*
(retired), Westlake

Bill Kannen *software business*
owner (retired), Oberlin

Don Kraps *clergy (retired), Cleveland*

Laurel Lloyd *community*
band director, Westlake

Sandra Orland *IT solution*
architect, Brooklyn Heights

Mark Shoemaker *architect*
(retired), Huron

Peter Struk *engineer, Olmsted Falls*

James Tinsley *professional*
musician, Oberlin

FRENCH HORN

Gretchen Calderhead *senior*
legal assistant, North Olmsted

Jay Calderhead *music*
teacher, North Olmsted

Susan Pack *student, Lorain*

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 *US Army (retired)/*
security mgr. , North Ridgeville

Dave Weaver *chemical engineer*
(retired), Columbia Station

Steve Wiersma *engineer*
(retired), Westlake

EUPHONIUM

Gail Hayden *teacher*
(retired), LaGrange

Aaron Schlosser *Chemical*
Engineer, Gibonsburg

Kurt Shalkhauser *engineer*
(retired), Amherst

EUPHONIUM CONT.

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

TUBA

Walter Diekroger *VA hospital*
chaplain (retired), Avon

Angelo Kortyka *band*
director, Lakewood

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

Sharon Dixon *church administrator*
(retired), Westlake

David Eddleman *band director*
(retired), Avon Lake

Darryl Mika *music teacher, Berea*

Anna Sawyer *student, Elyria*

Rick Snodgrass *purchasing*
agent (retired), Wellington





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.



BRIAN WALSH The Patriots Symphonic Band is thrilled to welcome back talented tenor, Brian Walsh, who has performed with the band for various concerts over the past ten years. Brian has spent his life singing. Over the years, he has performed in many musicals and choirs in addition to singing with the Patriots. A lifelong westsider who grew up in Lakewood, Brian has lived in Avon Lake for 30 years with his wife, Jenny, and their three daughters, Kelly, Molly, and Megan. One of his most recent performances was at the wedding of Kelly and his new son-in-law, Gabe. He spends his days as a marketing strategy consultant but in his free time, we are pleased he shares his musical talent!

Have questions or want the band to perform somewhere?
Email us at patriotsband.oh@gmail.com

THE PATRIOTS SYMPHONIC BAND, established in 1977 as an American-style hometown concert band, has been providing fun and enriching music to the community for nearly 50 years! The Band, one of the largest and most active non-profit music organizations, draws its volunteer musicians from more than 25 communities across northeast Ohio. Band members range in age from their teens to their nineties demonstrating that playing an instrument is an enjoyable lifelong experience.

The Patriots Band plays several concerts each year and has performed in local town squares and schools as well as Severance Hall and at several Ohio Music Educators Association professional conferences. The Band provides fun and enriching music to both listeners and musicians.

PATRIOTS SYMPHONIC BAND METRONOME SOCIETY

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Kay Knight, Librarian

Mary Jo Shalkhauser, Website

Dave Weaver, Sound Recordings

2025 Concert Schedule

*Check website for additional concert
dates and to confirm details as
sometimes plans change*

Paper Moon Vineyards Concert

Saturday, June 21, 7:00PM
2008 State Road, Vermilion

Independence Day Celebration

Tuesday, July 3, 7:00PM
Wellington Town Square

Summer Concert

Saturday, August 23 at 2:00PM
Ohio Veterans Home, Sandusky
(For OVH residents and families only)

Historical Weekend on Put-in-Bay

Saturday, September 6, 3:00PM
Perry's Victory & International
Peace Memorial

Holiday Concert 2025

Sunday, December 14, 3:00PM
LCCC Stocker Arts Center



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