



COLLAGE



THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE STRINGS-WASHINGTON, D.C.
First Lieutenant Keith H. Bland, Conductor

The United States Air Force Strings have been an integral part of The United States Air Force Band for over fifty years. Widely regarded for their artistic diversity, this group performs nearly every style of music in venues ranging from the White House to concert halls and military bases around the world. Every time they take the stage, the impeccable musicianship of The Air Force Strings is met with rave reviews and resounding applause.

Since John F. Kennedy's presidency, The Air Force Strings have delighted audiences with their popular strolling strings performances. In these shows, listeners are enveloped by a wonderful surround-sound effect that provides a multi-dimensional musical experience. When performing in this configuration—widely known as The United States Air Force Strolling Strings—their repertoire captures many styles of popular American music as well as samplings from every corner of the globe.

When they take the traditional concert stage The Air Force Strings are billed as The United States Air Force String Orchestra. These concerts feature classical music that spans several centuries and many generations of composers and musical styles.

Recently, The Air Force Strings have begun to showcase their musical diversity by incorporating both Strolling Strings and String Orchestra repertoire in their concert programs. This recording is patterned after one of these performances, and includes some of the ensemble's most recent strolling arrangements, as well as a wonderful collection of representative works for string orchestra that span the Classical era through the 20th century. We hope you enjoy **Collage**, a diverse collection of string music that demonstrates the excellent musicianship and versatility of The Air Force Strings.

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SELECTIONS

The United States Air Force Strolling Strings

1. **Sabre Dance**¹ (2:20)

Aram Khachaturian

arr. Major (Ret.) Frank Hudson

2. **George M. Cohan Medley** (2:13)

George M. Cohan

arr. MSgt Alexander Dean*

Give My Regards To Broadway²

I'm A Yankee Doodle Dandy

You're A Grand Old Flag³

3. **My Heart Will Go On**⁴ (2:49)

James Horner and Will Jennings

arr. TSgt John Bliss*

4. **Washington Post March**⁵ (2:06)

John Philip Sousa

arr. TSgt William Tortolano*

5. **Hoe Down** from *Rodeo*⁶ (3:04)

Aaron Copland

adapt. CMSgt William Popp*

6. **Golliwog's Cakewalk**⁷ (2:29)

Claude Debussy

orch. TSgt Vivian Podgainsy*

7. **Rocky Top**¹⁶ (1:37)

Boudleax and Felice Bryant

arr. TSgt John Bliss*

8. **Bring Him Home**⁸ (3:39)

Claude-Michel Schonberg

arr. TSgt William Tortolano*

TSgt Vivian Podgainsy, *cello*

9. **George Gershwin Medley** (3:27)

George Gershwin

arr. CMSgt William Popp*

I Got Plenty Of Nothin⁹

It Ain't Necessarily So¹⁰

I Got Rhythm¹¹

10. **Dueling Banjos**¹⁷ (**fiddles**) (1:57)

Arthur Smith

arr. MSgt (Ret.) Keith Laurent**

MSgts Jane Bockenek and

Deborah Volker, *violin*

11. **Whole New World**¹² (2:45)

Alan Menken and Tim Rice
arr. TSgt William Tortolano*

12. **Orange Blossom Special**¹³ (1:43)

Ervin T. Rouse
arr. SMSgt (Ret.) Robert Walters**

The United States Air Force String Orchestra

13. **Air** (3:02)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Allegro in C Major

Gaetano Donizetti

14. **Allegro** (6:51)

Brook Green Suite¹⁴

Gustav Holst

15. **Prelude** (2:02)

16. **Air** (3:19)

17. **Dance** (2:29)

Concerto Grosso No. 2 for Strings¹⁵

Ernest Bloch

18. **Maestoso** (5:39)

19. **Andante** (3:25)

20. **Allegro** (3:37)

21. **Tranquillo** (6:43)

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