



# The United States AIR FORCE BAND

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Colonel Larry H. Lang, Commander & Conductor

THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

# CONCERT BAND

## American Bandmasters Association Annual Convention

Montgomery Performing Arts Center  
201 Tallapoosa St., Montgomery, Ala.

Friday, March 7, 2014 ~ 7:30 p.m.





Dear American Bandmasters Association Members, Associate Members, ABA Guests and Montgomery Community members,

I am very pleased to welcome you to this special culminating concert of the 80th annual American Bandmasters Association Conference performed by The United States Air Force Band under the direction and command of their fine conductor, Colonel Larry H. Lang. I have had a close personal connection with Colonel Lang for over thirty years and I know that you are in for a special musical treat this evening.

For many years now, a premier American service band has consistently performed a featured concert at the ABA conventions. The United States Air Force Band is considered one of the finest musical organizations in the world and several former commanders of the band will be with us this evening. All of them and Colonel Lang are current members of the American Bandmasters Association. It is also a special evening in that Montgomery is a real "Air Force City." I truly hope that you enjoy tonight's program and I appreciate all of the extra time and musical preparation the Air Force and their musicians have given for us this evening.

Musically yours,

David A. Waybright, President  
American Bandmasters Association

**Dr. David A. Waybright** received his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from Marshall University and the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in orchestral conducting from the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. He taught initially at Wahama High School in Mason, W. Va. and since that time has served as Director of Bands at Ferrum College, Plymouth State College, and Director of Bands and Orchestra at McNeese State University. Dr. Waybright is currently Director of Bands at the University of Florida, where he holds the rank of professor and is the head of conducting. He directs the wind symphony and supervises the band program and the graduate and undergraduate conducting curricula.

Dr. Waybright is in demand as a guest conductor and clinician with wind bands, orchestras and choirs, and has appeared in that capacity in most of the 50 states, throughout Europe, South America, Asia and Australia. He has held residencies at many of the nation's leading music schools. In addition, he is active in the commissioning and performance of new music and has won the praise of composers such as Dana Wilson, Michael Torke, Donald Grantham, John Corigliano and Leslie Bassett for his interpretation of their works. There are many recordings available featuring the University of Florida Wind Symphony under his direction. He is founder and principal conductor for the American Chamber Winds, a professional touring and recording ensemble. Dr. Waybright is an elected member of the American Bandmasters Association where he has served on the Board of Directors for two terms and is currently President of the organization.

He is a lifetime member of the World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles. Dr. Waybright is also a member of Pi Kappa Lambda and an honorary member of Phi Mu Alpha, Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi.



**Colonel Larry H. Lang** is commander and conductor of The United States Air Force Band. This premier musical unit inspires patriotism and military service in fellow citizens, honors those who serve, and represents the U.S. Air Force and United States of America to millions worldwide. Colonel Lang is responsible for all activities of this 184-member squadron including equipping, training and deploying Airmen musicians to perform nearly 1,600 missions each year.



Born in El Paso, Texas, Colonel Lang began his musical career as a trombonist. He attended New Mexico State University in Las Cruces where he earned bachelor's degrees in music education and music performance in 1980. He went on to complete a master's degree in music education at the University of New Hampshire in Durham and was appointed to the faculty there in 1982. He also served for seven years as assistant director of bands at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, La.

Colonel Lang received his commission through Officer Training School in San Antonio, Texas in April 1990. His previous commands include the Air Force Band of the Pacific in Alaska, and the Air Force Heritage of America Band in Virginia. Under his leadership, the Heritage of America Band received four Air Force Organizational Excellence awards. After attending Air Command and Staff College in Alabama, Colonel Lang also served as the commander of the Air Force Band of Liberty in Massachusetts and the Air Force Academy Band in Colorado. He was selected to command The U.S. Air Force Band in March 2012.

In 2005, Colonel Lang was inducted into the prestigious American Bandmasters Association. He is also a member of numerous musical associations and is active as a guest conductor and clinician throughout the United States and abroad.

**The United States Air Force Band**, the Air Force's premier musical organization, began in 1941 when the newly-formed U.S. Army Air Corps activated 59 bands into operation. It was initially called The Bolling Field "Band" and consisted of five men—a saxophone quartet and a bandleader. Over the next 73 years, the Band has expanded its size and mission to include six primary performing ensembles and a global mission. Airmen musicians from The United States Air Force Band have traveled throughout our country and around the world providing exhilarating music and engaging concerts. Positively impacting the global community, they are proud to represent the U.S. Air Force and our country.

**The United States Air Force Concert Band** is the largest of the six groups within the Band. An internationally-recognized symphonic wind ensemble, the group performs a wide variety of music ranging from classical transcriptions and original works to solo features, light classics, popular favorites and patriotic selections. Through its performances, the Concert Band demonstrates excellence and delivers powerful Air Force messages while inspiring its audience members.



## PROGRAM

O Canada/Star Spangled Banner

*Conducted by David Waybright  
Director of Bands, University of Florida  
President, The American Bandmasters Association*

Calixa Lavallée/Francis Scott Key

Ecstatic Fanfare

Steven Bryant

Departures

*World Premiere  
Conducted by Col. Larry H. Lang*

Senior Master Sgt. Robert Thurston

*Four Sea Interludes*  
IV. Storm

*Conducted by Lt. Col. (ret.) James Michael Bankhead  
Former Commander, The United States Air Force Band  
Music Department Head, Utah State University*

Benjamin Britten  
trans. Maj. (ret.) Al Bader

Riften Wed

*Conducted by Dennis Fisher  
Associate Director of Wind Studies, University of North Texas*

Julie Giroux

Affirmation

*World Premiere  
Conducted by Col. Larry H. Lang*

Wayne Oquin

Danzon No. 2

*Conducted by Tom Leslie  
Director of Bands, University of Las Vegas  
Past President, The American Bandmasters Association*

Arturo Marquez  
arr. Nickel

~INTERMISSION~



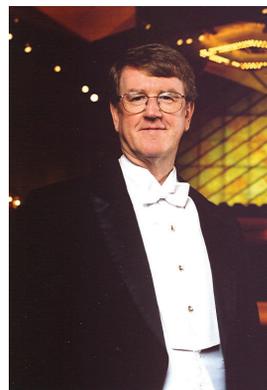
DAVID WAYBRIGHT



COL. LARRY H. LANG



JAMES MICHAEL BANKHEAD



DENNIS FISCHER



TOM LESLIE



The United States Air Force Concert Band

The Thunderer March

John Philip Sousa

Symphony on Themes of John Philip Sousa

Ira Hearshen

II. After "The Thunderer"

*Conducted by Col. (ret.) Lowell Graham  
Former Commander, The United States Air Force Band  
Chair, Department of Music, University of Texas at El Paso*

Cuernavaca

Joseph Willcox Jenkins

*Conducted by Col. (ret.) Bryan Shelburne  
Former Commander, The United States Army Band "Pershing's Own"*

Ungrounded Base

Kathleen Salfelder

*World Premiere  
Conducted by Col. Larry H. Lang*

Colors

Bert Appermont

II. Red

III. Blue

IV. Green

*Joe Alessi, Trombone  
Principal Trombone, New York Philharmonic  
Conducted by David Waybright*

Selections from *Der Rosenkavalier*

Richard Strauss  
arr. Chief Master Sgt. (ret.) Lawrence Odom

*Conducted by Ronald Demkee  
Conductor, The Allentown Band*

Colonial Song

Percy Grainger/ed. Mark Rogers

*Conducted by Col. Larry H. Lang*

The Stars and Stripes Forever

John Philip Sousa

*Conducted by Dennis Zeisler  
President-elect, The American Bandmasters Association*



LOWELL GRAHAM



BRYAN SHELburne



JOE ALESSI



RONALD DEMKEE



DENNIS ZEISLER



Aim High ... Fly-Fight-Win

## PERSONNEL

**Col. Larry H. Lang** - Commander & Conductor

**Capt. David A. Alpar** - Officer in Charge

**Chief Master Sgt. William Marr** - Flight Chief

**Senior Master Sgt. Michael Piersol** - Assistant Flight Chief

### PICCOLO

Technical Sgt. Megan Neal  
*Pittsburgh, Pa.*

### FLUTE

Senior Master Sgt. Stacy Newbrough  
Ascione\*  
*Iowa City, Iowa*  
Master Sgt. Jennifer Tersero  
*Oxford, Mich.*

### OBOE

Master Sgt. Tracey MacDonald\*  
*Duncanville, Texas*  
Master Sgt. Sarah Balian  
*Charlottesville, Va.*

### ENGLISH HORN

Technical Sgt. Emily Snyder  
*Newark, Del.*

### E-FLAT CLARINET

Master Sgt. Brooke Emery  
*Mount Pleasant, Mich.*

### B-FLAT CLARINET

Senior Master Sgt. David Stump  
*Colorado Springs, Colo.*  
Senior Master Sgt. Brian McCurdy  
*Virginia Beach, Va.*  
Master Sgt. Melida Burts  
*Lima, Ohio*  
Master Sgt. Julianna Evans Arnold  
*Vienna, Va.*  
Master Sgt. J. Blake Arrington  
*Little Rock, Ark.*  
Technical Sgt. Ani Berberian  
*Brookings, S.D.*  
Technical Sgt. Benjamin Bowers  
*Falls Church, Va.*  
Technical Sgt. Kristin Bowers^  
*Chicago, Ill.*  
Technical Sgt. Brian Wahrlich  
*Albany, N.Y.*  
Technical Sgt. Laura Henry  
*Apple Valley, Minn.*  
Technical Sgt. Sara Wollmacher  
*Port Charlotte, Fla.*

### BASS CLARINET

Master Sgt. John Romano  
*Bluefield, W. Va.*

### CONTRABASS CLARINET

Senior Master Sgt. David Stump  
*Colorado Springs, Colo.*

### BASSOON

Technical Sgt. Eddie Sanders III\*  
*Washington, D.C.*  
Technical Sgt. Sandy Sisk  
*Centerville, Minn.*  
Chief Master Sgt. (ret.) Joe Tersero  
*Kileen, Texas*

### ALTO SAXOPHONE

Chief Master Sgt. William Marr\*  
*Alexandria, Va.*  
Master Sgt. Jeremy Koch  
*Chicago, Ill.*

### TENOR SAXOPHONE

Master Sgt. Jake McCray  
*Fairfax, Va.*

### BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Technical Sgt. Ricky Parrell  
*Fairfax, Va.*

### FRENCH HORN

Senior Master Sgt. Kent Wyatt  
*Arlington, Texas*  
Senior Master Sgt. Philip Krzywicki  
*Philadelphia, Pa.*  
Master Sgt. Mike Hampf  
*Houston, Texas*  
Technical Sgt. Joel Wealer#  
*Hannibal, Mo.*  
Technical Sgt. Dave Balandrin  
*Salt Lake City, Utah*

### CORNET/TRUMPET

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Bosch\*  
*Bethlehem, Pa.*  
Senior Master Sgt. Ken Oedemann  
*Southampton, Pa.*  
Technical Sgt. Valentin Lukashuk  
*Brest, Belarus*  
Technical Sgt. Blakely Rosengaft  
*Vienna, Va.*  
Technical Sgt. Kristopher Westrich  
*Scottsville, N.Y.*  
Technical Sgt. Micah Killion  
*Brooklyn, N.Y.*

### TROMBONE

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Piersol\*  
*Williamsburg, Iowa*  
Technical Sgt. Matthew Nudell  
*Hettinger, N.D.*  
Technical Sgt. David Rosengaft  
*Richmond, Va.*

### BASS TROMBONE

Master Sgt. Jay Heltzer  
*Sherman Oaks, Calif.*

### EUPHONIUM

Master Sgt. Jennifer Dayton Cox  
*Phelps, N.Y.*  
Technical Sgt. Joey Bello\*  
*Naperville, Ill.*

### TUBA

Master Sgt. Brian Sands\*  
*Goshen, Ind.*  
Technical Sgt. Daniel Walley  
*Niceville, Fla.*

### VIOLIN

Technical Sgt. Emily Wellington  
*Lemoyn, Pa.*

### CELLO

Technical Sgt. Joshua Kowalsky  
*Traverse City, Mich.*  
Technical Sgt. Edward Prevost\*  
*Manassas, Va.*

### STRING BASS

Senior Master Sgt. Chris Kosky\*  
*South Haven, Ind.*

### TIMPANI

Senior Master Sgt. Erica Montgomery  
*Louisville, Ky.*

### PERCUSSION

Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Hoffmann  
*Pittsburgh, Pa.*  
Master Sgt. Marc Dinitz\*  
*Rockville, Md.*  
Master Sgt. Daniel Valadie  
*New Orleans, La.*  
Master Sgt. Joe Reynolds  
*Houston, Texas*  
Technical Sgt. Adam Green  
*Cincinnati, Ohio*  
Technical Sgt. Randy Gorman  
*Linden, Va.*

### HARP

Senior Master Sgt. Eric Sabatino  
*Long Island, N.Y.*

### KEYBOARD

Technical Sgt. Taylor Armstrong  
*Bethlehem, Pa.*

### SOUND ENGINEERS

Master Sgt. Mark Hannah  
*Tama, Iowa*  
Master Sgt. Loren Zimmer  
*Eagle, Neb.*

### LEGEND

\* = Principal  
# = Acting Principal  
^ = Concertmaster  
ret. = Retired



The U.S. Air Force Band values the opportunity to connect with music educators and industry professionals, with whom we share the mission of inspiring America's youth through the power of music.

Educational tools are available at:

[www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil)

**Here you can...**

- ★ download music recordings and our latest CD, "Air Force Blue."
- ★ find information on the Band's competitions for students and composers.
- ★ print original music for use with your ensembles and students.
- ★ learn more about careers in the Air Force.
- ★ read articles for educators and students in our Clinician's Corner.
- ★ access our calendar to find out when the Band will be touring in your area.
- ★ link to our social media sites, including the Band's holiday flash mob!

**Look for our organization on  
Facebook, YouTube *and* Twitter!**





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