

The United States Air Force Band

Washington, D.C.

Col. Larry H. Lang, *Commander and Conductor*
presents

The United States Air Force Strings

"Celebrating Black History Month"

Novelletten for String Orchestra, Op. 52

- I. Allegro
- IV. Allegro molto

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor
(1875 – 1912)

Spirituals for Strings

1. Were You There?
2. All God's Children Got Wings
3. Ezekiel Saw de Wheel

Morton Gould
(1913 – 1996)

Danzas de Panama for String Orchestra

- I. Tamborito
- II. Mejorana y Socavón
- III. Punto
- IV. Cumbia y Congo

William Grant Still
(1895 – 1978)

Featuring **The Strolling Strings** – selections announced from the stage

The Air Force Strings is the official string ensemble of the United States Air Force and is one of six musical ensembles that comprise The U.S. Air Force Band. Featuring 20 Airmen musicians, the group performs a wide range of musical styles at education outreach performances, public concerts and high-level military and government events. Their musical virtuosity and sheer elegance has earned the recognition of world leaders. As advocates and promoters of American composers, this ensemble aims to break down political barriers and encourages global cultural dialogue as international musical ambassadors.

Personnel

THE AIR FORCE STRINGS

Capt. David A. Alpar | **Officer in Charge** – *Amarillo, Texas*

Chief Master Sgt. Deborah R. Volker | **Flight Chief** – *Lansdale, Pa.*

Master Sgt. Henry Tyszler | **Assistant Flight Chief** – *Los Angeles, Calif.*

First Violin

Master Sgt. Mari Washington* – *Alexandria, Va.*

Technical Sgt. Emily Barnes – *Cincinnati, Ohio*

Master Sgt. Henry Tyszler – *Los Angeles, Calif.*

Master Sgt. Nathan Wisniewski – *Waukesha, Wis.*

Senior Master Sgt. William Tortolano – *Underhill, Vt.*

Technical Sgt. Ni Santiago – *Rochester, N.Y.*

Second Violin

Technical Sgt. Luke Wedge^† – *Hutchinson, Kan.*

Master Sgt. Cleveland Chandler – *Baltimore, Md.*

Master Sgt. Mark Dorosheff – *Herndon, Va.*

Master Sgt. Greg Pinney – *Bristol, Pa.*

Chief Master Sgt. Deborah R. Volker – *Lansdale, Pa.*

Viola

Master Sgt. Bryce Bunner^ – *Evansville, Ind.*

Master Sgt. William Hurd – *East Meadow, N.Y.*

Technical Sgt. Matthew Maffett – *Indianapolis, Ind.*

Technical Sgt. Wayne Graham – *Massapequa, N.Y.*

Cello

Technical Sgt. Christine Lightner^ – *Los Angeles, Calif.*

Master Sgt. Frank McKinster – *Annapolis, Md.*

Master Sgt. Vivian Podgainy – *Dix Hills, N.Y.*

Bass

Technical Sgt. Daniel Benoit – *Arlington, Texas*

Accordion

Master Sgt. Frank Busso – *Staten Island, N.Y.*

LEGEND

*= Concertmaster

^= Principal

†= Strolling leader

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at the National Archives

700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C.

President's Day Concert with the Airmen of Note Combo

Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. at Millennium Stage

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, D.C.

Airmen of Note Jazz Quintet

Wednesday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Montgomery College

51 Mannakee St., Rockville, Md.

Music for Chamber Strings

All events are free and non-ticketed.

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