

# The United States Air Force Band

## Washington, D.C.

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

## The Air Force Strings

Capt. Joseph S. Hansen, conductor

### "Women in Music"

#### String Quintet in E Major, Op. 1

Ethel Smyth  
(1858 – 1944)

- I. Scherzo: Allegro vivace
- II. Adagio con moto
- III. Allegro molto

*Master Sgt. Mari Washington & Technical Sgt. Luke Wedge, violin  
Technical Sgt. Wayne Graham, viola  
Technical Sgt. Christine Lightner & Master Sgt. Vivian Podgainy, cello*

#### Symphonic Suite for Strings, Op. 33

Marion Bauer  
(1882 – 1955)

- I. Prelude: Andante
- II. Interlude: Comodo
- III. Finale – Fugue: Allegro ma non troppo

#### To the Point

Jennifer Higdon

*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 Airman 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. Greg Pinney – *Bristol, Pa.*  
Master Sgt. Cleveland Chandler – *Baltimore, Md.*  
Master Sgt. Henry Tyszler – *Los Angeles, Calif.*  
Chief Master Sgt. Deborah R. Volker – *Lansdale, Pa.*

#### Second Violin

Technical Sgt. Luke Wedge^† – *Hutchinson, Kan.*  
Master Sgt. Nathan Wisniewski – *Waukesha, Wis.*  
Technical Sgt. Ni Santiago – *Rochester, N.Y.*  
Senior Master Sgt. William Tortolano – *Underhill, Vt.*  
Master Sgt. Mark Dorosheff – *Herndon, Va.*

#### 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. Vivian Podgainy – *Dix Hills, N.Y.*  
Master Sgt. Frank McKinster – *Annapolis, Md.*

#### Bass

Master Sgt. Matthew Murray – *Winona, Minn.*

#### LEGEND

\*= Concertmaster  
^= Principal  
†= Strolling leader

### Upcoming Events:

**Wednesdays at 8 p.m.**

**Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington**

6125 Montrose Rd., Rockville, Md.

March 18 – *Jazz Trio featuring members of the Airmen of Note*

March 25 – *Chamber Wind Ensemble – works by Beethoven, Bizet & Stravinsky*

**Thursdays at 8 p.m.**

**The Lyceum: Alexandria's History Museum**

201 S. Washington St., Alexandria, Va.

March 19 – *Music for Brass Quintet*

March 26 – *Music for Woodwind Quintet and Chamber Trio*

April 2 – *Music for Alto Saxophone*

All events are free and non-ticketed.

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