

USAO Concert Choir

Sopranos

Kayla Ford
Laila Goad
Karen Jones
Abbee Mann
Oliver McInuale
Emma Sandusky
Elisabeth Taylor
Emilee Wagner
Samaria Williams

Altos

Taylor Blanchard
Remy Brownlee
Hailey Burgess
Katelyn Cullum
Summer Davis
Malik Roberts
Angelina Suniga
Jade Valdes
Adder VanSchalkwyk
Pillow Ward
Madison Wooters

Flutes

Hailey Burgess
Summer Davis
Nicolas Fletcher
Alyssa Quimby

Clarinet

Sean Buckley
Camren Carlson
Cory Nixon
Luka Messick

Saxophone

Wyatt Cunningham
Jack Fair
Kayden Treaster

Trumpet

Isabella Reitan

Tenors

Juanpablo Alvarez-Pinedo
Cody Cox
Mobi Jones
Danner McGarrah
David Orgas
Cody Watson

Basses

Mason Alldredge
Amber Busch
Faye Cantero
Coy Harrill
Noah Hinson
Adan Martinez
Willow Neron
Auvery Sanborn
Isaiah Young

USAO Concert Band

French Horn

Kaitlyn Finley

Trombone

Logan Ingram
Dominick Massey
Kathryn Paddlety

Euphonium

Adder VanSchalkwyk

Tuba

David Orgas
Isaiah Young

Percussion

Amber Busch
Ruggiero Indiana
Daniel Johnston
Virgil McClain
Gunner Smith

A collaboration between
Expanded Media Art students & Music students

TO THE STARS

An immersive experience

Band and Choir Concert
+ Art Installation

Thursday, October 9, 2025

7:30 PM

Te Ata Memorial Auditorium

USAO

TO THE STARS

Concert Choir

Joshua Stephen Smith, conductor
Guilherme Lopes-Correia, pianist

How to Sing Like a Planet

Elizabeth Alexander (b. 1962)

The Heavens are Telling
from *The Creation*

Music by F. J. Hadyn (1732-1809)
Words by Van Swieten

Kayla Ford, soprano
Danner McGarrah, tenor
Isaiah Young, bass

Ballade to the Moon

Daniel Elder (b. 1986)

Here Comes the Sun

by George Harrison (b. 1943)
arr. By Kirby Shaw (b. 1941)

The Word Was God

Rosephanye Powell (b. 1962)

Astronomy
from *To Shiver the Sky*

Music by Christopher Tin (b. 1976)
Text from NICOLAUS COPERNICUS'
"De revolutionibus orbium coelestium"

Ad Astra "To The Stars"

Jacob Nauerud (b. 1986)

* INTERMISSION *

Concert Band

Catherine Conlin, conductor

Sundance

Quincy Hilliard (b. 1954)

Journey Through Orion

Kaylen Meritt, dancer
Parris Wingo, dancer

Into the Clouds

Richard Saucedo (b. 1957)

David Orgas, conductor

Suite from *The Star Wars Epic - Part II*

John Williams (b. 1932)

arr. Robert W. Smith (1958-2023)

IV. Princess Leia's Theme

from *Episode IV: A New Hope*

V. The Imperial March (Darth Vader's Theme)/The Forest Battle

from *Episode V: Empire Strikes Back* and *Episode VI: Return of the Jedi*

VI. Star Wars (Main Title)

from *Episodes I through VI*

Statements from Expanded Media Artists

Expanded media artists are students of Jordan Vinyard.

Colin Monterosso: "Instrument"

An interactive visualization of sound.

Rhiannon Allen: "Sursum"

This Installation replicates the sensation of cloud gazing and star gazing.

Elieth Martínez: "Luna Soñadora"

A reflection of quiet whimsy, this work invites a sense of calm, curiosity, where the moon simply exists at peace within its own dream.

Miles Benson: "Amid the Clouds"

A collection of 3D constructed clouds, and visual projection accompanies 'Into the Clouds,' a piece by Richard L. Saucedo played by the ensemble.

Jayci McMurray: "The Dance of Unity"

A wearable sculpture about embracing opposites

Talor Alicea: "A Souls Offering"

This piece expresses the feelings of putting one's heart and soul into their passion.

Translations

Astronomy (Polish)

Astronomio, gwiazdna drogo, Tys jest matka wszelkiej wiedzy.

Chocby czlowiek zyt ubogo, Jego domem kosmos swietny.

Nic czystszego ponad gwiazdy.

Siega! wyzej, gdy nad soba Przewspaniate sledzisz Widowisko.

Astronomio, piekne nieba Ty pognajesz, masz za swoje.

Wobec twojej sglachetnosci

Bledna ziemske niepokoje.

Patrzac w gwiazdy widzisz dzieto Boze.

Gwiazdy, ksiezyc, i planety.

Ad Astra

Ad astra per aspera.

Sursum, sursum, sursum.

Mouere, deinceps, sinecura, post omnes.

Astronomy (English)

Astronomy, you're a path of stars, The mother of all knowledge.

Even the poor Have the Universe as their home.

There is nothing purer than the stars.

Reach higher, and follow This most exquisite Spectacle.

Astronomy, beautiful skies Are yours to study.

Your dignity is so great

That all earthly troubles are nought.

Looking at the stars, You see the work of God.

Stars, moon, and planets.

To the Stars

To the stars through hardship.

Upward, upward, upward.

Moue forward, look upward, leave all cares behind.

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Upcoming Events

10/24: Outdoor Lunch Concert

10/28: Heroes vs. Villains Voice Recital

11/02: Mason Alldredge, Jr. Voice Recital

10/14+15: Choir and Theater Performance

11/16: Mobi Jones, Sr. Voice Recital

11/18: Concert Band Fall Concert

11/21: Festival of Light Opening Ceremony

11/22: Friendsgiving: Voice Recital

11/23: Abbee Mann, Sr. Voice Recital

11/23: Willow Neron, Jr. Voice Recital

11/30: David Orgas, Sr. Tuba Recital

11:30am- Davis Hall Outdoor Stage

6:30pm- Location TBD

6:30pm- Alumni Chapel

6:00pm- Davis Hall Little Theater

7:30pm- Alumni Chapel

7:30pm- Te Ata Auditorium

6:00pm- Shannon Springs Park

7:30pm- Ballroom

2:00pm- Alumni Chapel

TBD- Alumni Chapel

2:00pm- Alumni Chapel

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