

# HURRICANE VALLEY *symphony*

presents

## **Celebrating 250 Years of Freedom**



**Directed by Janelle Ruesch,  
Brian Thompson, and Heber White**

**Featuring Patriotic Story Narratives  
performed by Bill Norton of Liberty Village**

Monday, April 27, 2026 at 7:00pm  
Hurricane High School Main Auditorium

**AMERICA** 

**UTAH**  
COMMUNITY EVENT

# Concert Program

<b>The Star Spangled Banner</b> . . . . .	John Stafford Smith/Arranged by Douglas Gibson
Narration . . . . .	The Miracle at the Old South Church
<b>Cumberland Cross</b> . . . . .	Carl Strommen
Narration . . . . .	The Bulletproof George Washington
<b>Summon the Heroes.</b> . . . . .	John Williams/Arranged by Calvin Custer
Narration . . . . .	With Humility I Accept & A Light to All Mankind
<b>American Folk Hymn Medley</b> . . . . .	Arranged by Don Hart
Narration . . . . .	The Sacrifice Be Mine – Caesar Rodney
<b>When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again</b> . . . . .	Arr. by Jay Rouse and Ric Domenico
Narration . . . . .	An Uncommon Miracle – Emily Gieger
Vocal Song by Ashlie Chaston of Liberty Village . . . . .	One Hundred Miles
<b>American Portrait #1.</b> . . . . .	Robert W. Smith
Narration . . . . .	Washington's Worst Ordeal
<b>The Stars and Stripes Forever.</b> . . . . .	John Philip Sousa

## Symphony Members

### Violin I

\*Teya Applegate  
Kirsten Skow  
Amber Stout  
Debbie Thornton

### Violin II

Anita Parry  
Rachel Pemberton  
Janelle Ruesch  
\*Telia West

### Viola

\*Melissa Nay  
Gerrod Nelson

### Cello

\*Ethan Allen  
Nick Jeppson  
Emily Wilson  
Nataly Wixom-Burdick

### Bass

\*William Ruesch

### Harp

\*Savanna Krogh

### Piano

\*Lorraine Wixom

### Flute/Piccolo

\*Cari Bennion  
Amber Bodell  
Meridy Reeve

### Clarinet

Joan Howell  
David Stapleton  
\*Jacob Stewart

### Bass Clarinet

\*Rebecca Collins

### Horn

Julie Curtis  
\*Sabrina Leavenworth

### Trumpet

Mike Crockett  
\*Scott Munson

### Trombone

William Calban IV  
Brian Thompson  
\*Heber White

### Tuba

\*Brian Thompson

### Percussion

Corban Beutler  
Chloe Chatterley  
Savanna Krogh  
Zach Stapleton  
\*William Wixom-Burdick

*\*Principal Player*

# Musician Spotlights

## Amber Bodell, Flute

Amber has been playing the flute for the last 30 years. She learned in her 7th grade band class, played all through middle school and high school and when she attended Dixie State University. After college, she continued to play whenever she could with her church group.

Amber joined the Hurricane Valley Symphony in the fall of 2024. Her niece, Savanna Krogh, plays percussion as well as the harp with the Symphony.

Amber was born in California but moved to Northern Utah when she was eight. She has lived in Southern Utah since 1998. She manages the office at Master Plumbing Systems and has been there for the last nine years. She loves to read and will often read several books a week.

Amber resides in St. George and has been married to her husband, Josh, for 22 years this August. They have five children. Jaxon is 19 and just got accepted to the automotive program at Dixie Tech. Danica is 16 and plays the flute with Desert Hills High School. Kendall is nearly 13 and has been playing the flute with Desert Hills Intermediate for the last two years. Ezra is 10 and really wants to learn how to play the violin. Oliver, 5, is their very energetic caboose who loves all things cars.



## Nick Jeppson, Cello

Nick started playing the piano at the age of eight, but quit after two years. When he was in the sixth grade his friend convinced him to join the school orchestra playing the violin. Nick's mother talked him into playing the cello instead. He played all through elementary, junior high, and high school in school orchestras as well as summer camp symphonies and private lessons/recitals. He stopped playing regularly after graduating high school and didn't pick the cello up again until joining Hurricane Valley Symphony in the fall of 2022.

Nick grew up in West Bountiful, Utah. He has a passion for computers and was always known as the computer nerd. He had health problems in high school and spent a lot of time in emergency rooms and hospital beds. He now works as a Senior Systems Engineer for Adobe Systems, where he enjoys working out of his home office.

Nick loves cycling, and that fact led him to being introduced to his wife Dolores. She now volunteers on the Hurricane Valley Symphony board of directors. Nick and Dolores live in Hurricane, Utah, where they are very busy chasing after their two toddler boys.



# Donations Appreciated



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## Our Mission Statement

To provide continuing performance and learning experiences for anyone in the community who played a musical instrument earlier in life. We recognize that life has many phases and our goal is to inspire and welcome those who wish to return to their musical training.

To provide continuing enhanced performance and learning experiences for students who are currently involved in musical training. We acknowledge the importance of the many teachers in the area and our goal is to provide the students of those teachers additional opportunities to perform great symphonic music.

To contribute to the rich musical heritage of the Hurricane Valley by providing performance experiences for the community. It is our goal to promote the musical arts and to be a cultural resource for the Hurricane Valley. We hope to inspire, enrich and entertain our diverse symphony members and our audiences through the transformative power of symphonic music.

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