



School of Fine & Performing Arts
Department of Music

Concert Series Spring '26

Saturday, January 31, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.
Julien J. Studley Theatre, SUNY New Paltz

West Point Band “Standards: New, Old, and Borrowed”

-OPENING SEQUENCE-

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY &
JOHN STAFFORD SMITH
arr. JOHN PHILLIP SOUSA
HARMONIZED BY WALTER
DAMROSCH

STAFF SGT. FRANCISCO
AISPORNA, VOCAL

The Star-Spangled Banner

JESSICA MEYER

Go BIG or Go HOME

-NARRATION-

PERCY ALDRIDGE GRAINGER
EDITED R. MARK ROGERS

Molly on the Shore

-NARRATION-

ANTHONY BARFIELD

STAFF SGT. ALAINA ALTER,
TROMBONE

Red Sky

-NARRATION-

MALCOLM ARNOLD
ARRANGED BY JOHN P. PAYNTER

Four Scottish Dances

CLAUDE DEBUSSY
arr. JOSÉ SCHYNS

The Engulfed Cathedral

-NARRATION-

ERIC WHITACRE

Ghost Train Triptych
1. The Ride

-NARRATION-

MAJOR PHILIP TAPPAN

Hudson Granite

DARIUS MILHAUD

West Point Suite
1. Introduction
2. Recitative
3. Fanfares

-NARRATION-

PHIL COLLINS

*You'll Be in My Heart

arr. SGT. 1ST CLASS NOAH
TAYLOR

STAFF SGT. FRANCISCO
AISPORNA, VOCAL

ROLF LØVLAND, BRENDAN
GRAHAM
arr. JAMES KESSLER

STAFF SGT. FRANCISCO
AISPORNA, VOCAL

*You Raise Me Up

-CONDUCTOR REMARKS-

arr. SGT. 1ST CLASS NOAH
TAYLOR

STAFF SGT. FRANCISCO
AISPORNA

Armed Forces Salute

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

The Stars and Stripes Forever

***New Arrangements**

About the Concert

"Standards: New, Old, and Borrowed" is an evening of music that weaves together classics and bold contemporary works. This West Point Band concert features exciting pieces by modern composers Jessica Meyer and Anthony Barfield, alongside "Hudson Granite," an original work by the band's deputy commander, Capt. Philip Tappan, inspired by the iconic stone architecture of West Point. Concert band classics include Percy Grainger's "Molly on the Shore," Darius Milhaud's "West Point Suite," and an arrangement of Claude Debussy's "The Engulfed Cathedral." Staff Sgt. Francisco Aisporna brings soulful warmth to Phil Collins' "You'll Be in My Heart," and "You Raise Me Up," wrapping up a concert that celebrates musical standards: new, old, and borrowed.

About West Point Band

Featuring graduates from America's finest music schools, the West Point Concert Band is a versatile ensemble that continues to entertain and inspire audiences through innovative programming and world-class performance in concert and ceremonial settings. The ensemble can be heard around the Greater Hudson Valley, New York City, and throughout the United States. Its storied history features performances for U.S. Presidents, heads of state, and foreign dignitaries. The band is regularly invited to participate in high-profile events in the New York metropolitan area at locations such as Yankee Stadium, MetLife Stadium, and the Statue of Liberty.

The Concert Band performs concerts, military ceremonies, and at athletic events for the United States Corps of Cadets. The band regularly supports cadet activities at the United States Military Academy, including Graduation Week, Reception Day, Cadet Summer Training, and coaching the Cadet Spirit Band. Additionally, the band collaborates with the English, Geography, History, and Philosophy departments as useful teaching resources at West Point.

The Concert Band has performed at major venues including David Geffen Hall, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Tanglewood, and the Meyerson Symphony Center. The band has been showcased with the New York Philharmonic, continuing a long-standing collaboration between the United States Army's oldest band and America's oldest orchestra. It also maintains a close association with the New York Yankees, utilizing the full performing ensemble and chamber groups for high-profile games. Members of the Concert Band have also been featured on the History Channel, Fox News, CNN, ESPN, and the NBC Macy's Fourth of July Fireworks. As performers and educators, the musicians of the West Point Band continue to present provocative performances while providing the Corps of Cadets with a piece of living history.

Meet the West Point Band

<https://band.westpoint.edu/all-personnel/>

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We are a fully accredited member of:

- **National Association of Schools of Music**
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The SUNY New Paltz Department of Music inspires students to develop their love of music, obtain the necessary skills to achieve their musical and professional goals, and contribute to their communities and beyond.

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