



Orchid City
BRASS BAND



Lest We Forget

Honoring the Spirit of America

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 5, 2023 | 4 PM

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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR



WELCOME to Season 11 of the ORCHID CITY BRASS BAND! In true Orchid City fashion, we open our 2023-24 season around Veteran's Day to celebrate and honor our veterans for their love of country and their willingness to sacrifice for the common good. Musical Director, Gary Green, prepared the program you will hear today around the theme: "Lest We Forget."

The word "patriot" is tossed around rather casually today, but our hope is that this performance will call attention to all true patriots: those who gave their lives for our country, as well as all who are committed to preserving and protecting the actions, ideals, and values secured by those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

They say the only thing constant is change! That is certainly true with the ORCHID CITY BRASS BAND, often with little notice. Our esteemed Musical Director and Conductor, Gary Green, had emergency open heart surgery one week prior to our first rehearsal. I am very pleased to say he is recovering nicely and looking forward to rejoining the band after the new year.

We are quite fortunate that our friend Dr. Roby George agreed to

step in at, literally, a moment's notice and we were able to begin our season without missing a single rehearsal. You will enjoy his collegial personality, versatility, and warm, interpretive style. You can learn more about him on page 4 of the concert program ("Meet our Guest Conductor").

We encourage you to join the ORCHID CITY BRASS BAND at one – or all – of our future concerts. All of them are programmed around our theme for this season: **Catch the Spirit**. We especially invite you to attend our annual Christmas concert entitled "The Night Before Christmas" in which we attempt to capture "The Spirit of Christmas" as only 30 accomplished brass musicians can! Once again we are delighted to present this concert in the auditorium of our generous hosts, the JupiterFIRST Church. Little else can infuse your spirit with all that is good and right about the holiday season like this concert is sure to do.

Without further ado, please enjoy a program that calls us to remember and reflect on "The Spirit of America" – Lest We Forget.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Estes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Jim Estes
President & CEO
ORCHID CITY BRASS BAND

MEET OUR GUEST CONDUCTOR

ROBY B. GEORGE is Visiting Associate Professor of Music and Director of Bands at Palm Beach Atlantic University. Prior to this appointment, he served as Associate Professor of Music and Director of Bands at Indiana State University.

Dr. George has also held positions as Assistant Director of Bands at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, Director of Bands at Fisk University, the University of Dayton, New World School of the Arts, and Florida International University. A native of Miami, Florida, Dr. George earned degrees in music education from Florida State University (BME and MME) and the Doctorate of Musical Arts in Wind Conducting from the University of Cincinnati-College Conservatory of Music.



Roby George
GUEST CONDUCTOR

Numerous high school, university, and professional ensembles under Dr. George's direction have given performances for the Florida Music Educators National Conference, the National Band Association, the Midwest Band Clinic, and the CBDNA National Conference. As a guest conductor and clinician, Dr. George has worked with a myriad of high school honor bands, college and university bands, All-State bands, and given workshops on subjects ranging from rehearsal techniques and conducting pedagogy to jazz and Stravinsky.

During his tenure at Florida International University in Miami, he created a conducting symposium that attracted participants from all over the Americas and established a connection between the professional military conductor and the college wind conductor through his association with the United States Marines Corp. His reputation as a fine communicator of the art form from the podium is well-established.

With critical performances at such notable venues as a Symphony Center in Chicago, Hill Auditorium at the University of Michigan, and Carnegie Hall, Dr. George is a standing guest conductor of the Greater Miami Symphonic Band and co-conductor of the Pinnacle Winds in Kansas City. He is a member of the Music Educators National Conference, the World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles, and the College Band Directors National Association, having served as the Florida collegiate liaison to the CBDNA where he served for 9 years as chairman of the Diversity Committee.

Lest We Forget

Sunday, November 5, 2023 | 4:00 PM
Dr. Roby George, GUEST CONDUCTOR

ANDREW LAWSON FOR UNCOMMON VALOR
trans. Andrew Wainwright

CHRISTOPHER BOND LEST WE FORGET

PAT METHENY LETTER FROM HOME
arr. Svein Giske

DON RAY & HUGHIE PRINCE BOOGIE WOOGIE BUGLE BOY
arr. Mark Freeh

PAUL LOVATT-COOPER THE HOME OF LEGENDS

RICHARD ROGERS VICTORY AT SEA
arr. Robert Russell Bennet
trans. Michael O'Connor

INTERMISSION

LOUIS PRIMA SING, SING, SING (With a Swing)
arr. Mark Freeh

WILLIAM RIMMER HONOUR THE BRAVE - *March*

JOHN NEWTON AMAZING GRACE
arr. William Himes

DAN PRICE AN AMERICAN TALE

STEPHEN BULLA ARMED FORCES SALUTE

TONIGHT'S PLAYERS

GUEST CONDUCTOR

Roby George

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Michael MacMullen

SOPRANO CORNET

Richard Shaw

SOLO CORNETS

Pamela Smitter

Principal

Nick Patsis

Trudy Cavallo

Brook Miscoski

REPIANO CORNET

William Castillo

SECOND CORNETS

Bryan Anderson

Anthony Aversano

Conner Hoffman

THIRD CORNETS

Larry Malin

James Estes

FLUGELHORN

Ransom Miller

TENOR HORNS

Jenn Girdlestone

Principal

Brandon Ehrlich

Chris Loomis

BARITONES

Manny Camacho

Principal

Eric Singer

TROMBONES

Patrick Hengstler

Principal

Sherwood Graham

Tyler Hatter

BASS TROMBONE

Andre Prouty

EUPHONIUMS

Alejandria Guardia, Jr

Principal

Michael O'Connor

BASSES

Max McMillan

Principal

Alexandra Castillo

Michael Cunnion

Franklin Ticas Castellon

PERCUSSION

Ryan Ross

Principal

Emily Moorehead

Nikola Gjorcevski

THE VIEW FROM THE PODIUM



BEGINNINGS. It is a grand and exciting time for the ORCHID CITY BRASS BAND today! You have come to hear some inspiring and beautiful music,

and we are so thrilled you have chosen to spend part of your Sunday with us!

The gift of music and the art we share with you today is infused with passion but also filled with gratitude: that collective emotion that reflects our appreciation for what we value most and brings meaning to our lives. It is also what helps us feel connected to others who share our passion. The music you will hear is authentic in our lives and our performance grants us the rare opportunity to be artistically connected to you in a meaningful way.

The beginning of this new season also presents a joyful reason to reflect on something genuinely good in the world. The vulnerability with which we have approached each rehearsal, and approach this concert, communicates our commitment to the occasion that brings us together and our common commitment to those ideals we all cherish. You will certainly witness the strength and

depth of that commitment in the joyful music you hear today.

To that end, we are honored to dedicate this concert to the members of our armed forces. We have always found it most appropriate to begin each concert season with a complete program that pays tribute to those who offered the most on our behalf and paid the highest price in doing so. To all who have freely given your youth, your skill, your strength, and your courage in service to our country, we are forever in your debt. It is our pledge to honor – and never forget – your sacrifice and dedication to the ideals and principles we value most.

Finally, I am so delighted that the ORCHID CITY BRASS BAND will be conducted today by my longtime friend and colleague, Dr. Roby George. Roby is a fine musician in his own right and a very able conductor. I am pleased he was able to carve out the time from his very busy schedule to prepare and conduct this concert. You will certainly enjoy and appreciate his musical understanding of the pieces being performed.

Gary Green
Musical Director & Conductor
ORCHID CITY BRASS BAND

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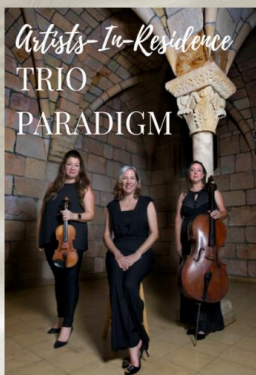
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