

Change is Good!

While our first concert of the new season will be at Lawton High School, this relocation is only temporary. In the meantime, we promise the same incredible performance standards and artistic excellence we all love, as we look forward to returning to McMahon Memorial Auditorium for the second concert, featuring state-of-the-art enhancements, improved seating, and more.

August 23, 2025 • 7:30pm

A Patriotic Tribute

Lawton High School Auditorium

February 7, 2026 • 7:30pm

Commemorating the
End of World War II

McMahon Memorial Auditorium

April 25, 2026 • 7:30pm

Celebrating

America's Quarter Millennial

McMahon Memorial Auditorium

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2025-2026 Season

Jon Kalbfleisch

Music Director & Conductor

AMERICAN
ANNIVERSARIES

64th Season

American Anniversaries

This season we commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the end of World War II in the fall, and 250 years as a nation in July, during our quarter millennial celebrations.

Over three concerts, we share music in tribute to those who served and are currently serving, music from our allies in WWII, and American music at its quintessential best, all to commemorate and celebrate our American Anniversaries. We look forward to sharing our love of live orchestral music with all of you.



The McMahon Foundation • The Leslie Powell Foundation

AUGUST 23, 2025

A Patriotic Tribute

All Active Duty and Military Veterans attend Free!

Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the End of World War II

To begin the new season, a patriotic pops program featuring our local Lawton Philharmonic Chorus singing “God Bless America”, “Armed Forces Medley” and “Batttle Hymn of the Republic”, will serve as a tribute to all of our armed forces at the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII. The orchestra will play iconic music associated with such occasions including *Adagio for Strings* by Samuel Barber, and *Hymn to the Fallen* by John Williams, with a special performance of Aaron Copland’s *A Lincoln Portrait*, narrated by Lawton’s own, Retired Army Colonel Albert Johnson, Jr. All that and more!



Retired Col.
Albert Johnson Jr.



The Lawton Philharmonic Chorus

FEBRUARY 7, 2026

Allied Music

Commemorating the End of World War II

WALTON *Spitfire Prelude and Fugue*
HONEGGER *Symphonie Liturgique*
VAUGHN WILLIAMS *Dona nobis pacem*



Christian Morren
Soprano



Bob McDonald
Baritone
and the Lawton Philharmonic Chorus

From England and France, our wartime allies were inspired to write music about the war, including a film score by Sir William Walton, and a symphony written in the aftermath of the war by a composer who had been part of the French resistance, Arthur Honegger. To conclude, the great British oratorio by Ralph Vaughan Williams, *Dona Nobis Pacem*. This spectacular choral work, features war poetry by Walt Whitman, along with biblical texts, and frequent iterations of the title, “Dona nobis pacem” (Grant us peace). Our soloists will be Cameron University faculty member, soprano, Christian Morren, and retired US Army Chorus member, veteran Bob McDonald, who returns to Lawton for the third time.

APRIL 25, 2026

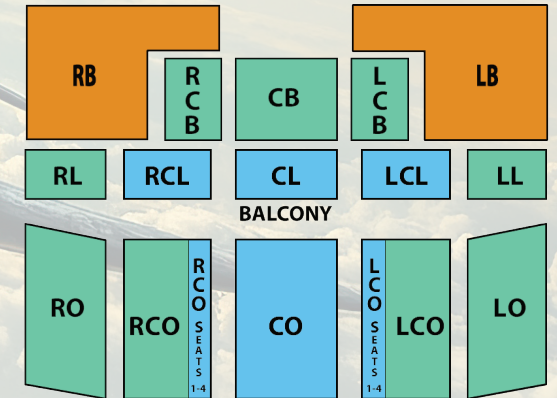
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Commemorating Our Quarter Millennial

IVES *Variations on America*
COPLAND *Appalachian Spring*
DVORAK *Symphony No. 9*
(from the “New World”)



Our season finale starts with a rousing rendition of a familiar tune by the “grandfather” of American music, Charles Ives. Next, Aaron Copland, considered to be the “father” of American music, composed one of his most enduring works in the years after the war, *Appalachian Spring*. And finally, a symphony that represents all that America has to offer, composed while Antonin Dvořák was in this country, and fascinated by its styles and cultures. *Symphony No. 9*, from the *New World*, is an American composition from another perspective.



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