



UNITED STATES  
AIR FORCE  
ACADEMY BAND

HOLLY &  
*Ivy*

A decorative illustration of holly leaves and berries. The leaves are green with pointed edges, and the berries are red with black outlines. They are positioned to the right of the word 'Ivy'.

2024

**The United States Air Force Academy Band proudly represents  
the United States Air Force, United States Space Force and  
United States Air Force Academy, appearing on behalf of**

## **SUPERINTENDENT**

# **Lieutenant General Tony D. Bauernfeind**



Lt. Gen. Tony D. Bauernfeind is the 22nd Superintendent, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado. He directs a 47-month program of military education and leadership development that produces leaders of character immediately ready to lead in the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force. The Superintendent leads a staff of more than 3,500 military and civilian Airmen and Guardians. The Academy leader development experience incorporates military training, academics, athletics, and aviation, cyber and space programs to produce warfighters to win in the 21st Century.

Lt. Gen. Bauernfeind earned his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1991. Earning his wings in 1992, he has flown more than 3,500 hours in the MC-130E, MC-130H, MC-130J, and MQ-9 aircraft. He has commanded special operations forces at the squadron, group, wing, theater special operations command, and major command levels.

Prior to his current assignment, Lt. Gen. Bauernfeind served as the Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Florida.



# Program

## Holly and Ivy Overture

Arranged by: TSgt Ethan Cypress

**Concert Band**

## The Star-Spangled Banner

Composed by: John Stafford Smith

Arranged by: Floyd Werle

**Concert Band**

## Here Comes Santa Claus/Santa Claus is Coming to Town

As Performed by: Linda Eder

Songwriter: Haven Gillespie

Composer: Fred J. Coots

Original songwriters: Gene Autry, Oakley Haldeman

Transcribed by: Alan Glasscock

**The Falconaires**

## Spin, Spin, Spin

Composed by: Erik Franklin

**Rockies Clarinets**

## Silent Night

Composed by: Joseph Mohr and Franz Xaver Gruber

Arranged by: TSgt Ethan Cypress

**The Falconaires**

## Festival of Carols

Composed by: Various

Arranged by: Andrew Friedrichs

**Academy Winds**

## The Toy Maker, Movement 1: The Golden Palace and the Steamship

Composed by: Anthony DiLorenzo

**Stellar Brass**



## **The Nutcracker: Overture Miniature & Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy**

Composed by: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Transcribed by: Kenneth Abeling

**Rampart Winds**

## **The Toy Maker, Movement 3: The Bells of Greece and St. Nicholas Takes Flight**

Composed by: Anthony DiLoranzo

**Stellar Brass**

## **Colorado Christmas**

Composed by: TSgt Matthew Brooker

**Wild Blue**

## **Snowfall**

Composed by: TSgt Matthew Brooker

**Wild Blue**

## **Secret Agent Santa**

Composed by: Jeff Simmons

**Concert Band**

## **The Night Before Christmas**

Composed by: Randol Alan Bass

Poem by: Clement Clarke Moore

**Concert Band**

## **Holiday Sing-Along**

Arranged by: Justis Mackenzie

**Concert Band**

## **Holly and Ivy Finale**

Arranged by: TSgt Ethan Cypress

**Concert Band**

## **Sleigh Ride**

Composed by: Leroy Anderson

**Concert Band**



## **COMMANDER/CONDUCTOR:**

### **Colonel Michael J. Willen**



Colonel Michael J. Willen is the Commander of the United States Air Force Academy Band, Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado. He is responsible for organizing, training, equipping and deploying 60 Airmen in 10 different musical configurations throughout a nine-state region of more than 869,000 square miles in addition to supporting the United States Air Force Academy's recruiting mission throughout the 48 contiguous states. The band performs over 400 missions annually that support the United States Air Force and United

States Air Force Academy outreach and engagement priorities to increase public understanding of the importance of airpower, the dedication and sacrifice of Airmen, and to build relationships that enhance the reputation of the Air Force as a respected, professional organization charged with an integral role in maintaining United States national security. Prior to his current position, Colonel Willen was the Commander, United States Air Force Band of Mid-America, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

[Colonel Willen's Complete Biography](#)

# Personnel

## FLUTE

TSgt Nicole Frankel  
TSgt Wonpyo Lee  
Ian Buckspan

## OBOE

MSgt Monica Ding  
TSgt Michael Johnson

## CLARINET

SMSgt Heike Gazetti  
MSgt Robert Vitale  
MSgt Janeen Friedrichs  
TSgt Michael Casto  
TSgt Iván Hernández  
TSgt Nathan Rodriguez

## BASS CLARINET

MSgt David Halperin

## BASSOON

TSgt Carl Gardner  
TSgt Christopher Jackson

## SAXOPHONE

SMSgt John Dawson  
MSgt Brian Connolly  
MSgt Ryan Janus  
TSgt Richard Garcia  
TSgt Will Nathman

## TRUMPET

TSgt Andrew Fowler  
TSgt Jack Kurtz  
TSgt Benjamin Paille  
TSgt Jonathan Powell  
TSgt Drew Saucier-Pritchard  
TSgt Ryan Spencer

## HORN

MSgt Gerald Welker  
TSgt Michael Hill  
Katie Glassman

## TROMBONE

MSgt Bryan Gannon  
MSgt Jaime Parker  
TSgt Joseph Hudson

## BASS TROMBONE

TSgt Evan Silloway

## EUPHONIUM/VIOLIN

TSgt Ethan Cypress

## TUBA

TSgt Dillon Jefferies

## GUITAR

TSgt Matthew Horanzy  
TSgt Robert Wolfe

## BASS

TSgt Michael Evangelista  
TSgt Dominic Sbrega

## KEYBOARD

TSgt Justin Cockerham

## PERCUSSION

SMSgt Timothy Stombaugh  
SMSgt Alejandro Vieira  
TSgt Michael Coletti  
TSgt Joseph Glassman  
TSgt Kathryn Yuill

## PEDAL STEEL GUITAR/LIGHTING DIRECTION

SMSgt Jeffrey Valentine

## VOCAL

TSgt Matthew Brooker  
TSgt Kayla Richardson

## AUDIO ENGINEER

SMSgt John Marsh  
TSgt Gabriel Petkaitis

## PRODUCTION LEAD

TSgt Nicholas Palensky

## TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT

SSgt Vincent Alvarez-Montello  
SSgt Jack MacEahearn  
SrA Mily Cordova

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[\*Biographies of the Ensembles\*](#)



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