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# Concerto Aria & Mothership

*featuring*  
Augustana Orchestra and the 2025

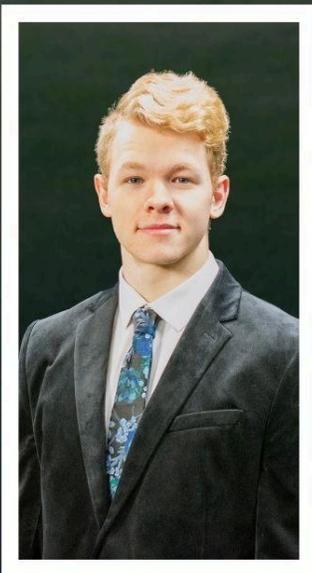
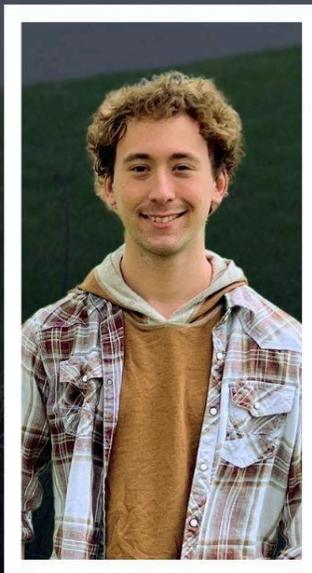
Concerto Aria Winners:

Adam Brachman, piano

Alex Folgar, baritone

Damien Willman, trumpet

*with the Augustana Band as special guests*



**WASHINGTON PAVILION  
MARY W. SOMMERVOLD HALL  
MAY 11, 2025 | 4:00 PM**

# PROGRAM

## AUGUSTANA ORCHESTRA

Dr. Christopher Unger, conductor

From *L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2* (1879)  
Farandole

Georges Bizet  
(1838-1875)

Piano Concerto (2024)

Adam Brachman  
(living)

Adam Brachman, piano

Trio in G minor, BWV 584

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

Gabrielle Anne Oaks, Flute  
Ryan Stapish, Violin  
Madeline Radtke, Cello

From *Die Zauberflöte K. 620* (1791)  
Ein Mädchen oder Weibchen

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
(1756-1971)

Alexander Folgar, baritone

Presentation for Augustana University Graduating Senior Students

Trumpet Concerto (1950)

Alexander Arutiunian  
(1920-2012)  
ed. Dokshitzer

Damien Willman, trumpet

### **Staging Pause**

Mothership (2011)

Mason Bates  
(living)

Augustana Orchestra and Augustana Band

Andrew Hayward, clarinet

Dan Sailer, marimba

# PERSONNEL ROSTERS



## VIOLIN I

'Ryan Stapish, Yankton, '27  
Carter Schmitz\$, Rapid City, '26  
Josefine Vander Poel %, Fresno CA, '27  
Jayda Hoffman, Sioux Falls, '26  
Candice Donner, Hastings NE, '28  
Kinzee Sherpa '28, Kathmandu, Nepal  
Rocki Wentzel  
Marjorie Garry

## VIOLA

\*Grace Schavee, Norfolk NE, '25  
Erica Carmody, Sioux Falls, '26  
Nicole Zimiga, Rapid City, '27  
Bayliss Hall  
Cale LaQua  
Robert Heckmann

## FLUTE

\*Gabbi Oaks, Sioux Falls, '25  
Benjamin Kusie, Sioux Falls, '28  
Morgan Eckert, Pierre, '25 (picc)

## CLARINET

\*Sophia New, Pierre, '25  
Erin Livingston

## TRUMPET

\*Damien Willman, Yankton, '27  
Michael Hoffman  
Ellie Erbentraut

## TROMBONE

\*Aidan Boone '25, Omaha NE  
Drex Martinek, Mitchell, '28  
Evan Underberg

## TUBA

\*Michael Andersen

## VIOLIN II

\*Anne Sprecher, Sioux Falls, '25  
Kennedy Blechinger, Sioux Falls, '28  
Cael Jones, Sioux Falls, '28  
Cassandra Keisacker, Sioux Falls, '28  
Haley Mason, Sioux Falls, '27  
Emma Cloose, Cottage Grove, MN '27  
Pat Pickard  
Rachael Timperley  
Jenny Atkinson

## CELLO

\*Madeline Radtke, Northfield MN, '26  
Samuel Jacobson, Sioux Falls, '27  
M. Bryant Petska, Chippewa Falls WI, '26  
Sampson Marcotte  
Laura Cooper

## DOUBLE BASS

\*Samara Nordby, Worthington MN, '25  
Richard Haeder, Maple Grove MN, '28  
Dalton Peterson

## OBOE

\*Hannah Olson

## BASSOON

\*Bryan Timperley  
Kieren Anchondo, Plymouth MN, '28

## HORN

\*Scott Faragher  
Liam Carriveau '28  
Noah Amundson, Byron, MN '28  
Jonas Kennedy, Cambridge MN, '28

## PERCUSSION

\*Grace Ann Thoma, Chisago MN, '28  
Hanna Beshai, Sioux Falls, '25  
Karsyn Ramey '28, Redwood Falls MN  
Carson McKellep '26, Brandon  
Cody Plank '28, Lennox

%Student Manager  
\$Music Librarian  
\*Section Leader  
`Denotes Concertmaster



## **FLUTE**

\*Gabbi Oaks '25, Sioux Falls  
Benjamin Kusie '28, Sioux Falls  
Morgan Eckert '25, Pierre  
Alex Poitra '28, Sioux Falls  
Annalesia Machado '26, Dallas TX

## **OBOE**

\*Peder Overby '28, Washburn WI

## **BASSOON**

\*Emma Ostwinkle '25, Monticello IA  
Kieren Anchondo '28, Plymouth MN

## **CLARINET**

\*Emmy Clark '27, Sioux Falls  
Katelynn Paape '25, Owatonna MN  
Abby Clark '28, Sioux Falls  
Annie Schoen '28, Eagan MN  
Emma Zimmerman '28, Sioux Falls  
Sophia New '25, Pierre

## **BASS CLARINET**

\*Faith Debban '25, Shakopee MN

## **SAXOPHONE**

\*\$Brian Schneider '27, Brandon  
Noelle Gunderson '25, Grand Rapids MN  
Clark Eglund '28, Sioux Falls  
Amy Hopf '25, Madison

## **TRUMPET**

\*%Damien Willman '27, Yankton  
Brielle Clapp '28, Sioux Falls  
Claire Eglund '25, Sioux Falls  
Grace Lenning '25, Sioux Falls

## **HORN**

\*Jonas Kennedy '28, Cambridge MN  
Noah Amundson '28, Byron MN  
Alayna Kreger '28, Sioux Falls  
Gracie Bowman '28, Pierre

## **TROMBONE**

\*Aidan Boone '25, Omaha NE  
EllieAnna Jankord, Madison  
Jessica Nelson '27, Tea

## **EUPHONIUM**

Chloe Petersen '28, Hill City

## **TUBA**

\*Bailey Wolfgang '25, Sioux Falls  
Charles Ewing '28, Rosemount, MN  
Juliano Okene '28, Sioux Falls

## **PERCUSSION**

\*Hanna Beshai '25, Sioux Falls  
Ashton Clapp '26, Sioux Falls  
Tyler Plank '25, Lennox  
Cody Plank '28, Lennox  
Carson McKellep '26, Brandon  
Grace Ann Thoma '28, Chisago MN  
Aidan Christensen

## **PIANO**

Karsyn Ramey '28, Redwood Falls MN

## **HARP**

\*KT Pagone '27, Sioux Falls  
Madison Massarello '28, Albuquerque NM

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\*Section Leader

# SCHOOL OF MUSIC | GRADUATING SENIORS 24-25

## **Angelus:**

- Johanna Thvedt, Brookings, '25
- Lily Wipf, Freeman, '26

## **Augustana Choir:**

- Oliver Jankord, Madison, '25
- Shelby Scott, Winner, '25
- Olivia Kern, Brandon, '25
- Abbey Allen, Madison, '25

## **Augustana Bach Collegium:**

- Oliver Jankord, Madison, '25
- Olivia Kern, Brandon, '25

## **Northlanders Jazz Band:**

- Oliver Jankord, Madison, '25
- Aidan Boone, Omaha, NE, '25
- Jacob Moeller, Sioux Falls, '25
- Ashton Jensen, Owatonna, MN, '25
- Amy Hopf, Madison, '25

## **Blue and Gold Band:**

- Elijah Schipper '25 Harrisburg High School
- Jonathan Beek '25 Inwood, IA
- Egypt Forrest '25 Luverne, MN

## **Percussion Ensemble:**

- Sammie Kross '25, Rapid City, SD
- Rachel Johnson, '25, Sioux Falls (Drumline class)

## **Augustana Band:**

- Hanna Beshai '25, Sioux Falls
- Aidan Boone '25, Omaha NE
- Faith Debban '25, Shakopee MN
- Morgan Eckert '25, Pierre
- Claire Eglund '25, Sioux Falls
- Noelle Gunderson '25, Grand Rapids MN
- Amy Hopf '25, Madison
- Grace Lenning '25, Sioux Falls
- Sophia New '25, Pierre
- Gabbi Oaks '25, Sioux Falls
- Emma Ostwinkle '25, Monticello IA
- Katelynn Paape '25, Owatonna MN
- Tyler Plank '25, Lennox
- Bailey Wolfgang '25, Sioux Falls

## **Augustana Orchestra:**

- Sophia New '25, Pierre
- Samara Nordby, Worthington MN, '25
- Gabbi Oaks '25, Sioux Falls
- Grace Schavee, Norfolk NE, '25
- Anne Sprecher, Sioux Falls, '25

## **Trombone Choir:**

- Aidan Boone '25, Omaha, NE

## **Brass Choir:**

- Aidan Boone '25, Omaha, NE
- Grace Lenning '25, Sioux Falls

## **Media Production & Entrepreneurship:**

- Oliver Jankord, Madison, '25
- Aidan Boone '25, Omaha, NE

## BIOGRAPHIES



**Dr. Christopher Unger** currently serves as Director of Bands at Augustana University where he conducts the Augustana Band Augustana Orchestra, Chamber Winds, and teaches conducting. Under his baton The Augustana Band has been featured at The South Dakota Music Educators Association Convention, The South Dakota Bandmasters Association State Conference, and has performed on stages across the region. In 2019, The Augustana Band embarked on a 21 day performance tour of China, where they were honored with performances in Shanghai, Wuhan, Xi'an, and Beijing.

Previously, Dr. Unger served as the Interim Director of Bands at the University of British Columbia where he conducted the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Concert Winds, and taught instrumental conducting. Prior to his appointment at U.B.C., Dr. Unger served as the Assistant Conductor of both the Eastman Wind Orchestra and the Eastman Wind Ensemble. At Eastman, Dr. Unger was honored with the Frederick Fennell Fellowship for Advanced Conducting Study, the Evan Whallon Conducting Award, and the prestigious Walter Hagen Conducting Prize. His role at Eastman provided him with the opportunity to act as a producer on the Eastman Wind Ensemble's 2013 release on Avie Records titled Stravinsky-Octet/L'Histoire du Soldat. In addition to conducting the wind

ensembles, Dr. Unger worked with the Brass Guild, the Trumpet Ensemble, and the Graduate Chamber Orchestra. He also was chosen to conduct a featured performance of *Imis*, by Massimo Luaricella, the 2011/2012 OSSIA International Composition Competition winner, with the Ossia New Music Ensemble.

Dr. Unger's principal conducting teachers were Dr. Mark Scatterday and Dr. Colleen Richardson. He has attended a number of influential conducting symposiums where he worked with master wind conductors such as Donald Hunsberger, Frank Battisti, Charles Peltz, Michael Haithcock, Allan McMurray, Craig Kirchhoff, Michael Votta, Gary Hill, and Rodney Winther. He maintains professional affiliations with the College Band Directors National Association, the World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles, and the Conductor's Guild.

Dr. Unger received his D.M.A in conducting from the Eastman School of Music in 2013. Additionally, he holds degrees from the University of Western Ontario and the University of British Columbia.



**Dan Sailer** is from Sioux Falls, South Dakota where he is an Instructor of Percussion at Augustana University and Assistant Director of the Viking Marching Band. Dan works at Groove Inc. as the Ensemble Director of Groove Pursuit (PIA). He is the Principal Percussionist of the Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra and has also performed with the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra and the Sioux City Symphony Orchestra.

Dan is currently the Assistant Percussion Caption Head at the Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps (Rockford, Il.) He has received numerous snare drum accolades at DCI and PAS solo competitions. Dan has been a percussion staff member for several premier high school groups in the Midwest including Lincoln HS, Irondale HS, and Brandon Valley HS. He has also taught at River City Rhythm, Minnesota Brass, Boston Crusaders, and Troopers Drum and Bugle Corps. Dan provides lessons via the Stryvemind online percussion platform and is frequently booked to compose, teach, adjudicate, and mentor percussionists in the upper midwest.

In 2014, Dan completed a Bachelor's of Music Education in Instrumental and Vocal Music from Concordia University, St. Paul. Dan then graduated with his Master's Degree in Percussion Performance from the University of North Texas in 2019. In his role as adjunct professor at Dordt University (2019-2021), he assisted in producing the album Music With Friends which received 2nd place in the American Prize for College Wind Bands in 2021. Performance credits include the 2019 TMEA Showcase Concert featuring Canadian Brass; the North Texas Wind Symphony recordings featuring Ryan Anthony; the Augustana University Band 125th Anniversary Album recordings with the world premier of "A Prairie of Voices" by James David; and master classes with Frédéric Macarez, Andy Narell, and Wei-Chen Lin.



**Dr. Andrew Hayward** is Assistant Director of Bands and the Director of the Viking Marching Band. Prior to joining Augustana University, he was Director of Bands in West Palm Beach, Florida, where he debuted a marching band, competitive indoor group, and a music curriculum.

Dr. Hayward has been active in the marching arts as a performer, educator, designer, and adjudicator for over twenty-seven years and has won awards at local, state, and regional competitions. He has worked with marching groups in DCI, DCA, WGI, BOA, and USBands. As a visual designer, Dr. Hayward has twenty years of experience and has written for groups across the United States, the Philippines, and China. His passion for design led him to form his own marching arts design company, where he serves as C.E.O. and head designer.

Originally from New Jersey, Dr. Hayward received his D.M.A. in clarinet performance from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University under the guidance of Jessica Phillips of the Metropolitan Opera and Dr. Maureen Hurd. Dr. Hayward's conducting style was primarily guided by Dr. William Berz and Dr. Emily Threinen. He has also had the opportunity to attend conducting symposiums and work with a number of tremendous wind conductors including H. Robert Reynolds, Dr. Glenn D Price, Michael Haithcock, and Dr. Travis Cross.

Dr. Hayward is a proud member of the College Band Directors National Association, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, South Dakota Bandmasters Association, and the National Association for Music Education.



**Alexander Folgar** is a junior at Augustana University majoring in Elementary Education with a minor in Music. He is a member of the Augustana Choir and the Augustana Bach Collegium. On campus, he serves as the Head Governor for the Union Board of Governors (UBG), a Student Ambassador, Music Librarian, and a member of the Citations Appeal Committee. Alexander plans to become an elementary educator and is passionate about integrating music into the classroom as a tool for both academic growth and social-emotional development. He studies voice under Dr. Russell Svenningsen, who has taught him invaluable skills as both a musician and a human being—Alexander is deeply grateful for the journey they've shared. He would also like to express his heartfelt thanks to his mother, Stephanie Folgar, for her unwavering love and support throughout his life—her encouragement has been a constant source of strength and inspiration. Outside of his academic and musical pursuits, he enjoys spending quality time with family and friends—and never misses a chance to listen to Beyoncé.



**Adam Brachman** is a Pianist and Composer currently studying at Augustana University. Originally from Fargo, North Dakota, Adam enjoys composing music for the piano, and other ensembles. He has been featured on NPR's "From The Top," and is in the process of releasing a series of seven original compositions for the piano.



**Damien Willman** is a sophomore Music Education major at Augustana University. He is a leader in many ensembles, which includes principal trumpet in the Augustana Band and Orchestra, lead trumpet in the Northlanders Jazz Band, and brass captain of the Viking Marching Band. His ensembles also include brass quintet and brass choir. Damien plans to teach high school band and perhaps teach a college trumpet studio after pursuing a master's in trumpet performance. He is determined to share that spark of passion that ignited in him through band and through his lessons with Scott Olson, with whom he has been studying since sixth grade. A special thank you goes out to Scott Olson as well as his continually supportive and loving parents, family, and girlfriend. Their encouragement and support have been paramount in getting him where he is today. Aside from music, Damien loves working out with his best friend and winner of last year's concerto aria competition, Ryan Stapish.

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