Featuring the Creative Arts Guild Chamber Orchestra

Welcome — Amanda Brown, Creative Arts Guild Executive Director

Presentation of Colors — American Legion Post 112 Honor Guard

Star Spangled Banner — Music by John Stafford Smith/Words by Francis Scott Key
Arranged by Peter Breiner

Olympic Fanfare and Theme — John Williams

This Land is Your Land — Woody Gutherie
Led by the Creative Arts Guild Community Children's Choir

This land is your land, this land is my land
From California to the New York Island
From the Redwood Forest to the Gulf Stream Waters
This land was made for you and me

As I was walking that ribbon of highway
I saw above me that endless skyway
I saw below me that golden valley
This land was made for you and me

This land is your land, this land is my land
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'The Egg' from 1776
Words and Music by Sherman Edwards
Featuring Ellis Stevens, Zach Foster, Jonathan Pinto

America the Beautiful
Samuel A. Ward/Arranged by Alfred Reed
Featuring a Reading from the Declaration of Independence by Wes Phinney

'How Far I'll Go' from Moana
Music and Lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda
Arranged by James Kazik
Featuring Jessie Hargis

Soul Bossa Nova
Quincy Jones
Featuring Creative Arts Guild Ballet Dalton Dancers:
Aria Fraire, Sarah Parson, Isabella Ramirez, Mary Sharp, Allison Torres
Choreographed by Jessie Southerland, Guild Dance + Ballet Dalton Director

Suite from Hamilton
Music and Lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda
Arranged by Alex Lacamoire and Lin-Manual Miranda
Featuring Zach Foster, Caroline Gee, Scarlett Mumford, Jonathan Pinto

Embraceable You
George and Ira Gershwin
Arranged by Dave Wolpe
Featuring Stephani Womack

Georgia On My Mind
Hoagy Carmichael
Featuring Zach Foster

Finiculì, Finuculà
Luigi Denza
Arranged by J. Van Duffell
Featuring Ted Long

For Good (from Wicked)
Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz
Arranged by James Kazik
Featuring Iley Barnes and Scarlett Mumford

Home
Music and Lyrics by Michael Bublé, Amy Foster-Gilles, and Alan Chang
Featuring Eddie Davenport

Armed Forces Salute
Arranged by Bob Lowden

Ashokan Farewell
Written by Jay Ungar
Arranged by Calvin Custer
Featuring a Reading of the Gettysburg Address by Wes Phinney

Schindler's List
John Williams
Arranged by Robert Longfield
Featuring Paula Pasqua

God Bless The U.S.A.

Music and Lyrics by Lee Greenwood
Arranged by Bob Cerulli
Featuring Zach Foster

1812 Overture

Peter Tchaikovsky
Edited by Clark McAlister

The Stars and Stripes Forever

John Philip Sousa
Arranged by Brion/Schissel

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CREATIVE ARTS GUILD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Conductor	George "Smitty" Barnett
Flute & Piccolo	Lisa Elders* Vicky Drnek
Clarinet	Janna Pye Christina Bryant
Oboe	Allison Robinson
Bassoon	Clarence Paul (PJ) Jones
Horn	Christine Pope* David Crawford Mary Carlson Alan Cearley*
Trumpet	Steven Bearden Barksdale Bryant Curt Elverd Lauren Skaare
Trombone	Sam Dodge Allan Gilreath Doug Gordan Doug Warner
Tuba	Corey Sherman
Timpani Percussion	Chris Skaare* Mary Braun Ian McNeese Jacob Schwartz
Keyboard	Tara Greear
Violin	Paula Pasqua – Concertmaster Nick Hoy Rebecca James Steven James Miranda Kovac Jessica Nunn - Principal 2nd
Viola	Evelyn Boullain Noah Constance
Cello	Eric Reed Sharon Reed
Bass	Tony Tortora
Tenor Sax Alto Sax	Adam Miller Neal Crawford Trevor Goody
Baritone Sax	Mike Clark
Vocalists	Iley Barnes Eddie Davenport* Zach Foster Caroline Gee Jessie Hargis Ted Long Scarlett Mumford Jonathan Pinto Ellis Stevens Stephani Womack
Readings by	Wes Phinney

*Creative Arts Guild Music Instructor

George Smith (Smitty) Barnett is originally from Atlanta, Georgia and since 1985 has been a local of the Whitfield County community. Smitty began his musical teaching career as a band director here in Whitfield County in 1985 at Eastbrook Middle School. After teaching at Eastbrook Middle for 9 years, he assumed the position of band director at Northwest Whitfield High School in January of 1994. Since that time here in our community, Smitty has had the honor of teaching thousands of students about the love for music and the positive influence music can have in our lives. Since his retirement from public education in 2014, musically speaking, Smitty has served as an adjunct music professor at Berry College and Lee University; the director for the Dalton Whitfield Community Band; and most recently as the Orchestra Director for the Creative Arts Guild (Snow Queen & the Pops Orchestra). He also performs on trumpet at many local services and events.

Since 2014, Smitty has been serving our community as the Executive Director for the Whitfield Education Foundation, an organization committed to supporting the work of Whitfield County Schools through providing Innovative teaching grants to teachers, scholarships for students and recognizing achievement from students and teachers alike. In additional roles, he serves as the president for the Rotary Club of Dalton as well as serving on the Junior Achievement board of trustees.

Smitty is married to his high school sweetheart Tammy. He and Tammy are blessed with two children, Allison and Katie, as well as two wonderful sons in law, Adam Selby & Kyler Smith.

Lisa Elders has been with the Creative Arts Guild since 2000. She holds a B.S. in Music Education and B.A. in Music from Jacksonville State University, as well as an Associate of Music Business and Master of Music in Flute Performance from Georgia State University. Lisa is Principal Flute of L'Abri Symphony, a Member of the Rome Area Flute Ensemble, and has performed with the Rome Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Players of the South, Northwest Georgia Winds, and Dalton Whitfield Community Band.

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A Note from the Executive Director

Welcome to the 6th annual *Pops in Burr Park*!

On behalf of the Creative Arts Guild, it is my pleasure to welcome you to one of my favorite evenings of the year.

Tonight, we gather to celebrate not only our nation's independence, but also an extraordinary milestone—America's 250th anniversary. It is an honor for Pops in Burr Park to be part of our community's semiquincentennial celebration, commemorating two and a half centuries of our nation's history through the universal language of music.

The star of Pops in Burr Park has always been—and will always be—the Creative Arts Guild Chamber Orchestra. The tradition of "Pops" concerts dates back generations, bringing communities together through beloved orchestral performances of patriotic music, Broadway favorites, jazz classics, movie themes, and other familiar works. We are proud to continue that tradition here in Downtown Dalton, offering a free evening of exceptional live music that welcomes every generation and every member of our community.

At the Creative Arts Guild, we believe the people of Greater Dalton deserve an arts and cultural landscape that rivals that of much larger cities. We aspire to be the cultural heart of our community—a place where creativity, connection, and belonging flourish. Pops in Burr Park is one of the clearest expressions of that vision. As the Guild's signature summer event, this evening reflects our commitment to building community through accessible arts experiences that inspire creativity, support lifelong learning, celebrate working artists, and strengthen the quality of life throughout our region.

Bringing together our 39-member Creative Arts Guild Chamber Orchestra, gifted vocalists, Ballet Dalton dancers, and a community children's choir creates an experience that is both artistically inspiring and uniquely ours. It is a celebration of professional excellence, emerging talent, and the shared joy that only live performance can bring.

The Creative Arts Guild is proud to serve as the artistic partner of the Off the Rails Summer Music Series—bringing live music to Burr Park throughout the summer. In this role, we get the pleasure of curating the summer musical acts and hosting the bands and musicians who play on Summer Friday nights in Burr Park. We appreciate our 2026 Off the Rails Partners – Dalton Convention Center and Visitors Bureau, Downtown Dalton Development Authority, and Community Foundation of Northwest Georgia, and we appreciate the inclusion of Creative Arts Guild's *Pops in Burr Park* as part of the annual *Off the Rails* season.

Within the Off the Rails Series, Pops in Burr Park is a Creative Arts Guild signature event. We are most proud of this annual event because it brings our mission to life in the most meaningful way. It is a night when neighbors become friends, families create lasting memories, and our community comes together to celebrate not only our nation's story, but our own—demonstrating the power of the arts to connect us and create shared experiences that endure long after the final note.

Amanda M Brann