

LYRICS  
FOR  
"God Bless the U.S.A."

If tomorrow all the things were gone  
I'd worked for all my life  
And I had to start again  
With just my children and my wife

I'd thank my lucky stars  
To be livin' here today  
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom  
And they can't take that away (hey!)

And I'm proud to be an American  
Where at least I know I'm free  
And I won't forget the men who died  
Who gave that right to me  
And I'd gladly stand up next to you  
And defend Her still today  
'Cause there ain't no doubt  
I love this land  
God Bless the U.S.A.

From the lakes of Minnesota  
To the hills of Tennessee  
Across the plains of Texas  
From sea to shining sea

From Detroit down to Houston  
And New York to L.A.  
There's a pride in every American heart  
And it's time to stand and say (hey!)

That I'm proud to be an American  
Where at least I know I'm free  
And I won't forget the men who died  
Who gave that right to me  
And I'd gladly stand up next to you  
And defend Her still today  
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"MUSIC FOR LIFE!" AT FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Music performance opportunities at Ferris State University are designed to supplement and enrich the lives of students, by assisting them in making the transition from the high school musical setting to the world of adult amateur musical ensembles. FSU students can continue to develop their musical skills and be prepared for a rewarding musical "life after college" by participating in Ferris' musical ensembles that include both university students and members of the community – the format of the majority of community ensembles throughout the country. In this way, we aspire to *inspire* all FSU students to continue to enrich their lives and the lives of others as active performers of music – for life! Please Contact the FSU Music Center at (231) 591-2501 for more information.

UPCOMING 2015-16 MUSICAL EVENTS

BY  
FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY'S  
INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT ENSEMBLES

NOVEMBER 12 (TH) FALL SYMPHONY BAND CONCERT  
8:00 p.m. G. Mennen Williams Auditorium FSU Symphony Band

NOVEMBER 15 (SU) FALL ORCHESTRA CONCERT  
4:00 p.m. G. Mennen Williams Auditorium FSU West Central Chamber Orchestra

DECEMBER 13 (SU) SYMPHONIC SANTA SUNDAY CONCERT  
4:00 p.m. G. Mennen Williams Auditorium FSU Symphony Band  
FSU West Central Concert Band  
FSU West Central Chamber Orchestra

FEBRUARY 14 (SU) FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS WINTER CONCERT  
4:00 p.m. G. Mennen Williams Auditorium FSU Symphony Band  
FSU West Central Concert Band  
FSU West Central Chamber Orchestra

APRIL 17 (SU) SPRING BAND & ORCHESTRA CONCERT  
4:00 p.m. G. Mennen Williams Auditorium FSU Symphony Band  
FSU West Central Concert Band  
FSU West Central Chamber Orchestra

THE FSU WEST CENTRAL CONCERT BAND

The FSU West Central Concert Band is sponsored by Ferris State University as part of its *Music for Life!* initiative. Currently celebrating its 23rd Concert Season, the WCCB presents a diverse series of concerts throughout the year. It is comprised of Ferris State University students, adult community members, and talented young musicians from high school programs from throughout West Central Michigan. Ferris students can earn credit and scholarships for their participation in the WCCB by enrolling in Music 262. Adult community members and qualified high school students recommended by their directors may participate free of charge. The band rehearses every Monday evening throughout school year. Every summer, the band presents an outdoor concert series on Wednesday evenings for six weeks as the FSU Community Summer Band, which holds rehearsals on Monday evenings in the Music Center on FSU's main campus. We encourage and invite all experienced players of brass, woodwind and percussion instruments to join the band. Please contact Scott Cohen at (231) 591-2484 or RichardScottCohen@ferris.edu to get signed up!

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

*presents*

The FSU West Central Concert Band

24th Concert Season • 2015-16

Dr. Richard Scott Cohen, Musical Director

13th Annual

Veterans Day

Concert

*with the participation of*

Capt. James Cook, FSU Asst. Director of Public Safety, *Welcome Address*  
FSU Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society/Club History/History Week  
Ferris State University President David L. Eisler, *Guest Conductor*  
FSU Student Veterans Association, Richard DeVoe, *Coordinator*  
Amber Johnson, *Ferris State University Student Veteran Speaker*  
Holland Park Veterans & Homefront Heroes Memorial  
Mid-Michigan Honor Flight, Ron Snead, *Speaker*  
Croton American Legion Post 381 Honor Guard  
Ferris State University Beyond: Globalization  
Jeff Gabalis, *Projected Visual Presentation*  
Dr. Dale E. Skornia, *Guest Conductor*  
Dr. Donna A. Smith, *Announcer*  
Dave O'Neil, *Bagpiper*  
John R. King, *Vocalist*

*and a special multimedia theatrical presentation of*

"Objects in the Mirror are Closer Than They Appear"

a one-act, one-person play  
written by Jim Samuels & performed by Al Aikin

4:00 p.m.

Sunday • November 8, 2015  
G. Mennen Williams Auditorium

***The Revolutionary War (1776-1783) & The War of 1812 (1812-1815)***

**The Star Spangled Banner** (1777/1814) **John Stafford Smith & Francis Scott Key**  
**John R. King, vocalist**

***The Pledge of Allegiance***

**THE CROTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 381 HONOR GUARD**

***Welcome Address***

**Captain James Cook, Assistant Director of Public Safety, Ferris State University**

***World War II (1941-1945)***

**Victory at Sea** (1953) **Richard Rodgers**  
**Dale E. Skornia, guest conductor**

***Veteran's Address***

**Amber Johnson, U.S. Army Veteran & Ferris State University Student**

***The Persian Gulf War (1990) • The War with Iraq (2003–2011) • The War on Terror***

**Wahabitas** (2000) **Juan Enrique Canet Todoli**

***A Salute to Veterans of All Branches of Service***

**Armed Forces Salute** (1980) *arranged by* **Bob Lowden**

ARMY	<i>The Caisson Song</i> (1918)	Edmund L. Gruber
COAST GUARD	<i>Semper Paratus</i> (1938)	Francis Saltus van Boskerck
MARINES	<i>The Marines' Hymn</i> (1859)	Jacques Offenbach
AIR FORCE	<i>The U.S. Air Force</i> (1951)	Robert Crawford
NAVY	<i>Anchors Aweigh</i> (1907)	Charles A. Zimmerman

***The "Honored Guest" MIA/POW Remembrance Ceremony***

**THE FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT VETERANS ASSOCIATION**

**Dave Stuart O'Neil, bagpiper**

***The American Civil War (1861-1865)***

**The Last to Defend** (1998) **David Shaffer**

***Mid-Michigan Honor Flight Presentaion***

**Ron Snead, speaker**

***The Korean War (1950-1955) & The Vietnam War (1955-1973)***

***The Objects in the Mirror Are Closer Than They Appear***

A one-act play by **Jim Samuels**

Images by **Jim Samuels**

Performed by **Al Aikin**

***Musical Tributes to All Veterans***

**God Bless the U.S.A.** (1984) **Lee Greenwood**  
**John R. King, vocalist**

**The Pathfinder of Panama** (1915)

**John Philip Sousa**

Michael Hermann (2)	FSU Student: Television & Digital Media Production	Shelby IWP
Brianne Karlin (1)	Salvation Army Corps Officer	Big Rapids
Rachel Kempisty (4)	FSU Student: Pre-Medicine	New Baltimore
Samantha Kolakowski (1)	FSU Student: Pre-Optometry	Wyandotte
Alaine Massey (1)	Teacher, St. Peter's Lutheran School	Big Rapids
Linda Peek (24)	Math Teacher, retired	Big Rapids
Monica Polkowski (3)	FSU Student: Pharmacy	Belmont
Diane Simaz (7)	Teacher, White Cloud	Big Rapids
Jennifer Simaz (1)	Teacher	Big Rapids
Savevone Sonsynath (2)	FSU Student: Pre-Medicine	Fort Gratiot

**OBOE**

Theodore Breijak (1)	FSU Student: Pre-Criminal Justice	Jackson
Maura DeHaven (1)	FSU Student: Graphic Design	Tustin

**BASSOON**

Laken McAllister (1)	FSU Student: Career Exploration	Cadillac
Art Sherwood (19)	FSU Mathematics Professor, retired	Remus
*Elizabeth Smith (3)	FSU Student: Music Industry Management	Grand Blanc

**CLARINET**

Frieda Anderson (24)	Administrative Assistant, retired	Mecosta
Alexis Fortin (1)	FSU Student: Forensic Biology	Richmond
Christa Lubahn (11)	Dentist	Stanwood
Nick McKay (5)	Engineer, retired	Remus
Nedra V. Neumann (24)	Insurance Account / Technician	Big Rapids
Meghan Newlin (1)	FSU Student: Sociology	Blissfield
Mercedes Parker (1)	FSU Student: Pre- Criminal Justice	Muskegon
Tony Weglarz (6)	Retired	Cadillac

**BASS CLARINET**

†Sarah Martines (1)	FSU Student: Biology/Pre-Medicine	Cedar Springs
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†Cameron Wiseman (3)	FSU Student: Criminal Justice	Muskegon
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**ALTO SAXOPHONE**

Kelsey Diamond (2)	FSU Student: Chemistry	Alpena
Caitlyn Hain (1)	FSU Student: Graphic Design	Whitehall
Rylee Nielsen (1)	FSU Student: Psychology	Coral
Fran Norris (17)	Secretary, Chippewa Hills Public Schools	Weidman
Dale Skornia (10)	Music Professor & Pep Band Director, FSU	Big Rapids
Sarah Thompson (5)	Pharmacy Technician	Big Rapids

**TENOR SAXOPHONE**

Aaron Lahorra Biever (2)	Head Trainer, TNT Gym	Yuma, AZ
Kris Keusch (1)	IT Application Analyst, FSU	Big Rapids
†Sara Vitek (2)	FSU Student: Business Management Marketing & Technology	Byron

**BARITONE SAXOPHONE**