

KU

BANDS

The University of Kansas

Wind Ensemble

Paul W. Popiel, conductor

Jesse Deese, guest conductor

April 9, 2026, 7:30 p.m.

Lied Center of Kansas

Program

Traveler (2003)

David Maslanka (1942-2017)

Only Light (2014)

Jesse Deese, guest conductor

Aaron Perrine (b. 1979)

Intermission

A Star Wars Suite

John Williams (b. 1932)

Star Wars Main Title (arr. Bulla)

Imperial March (arr. Hunsberger)

Leia's Theme (arr. Hunsberger)

Rey's Theme (arr. Lavender)

March of the Resistance (arr. Lavender)

Jedi Steps and Finale (arr. Lavender)



Program Notes

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OF MUSIC

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Flute

Anna Johnson *Smithfield, UT*
 Abigail Short, piccolo *Greenwood, AR*
 Grace Erwin *Topeka, KS*
 Elena Straus *Overland Park, KS*

Oboe

Chelsea Kanicsar *Knoxville, KS*
 Hsinni Hsieh *Taipei City, Taiwan*
 Sarah Gray, Eng. horn *Eudora, KS*

Bassoon

Luke Frith *Columbia, MO*
 Mackie Thomas *Carrollton, TX*

Clarinet

Haiwen Xu *Yantai, China*
 Elliott Koger *Lawrence, KS*
 Richard Galbreath *Houma, LA*
 Wesley Rhodes, bass *Wilson, NC*
 Addison Bond *Spring Hill, KS*
 Kate Crisler, E-flat *Wichita, KS*
 Luke Rogers *Lawrence, KS*
 Liam Ellis *Perry, KS*
 Sydney Watson *Olathe, KS*

Saxophone

Dylan Matheny *Tulsa, OK*
 Gentry Gardner *Shawnee, KS*

Mattie Atkins *Basehor, KS*
 Andrea Edwards *Overland Park, KS*

Trumpet

Wayner Ramón Ortega *Caguas, PR*
 Zach Church *Lee's Summit, MO*
 Armando Gutierrez *Rogers, AR*
 Keith Popiel *Lawrence, KS*
 Cole Bichelmeyer *Lenexa, KS*
 D Snyder *Wichita, KS*
 Christian Adams *Shawnee, KS*

Horn

Brooklynne McGonagle *Melbourne, FL*
 Casey Chlapek *Liberty, MO*
 Zachary Nicholas *Leawood, KS*
 Connor Anderson *Overland Park, KS*
 Liam Courson *Olathe, KS*
 Audrey Groth *Gurnee, IL*

Trombone

Brent Mead *Olathe, KS*
 Aidan Hamer *Lenexa, KS*
 Maddie Lauffer *Olathe, KS*
 José Arrieta-Renteria, bass *Salina, KS*

Euphonium

Jack Stutler *Lawrence, KS*

Tuba

Josh Westcott *Binghamton, NY*
 Jacan Earnest *Benton, AR*
 Adrian Gutierrez Jr. *Miami, FL*

Percussion

Isaiah Sterling *Leavenworth, KS*
 Alexander Beel *Houston, TX*
 Wilson Geiler *Omaha, NE*
 Alan Villarreal Wong *Chiapas, Mexico*
 Simone Ross *Tulsa, OK*
 Justin Griffin *Hercules, CA*
 Ryne Poindexter *Overland Park, KS*
 Miri Pickman *Lawrence, KS*

String Bass

J Buch *Kansas City, MO*

Piano

Zhengtian Sun *Shanghai, China*

Harp

Avery Mcleod *Kansas City, MO*
 Erin Wood *Lawrence, KS*

Graduate Conducting Assistants

Eric Tinkler *Rose Hill, KS*
 Jesse Deese *Keokuk, IA*

Upcoming KU Band Events

Wind Symphony &
 Symphonic Band
 April 27, 7:30 p.m.
 Lied Center of Kansas

Wind Ensemble
 April 29, 7:30 p.m.
 Lied Center of Kansas

University Band &
 Jazz Ensembles II & III
 May 6, 7:30 p.m.
 Lied Center of Kansas