



**POPS** *in the* **PAVILION**  
at VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

# A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Pops in the Pavilion—an evening that brings together the joy of music, the warmth of community, and the transformative power of generosity.

Tonight, as we gather to enjoy the talents of our performers and the vibrant energy of this celebration, I invite you to reflect on the deeper meaning behind this event. Pops in the Pavilion is far more than a concert. It is a testament to what we can achieve when we come together in support of something greater than ourselves. Every table reserved, every ticket purchased, and every gift made tonight directly supports student scholarships—opening doors for bright, driven students who may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience a Villanova education.

As the music fills the Pavilion, know that each note carries the echo of your support. Each performance is a reflection of the dreams you help make possible. On behalf of the entire Villanova community, thank you for being here. Thank you for believing in our mission, in our students, and in the enduring value of education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Peter M. Donohue OSA". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "OSA" at the end being more distinct.

Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA  
President

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**PHILLY  
POPS**

# **(Re)Born to Perform**

## **LUCK BE A LADY**

October 25, 2025 | 3PM

*The Music of Frank Sinatra & Tony Bennett*

## **A PHILLY HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR**

December 13, 2025 | 3<sup>PM</sup> & December 14, 2025 | 7:30<sup>PM</sup>

*It's not the Holidays until the Pops deck the halls*

## **EVERYTHING I KNOW**

April 25, 2026 | 3PM

*Mandy Gonzalez sings Lin-Manuel Miranda*

**Get tickets & learn more at [PhillyPops.org](https://PhillyPops.org)**



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Villanova University Class of  
2026 every success as you  
step into the future.

With pride and joy,  
The Pinkos Family

# MUSICIANS OF THE PHILLY POPS

## FLUTE

Frances Tate *principal*  
Ron Kerber  
Heather Fortune

## OBOE

David Schneider *principal*  
Corinna Wiedmer-Symer  
John Symer

## CLARINET

Sean Bailey *principal*  
Kaj Hansen  
Mark Allen

## BASSOON

Norman Spielberg *principal*  
Colleen Hood

## TENOR SAX

Chris Farr

## HORN

Martina Adams *principal*  
Adam Lesnick  
Ben Mulholland  
Bryn Coveney

## TRUMPET

Matt Gallagher *principal*  
Bob Gravener  
George Rabbai

## TROMBONE

Paul Arbogast *principal*  
Brian Pastor  
Justin Moore

## TUBA

Brian Brown *principal*

## HARP

Andre Tarantiles *principal*

## TIMPANI

Miles Salerni *principal*

## PERCUSSION

Bill Kerrigan *principal*  
Zach Crystal  
Brenda Weckerly

## PIANO/KEYBOARD

Jeff Smith

## GUITAR

Greg Snyder

## BASS GUITAR

Steve Beskrone

## DRUM SET

Joe Nero

## VIOLIN I

Robert Vieira *concertmaster*  
Guillaume Combet  
Gabriela Mandescu  
James Finegan  
Eliso Gegeshidze  
Eliza Cho  
Shannon Lee  
Maggy Simon  
Christine Lucero  
Julie Bougher

## VIOLIN 2

Yu-Hui Tamae Lee *principal*  
Greg Teperman  
Kate Suk  
Diane Barnett  
Alberta Douglas  
Magee Capsouto  
Vilme Joselin  
Rodolfo Leuenbeurger

## VIOLA

Davis Barnett *principal*  
Marjorie Goldberg  
Scott Wagner  
Ellen Trainer  
Sarah Sutton  
Gerry Rice

## CELLO

Uli Boeckheler *principal*  
Jonathan Fink  
George Atanasiu  
Glenn Fischbach  
Talia Schiff  
Ajibola Rivers

## BASS

Bennett Norris *principal*  
Omar Martinez  
Miles Brown

# STUDENT PERFORMING ARTS

## at VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

Student Performing Arts at Villanova University offers a vibrant avenue for Villanovans to engage in collegiate-level performing arts throughout their undergraduate journey. Our department proudly supports a diverse range of experiences across dance, vocal and instrumental music.

Our mission is to make the performing arts a vital and enriching part of the Villanova experience—cultivating students' passions and talents through dynamic and creative expression. Through performance, we not only nurture the growth of our student artists but also elevate the shared human experience for both performers and audiences.

Rooted in a deep love and commitment to the arts, our program fosters a culture of empathy, connection, and mutual respect. Through music and dance, we celebrate the power of collaboration and the joy of sharing our gifts with others.

# VILLANOVA BAND

The Villanova Band is one of the most dynamic and visible performing ensembles on campus. Each academic year, the VU Band proudly presents more than 75 performances, ranging from signature concerts to spirited appearances at home football games, Men's and Women's basketball games—including postseason play—and many of Villanova's most cherished campus traditions.

You'll find the VU Band energizing occasions such as 1842 Day, Special Olympics, New Student Orientation, the *Espiritus Nova* Campaign, and Pops in the Pavilion. Wherever Villanova celebrates, the VU Band is there to amplify the moment! The Band is entirely avocational, with students participating out of commitment and pride—performing for the love of music and the joy of representing Villanova both on campus and across the country.

Proudly led by Director Beth Sokolowski, Assistant Director Dave Orehowsky, and Percussion Specialist Kyle Skinner, the Villanova Band benefits from an experienced and passionate leadership team dedicated to musical excellence and student engagement.

# VILLANOVA CHORALE, VILLANOVA SINGERS, AND VILLANOVA VOICES

The Villanova Chorale (a mixed choir of students, faculty, staff, and community members), Villanova Singers (traditional men's choir), and Villanova Voices (treble choir) together represent the vibrant choral tradition of Villanova University. Under the direction of Christine Nass (Chorale and Voices) and Dr. Ted Latham (Singers), these ensembles provide a wide range of musical experiences on campus, in the community and abroad.

The Voices and Singers are Villanova's premier student choirs, each with its own proud history and repertoire, while the Chorale brings together the broader Villanova community to perform larger works and engage in special collaborations. Recent highlights include the Voices and Singers' participation in Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and a performance of Mozart's Requiem at Carnegie Hall; the Chorale's collaboration with the Main Line Symphony; and major concerts throughout the academic year.

Together, the Chorale, Singers and Voices form the heart of choral life at Villanova, offering students and community members alike the opportunity to grow musically, foster lifelong friendships, and share the joy of singing.

# TALENTED STUDENT PERFORMERS

## JOINING THE PHILLY POPS

**Ann Bingel, '27 VSB**

Shelburne, VT  
Clarinet

**Gianna Pacilio, '26 VSB**

Villanova Band President  
2024 - 2026

**Henry Hooper, '27 COE**

San Diego, CA  
Trumpet

**Benny G. Caiola, '26 CLAS**

Larchmont, NY  
Percussion

South Brunswick, NJ  
French Horn / Mellophone

**Lakisha Kirnon, '26 FCN**

Everett, MA  
Clarinet

**Alex Chojnacki, '26 COE**

Delran, NJ  
Tuba

**Cameron Silver, '27 VSB**

New Providence, NJ  
Alto Sax

**Michael Kokolis, '26 COE**

Williamsburg, VA  
Trombone

**Vincent DeJohn, '26 COE**

Garnet Valley, PA  
Tenor Saxophone

**Sabrina Sharafi, '27 CLAS**

Newton, NJ  
Flute / Piccolo

**Julia Lubas, '26 CLAS**

Woodbridge, NJ  
Flute

**John Holowesko, '26 VSB**

Canton, CT  
Trumpet

**Charlie Zaybekian, '26 COE**

Mendham, NJ  
Baritone Saxophone

**Andrew Marino, '26 VSB**

Fairfield, NJ  
Mallet Percussion

# THE VILLANOVA SINGERS, THE VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY CHORALE, AND THE VILLANOVA VOICES

CHORAL PREPARATION BY CHRISTINE NASS & DR. TED LATHAM

Symone Atienza  
Maddie Battinelli  
Peyton Benfield  
Jane Benvenuto  
Morgan Besson  
Lucy Best  
Damian Bianchi  
Andy Boudo  
Sofia Broughman  
Grayson Bucher  
Zachary Buxton  
Candace Centeno  
Quinn Chapman  
Parker Coates  
Isabella Corigliano  
Joseph Corigliano  
Haley Cornella  
Claire Costello  
Katie Crawford  
Dominica Delayo  
Derick Denecke  
Sam Di Carlo  
Bella Di Francesca  
Mariana Diana  
Heather Dibble  
Hope DiGiovanni  
Claire Donnelly  
Alexandra Durish  
Alex Edmonds  
Vivienne Evans  
Connor Feick  
Richard Finkel  
Lisa Franks  
Jimmy Ganosis  
Ann Goody  
Luis Diego Granera  
Emmett Greer

Camille Gross  
Maya Harner  
Sarah Hayevy  
Kaitlyn Heimbach  
Olivia Hill  
Lucy Himmelberg  
Emerson Hinson  
Finely Hood  
Emily Jo  
Cole Joyce  
Mary Beth Kait  
Elena Kazakova  
Nora King  
Brianna Kirkpatrick  
Joey Klieman  
Marco Klisch  
Katie Koslow  
Leena Krayyem  
Ben Langenbach  
Ted Latham  
MaryAnn Leshinskie  
Nick Leyesa  
Andrea Lutai  
Maria MacDonald  
Nick Madden  
Matthew Martinez  
Roman Mastromatteo  
Sadie McCallum  
Elizabeth McGowan  
Brennan Meier  
Nick Menendez  
Abby Meuse  
Lucy Milback  
Uliana Milchevskaya  
Christine Nass  
Abbie Neiderer  
Kate Neilsen

Caitlin Ng  
Kiva Nice-Webb  
Martha Nichols  
Madeline Okenquist  
Mark Olsen  
Mannan Pandey  
Sophia Parchuri  
Robert Phillips  
Erik Potteiger  
Karen Ramella  
Mollie Regan  
Jenna Reisinger  
Charles Riale  
Maura Ricci  
Teri Rissell  
Joey Scerbo  
Jacob Scotto  
Lucas Scotto  
Julie Sheetz  
Tina Sheing  
Emily St. Pierre  
Sue Stein  
Barbara Stephen  
Julie Studer  
Amanda Swiecki  
Nora Tiffen  
Callan Towse  
Katie Troyanovich  
Andrew Trueman  
D'quan Tyson  
Eric Van Zele  
Kate Vicente  
Clare Vogt  
Anna Willard  
Betty Wilson  
Nebula Youakim  
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