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Lakes Area Music Festival Presents Celebrating 250

Free Outdoor Concert: Music of America

Brainerd, MN (August 8, 2026) – The Lakes Area Music Festival (LAMF) continues its 2026 season, *Passion*, with *Celebrating 250* on Saturday, August 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lyman P. White Amphitheater in Brainerd. The program honors America’s musical heritage with a family-friendly outdoor concert featuring the LAMF Symphony Orchestra. Featured artists include conductors José Luis Gutiérrez and Ziwei Ma, along with Broadway soprano Andrea Ross.

The evening includes works by Aaron Copland, Joan Tower, John Philip Sousa, and others, alongside beloved American favorites such as *Appalachian Spring Suite* and *Stars and Stripes Forever*. Andrea Ross joins the orchestra in several selections, including an “Armed Forces Salute” honoring veterans.

Prior to the concert, food trucks, a beer tent, and activities for families will begin at 6 p.m. Audiences are invited to bring a lawn chair and enjoy an evening of American music under the summer sky.

This concert is offered without charge, though donations are accepted. No tickets are required. Accessible parking will be reserved near the amphitheater with additional parking in the Brainerd High School’s lower lot, just south of the football field.

The Lakes Area Music Festival's 2026 season, *Passion*, runs July 31 through August 23 and features more than 200 of the nation’s top classical performers in orchestral concerts, chamber music, opera, dance collaborations, and community events throughout central Minnesota.

Tickets and additional information are available at lakesareamusic.org.

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About the Lakes Area Music Festival

The Lakes Area Music Festival is Minnesota's summer home for world-class opera, orchestra, and chamber music. Celebrating its 18th anniversary season, more than 200 artists from the nation's top orchestras and opera companies will present 60 concert, education, and community outreach activities this July and August. Founded in 2009, the Lakes Area Music Festival sparks connections between its central Minnesota community and the nation's top classical performers to create transformative musical experiences. The Lakes Area Music Festival is a 501c3 non-profit based in Brainerd, MN. To find out more visit lakesareamusic.org or call 218-ASK-LAMF (218-275-5263).