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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Good evening,

As President/CEO of the United Way of North Central Pennsylvania, I am thrilled to welcome you to LIVE UNITED in Music V: Vinyl to Viral, a celebration of our community and the musical arts. We are again privileged to be hosted by the Journey Bank Community Arts Center and want to thank the entire CAC team for their hospitality this evening and for their help in making this event a success.



Tonight's event supports our newly renamed organization and the power of community in Lycoming, Sullivan, and Tioga Counties. Our new name more accurately reflects the scope of our impact, and proceeds from tonight's event will benefit 30 programs, delivered by our United Way and 24 of our partners, across all three counties. With the proceeds of this event, we will have raised more than \$260,000 toward that mission.

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## Special thanks to the following:

- **The United Way of North Central Pennsylvania board and staff, for their commitment and hard work in making this event happen.**
- **Walt Straiton and Michelle McKeown of Walt Straiton Productions, for the vision and encouragement to tackle this project again.**
- **To the local artists, their families, and their friends who have agreed to perform and support our mission.**
- **To Worth Rawson for creating the beautiful LIVE UNITED in Music Lifetime Achievement Award.**
- **To our 26 sponsors and supporters who made this event possible, many of whom are featured in this digital program**
- **To the late Meg Finn, whose vision for the community and the arts mirrored our vision to mobilize resources to change lives through the collective spirit of community.**

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And while retirement is on the horizon for me, this event and the work we do every day make me proud to celebrate over 103 years of service to our communities. We believe that music and the arts play an essential role in the fabric of our communities. We pledge to continue celebrating the community and its role in our success.

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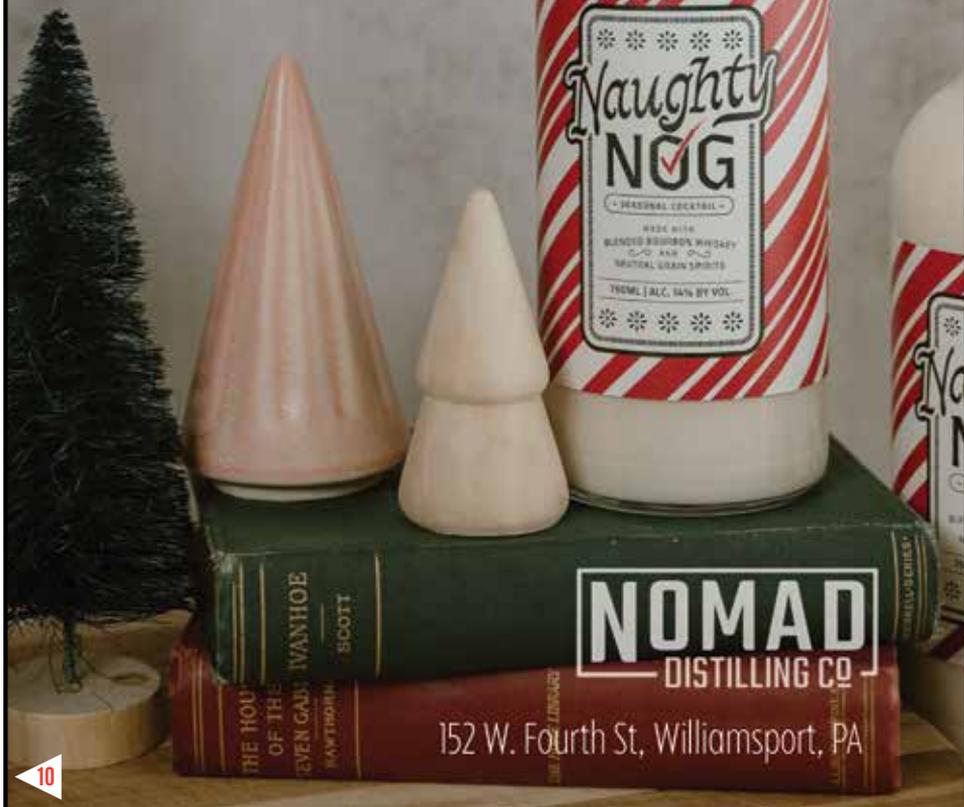
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# SPECIAL GUESTS ▶



## Amanda Miller

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New to the LIVE UNITED in Music lineup, Amanda is a powerhouse vocalist and performer whose stage presence commands attention. Her impressive credits include touring as a backup singer and choreographer for rock legend Sir Rod Stewart, and starring in major musical theatre productions, including Sherrie in *Rock of Ages* (Las Vegas) and Val Clark in *A Chorus Line* (New York). She's shared the stage with icons like Cyndi Lauper, Foreigner, and Jeff Beck, and performed at venues including The O2 in London, Madison Square Garden, the Hollywood Bowl, and Caesars Palace. Born and trained in performance from an early age, with a background in Disney/Nickelodeon productions, Amanda brings a rare combination of technical talent and electrifying stage energy to the LIVE UNITED stage.



## Dylan Rockoff

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Singer-songwriter Dylan Rockoff, also from Williamsport, has built an impressive career performing across the U.S. His debut album, *Semicolon & Parenthesis*, reached No. 8 on the iTunes Pop Chart. While still a student at Northeastern University, Dylan rose to prominence with his chart-topping music. Dylan is also a guitarist and a founding member of Clyde Frog, a local favorite. Released in 2024, his album "Evergreen" further cemented his reputation as a heartfelt and authentic storyteller. Dylan's performances in past LIVE UNITED concerts have been fan favorites, and he returns this year to inspire us once again.



## Brennan "Beane" Hepler

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A Williamsport native and national recording artist, Beane first gained fame on *American Idol* Season 19 with his soulful performances and distinctive style. A graduate of Berklee College of Music, Beane has performed on stages across the country while remaining deeply connected to his roots in north central Pennsylvania. His debut at LIVE UNITED in Music III was wildly popular, and his return to the LIVE UNITED stage promises another unforgettable performance. In addition to his solo work, Beane has also collaborated with Justin Timberlake and Missy Elliott. He also performed with the acclaimed a cappella group Pitch Slapped, which opened for Pentatonix.



## Mallory Scoppa Gardner

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A Williamsport native and longtime local educator, Mallory has been performing for more than a decade as part of the folk duo *Whiskey Sunday* with her partner John Shively. A former instructor at the Uptown Music Collective, Mallory blends artistry and soul in every note she sings, connecting deeply with audiences across generations. Back for her third year at LIVE UNITED in Music, Mallory's energetic stage presence makes her a perennial favorite for this event.

# SPECIAL GUESTS ▶



## Izzy Butters

After performing as a standout backup vocalist in last year's LIVE UNITED production, Izzy takes center stage to perform our National Anthem. Known for her unique tone and style, she brings both freshness and familiarity to this year's lineup.



## Kimbo Reichley

A central Pennsylvania music legend, Kimbo has been performing, recording, and mentoring others for over five decades. A multi-instrumentalist and blues artist, he has shared stages from Memphis to China and remains a cornerstone of the region's music scene. His passion and artistry have made him an enduring favorite of LIVE UNITED audiences.



## Jaslin Shand

A standout performer and 2025 Journey Bank Teen Star finalist, Jaslin Shand represents the next generation of exceptional musical talent in north central Pennsylvania. Known for her soulful voice, confidence, and engaging stage presence, Jaslin brings fresh energy and heartfelt artistry to every performance. Her appearance in LIVE UNITED in Music V: "Vinyl to Viral" highlights the incredible promise of young artists emerging from our local communities. A rising talent known for her vocal versatility and heartfelt performances, Jaslyn represents the next generation of local artists. Her passion for music and community shines through every performance.



## Nicole Miele

A classically trained vocalist and versatile performer, Nicole brings warmth, skill, and spirit to every song she sings. She's the powerhouse vocalist behind Wild Honey, and she's bringing her talent to the LIVE UNITED in Music stage! Nicole has been singing for most of her life and has performed with bands since the late 2000s, including in 2008, when she took the stage with Flipside. Since then, she's embraced every opportunity to perform, whether rocking with her band or making appearances in community theater productions. But Nicole's love for music goes beyond the stage. Nicole is the President of Angelina's Song, a nonprofit that brings the healing power of music therapy to children's hospitals across the nation. Her debut at LIVE UNITED in Music marks another exciting addition to the event's growing legacy of local excellence.



## Pete Codispoti

A talented vocalist and musician, Pete has contributed as a featured backup singer in previous LIVE UNITED shows and was a founding member of Ozz, Brothers & Others, and My Father's Son. This year, he steps forward into the spotlight as a solo performer, bringing both energy and artistry to the stage in his first featured role.

# TONIGHT'S PERFORMERS

## ORCHESTRA

### Flute:

- Amy Kenny
- Tatiana Cassetta

### Oboe:

- Sue Laib

### Clarinet:

- Judy Burke
- Dick Adams  
(doubling on  
Tenor Saxophone)

### French Horn:

- Bill Kenny
- Christi Smith
- Valerie Whyman
- Dan Schwanger

### Trumpet:

- Dale Orris
- Jeff Smith
- Doug LeBlanc

### Trombone:

- Kevin Henry
- Rebecca Ciabattari
- William Ciabattari

### Percussion:

- Michael Cashera

### Violin:

- Jennifer Sacher Wiley
- Jessica Anthony
- Jason Hurwitz
- Sarah Hamm
- William Ciabattari
- Peter Harris
- Kathleen Mondell
- Bev Schmidt
- Anna Radspinner

### Viola:

- John Paul Tobin
- Ashley Tobin
- Donnamarie DiLabio Dietz
- Shelley Whitnak

### Cello:

- Christine Mello
- Aleah Hinojosa

### Bass:

- John Lantz

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## RHYTHM SECTION

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- Tim Breon

### Bass:

- Matt Radspinner

### Drums:

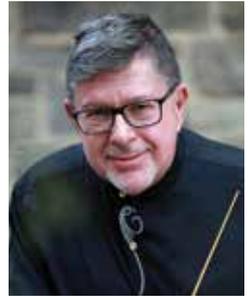
- Mark Hunsberger

### Keyboard:

- Cathy Byham
- Steve Adams

# ABOUT THE LUM POPS ORCHESTRA ►

LIVE UNITED in Music's Executive Producer, Walt Straiton has enjoyed a blended career combining education, business, entertainment, and professional performance, and serves as Director of Education for KORG USA's SoundTree division providing music education technology solutions to K-12 institutions around the country. He is also serving as the orchestra director at Mansfield University/Commonwealth University of PA.



A Harrisburg native, Walt first came to Williamsport in 1977. He enjoyed a 26-year tenure serving as Director



of Orchestras at Williamsport Area High School, which included the creation of the renowned "Millionaire Strolling Strings" while also serving on the orchestral conducting staff of both Messiah University and Penn State. During his tenure in WASD, Walt was one of four teachers in the nation honored to receive a coveted John F. Kennedy Center Fellowship for Teachers in the Arts. He also appeared as a finalist for "Teacher of the Year" in the nationally televised Walt Disney Corporation's "American Teacher Awards, as well as being recognized by both the Lycoming Brotherhood USA and the Williamsport/Lycoming Foundation (now First Community Partnership of Pennsylvania) for his outstanding contributions to education in our region. Walt moved to Los Angeles in 2003 to join the education leadership team at Yamaha Corporation of America, returning to Williamsport in 2013 at which time he joined the education team at Conn-Selmer Corporation, working directly with school districts in the Mid-Atlantic and New England regions.

In addition to having led the LIVE UNITED in Music "Pops" Orchestra for the first two LUM events, recent professional conducting appearances include performances with the Hawaii Symphony, Portland (ME) Symphony, and the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestras. While living in SoCal, Walt served as the founding Artistic Director and Principal Pops Conductor of the Corona (CA) Symphony Orchestra. He has also appeared with the New World Symphony Orchestra (Miami Beach, FL), The United States Air Force Symphony Orchestra, the Music at Penn's Woods (Penn State) Festival Orchestra, and the Williamsport Symphony Orchestra.

Honored for the opportunity to regularly collaborate with Michael Cavanaugh, Walt has previously conducted concerts featuring a wide variety of contemporary pop/jazz artists, including Chris Botti, Bob James, Burt Bacharach, David Benoit, Maynard Ferguson, Chuck Mangione, Buddy Rich, Lionel Hampton, Phil Woods, The Captain and Tennille, The Spinners, Patti Austin, Neil Sedaka, Franki Valli and the Four Seasons, The Empire Brass Quintet, and Bobby Rydell.

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