

Ad Astra PER ASPERA

TOPEKA FESTIVAL SINGERS 2023-2024 SEASON



Dear Friends of the Topeka Festival Singers,

I am excited to begin my second year as the Artistic Director of the Topeka Festival Singers. I am grateful to the singers and our amazing audiences for their warm reception and support last season. I am also grateful for the countless hours of work our Board of Directors has put in, not only to guarantee our survival, but to lay the foundation for us to thrive for years to come.

Our 2023-2024 season is called ***Ad Astra Per Aspera***, which many of you will recognize as the motto of the state of Kansas. I am still new to this wonderful state, and I fell in love with this phrase and its inspiring, yet realistic, quality. “To the stars through difficulties” asks us to dream big while facing the realities of such dreams. This phrase challenges us to face these harsh realities AND still not give up.

The four concerts of our 2023-2024 season will explore the many facets of this phrase. Our first concert is titled **“To the Stars,”** and will feature music about reaching for the stars, navigating by the stars, and will also include the official song of Kansas, “Home on the Range.” Our second concert, our holiday concert, is titled **“Journey.”** Many of our religious and holiday traditions are about the idea of journeys; journey to the manger, journey from darkness to light, and journeys to see friends and family. Our third concert is called **“Overcome,”** and will dissect the difficulties referenced in the phrase, Ad Astra Per Aspera. This concert will tie into the 70th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education which is an important reminder of the challenges and difficulties we’ve faced in our country and the work that still needs to be done. Finally, our last concert of the season, **“New Dream,”** will be a culminating experience that ties all these themes together. This concert will try to answer the question, “What difficulties can we overcome together so that all of us can reach the stars?”

It is always my hope that, when you leave our concerts, you are not only entertained, but inspired. I believe that music not only has the power to change our moods and our thinking, but the power to create community and make sustainable, positive change. Thank you for your continual support and for sharing our concert dates with your families, friends, and colleagues. It gives us great joy to sing for you!

Dr. Brett Robison
Artistic Director

To the Stars
October 16, 2023

Journey: A Holiday Concert
December 18, 2023

Overcome
March 4, 2024

New Dream
May 13, 2024

All concerts will be performed at 7:30 p.m. at White Concert Hall

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Order a Season Ticket

A season ticket grants **one person** admission to all four concerts. Season tickets will be held at will call and will be available for pick up at the October concert, or any subsequent concert. Tickets for individual concerts will be available for purchase the night of each concert.

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Adult	\$100.00		\$
Senior (65+)	\$80.00		\$
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Total: \$ _____

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Topeka, KS 66604-0185

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