



## General Mark Pillar

General Mark Pillar retired after 37 years of service to his country. His last assignment was at the Pentagon in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition. His other assignments included Da Nang Air Base, Republic of South Vietnam, where he served as an EC-47 pilot and flew over 90 combat missions. Upon his return to the United States, he began flying KC-135 refueling aircraft at Grissom Air Force Base, Bunker Hill, IN. In 1978, he transferred to the Air Force Reserve and held numerous positions within the 434th Air Refueling Group. General Pillar flew missions in support of Desert Shield (1990), Desert Storm (1991) and the Bosnia no-fly zone (1999). During Operation Joint Force he was the vice commander of the 60th Air Expeditionary Wing, Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany.

Mark and his wife, Linda, live in Columbus and have two grown children, Matt and Lacey and three granddaughters Linda, Anna and Susie Gobert. Mark serves on the Columbus Airport Board of Commissioners and the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Board of Directors.

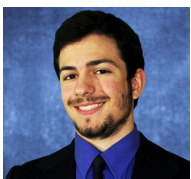


## Rick Vale

Rick Vale, award-winning songwriter/composer and singer/actor originally from Seattle, performs in the midwest as a vocalist for the acclaimed Indianapolis Jazz Orchestra and Indy-klez. He has performed as featured vocalist for many symphonic orchestras, from Seattle to New York and all places in between, while also performing roles with Seattle Opera, Tacoma Opera, and Off-Broadway (NY).

As a published songwriter/composer his concert works, plays, operas, ballets, choral pieces and art songs have been performed and commissioned by such entities as The Washington State Arts Commission, Seattle Opera Company, The Children's Theatre of Novosibirsk, Russia, and The Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra. His songs have been performed by soloists, choirs and orchestras all over the world, and his music has been recorded by such artists as the London Symphony orchestra and Sandi Patty (who has recorded 8 of his songs).

Rick is married, with two adult sons, currently residing in Anderson, Indiana - where he continues to write and compose. He is in his 8<sup>th</sup> season as Artistic Director of The Alley Theatre and celebrates his 15<sup>th</sup> year as Senior Minister at Central Christian Church (Anderson, IN). Rick loves honoring our vets through the *Salute!* concert - today is his 4th appearance as soloist.



## Andrei Minut

Andrei's musical journey started at home at an early age under the guidance of his professional musician parents. He has been very active musically at his home church, Saint Bartholomew Catholic Church, where he has sung as cantor and in a variety of ensembles. Andrei plays piano, violin, guitar, bass guitar, drums, saxophone, and handbells and uses them to compose and record/mix his own music. Andrei graduated high school as a homeschooled student in May 2022 and will be pursuing a degree in Cinematic Arts at IU.



## David Bowden

David Bowden, founding Artistic Director and Conductor of the award-winning Columbus Indiana Philharmonic, is completing his 35<sup>th</sup> season leading the orchestra. As he retires at the end of the 21|22 Season, the Philharmonic Board of Directors recently honored David by naming him *Conductor Laureate* of the Philharmonic. David earned a doctorate in orchestral conducting and a master's degree in choral conducting from the Indiana University School of Music. He met his wife, Donna, while attending the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music. Born and raised in North Carolina, he loves both the mountains and the ocean. He is an avid reader and basketball fan and enjoys spending time with his family - including his five grandchildren. David is deeply committed to music education and loves to see students excited about music—he knows that making music changes lives. Presented the Patriot Award in 2005, David said, "The annual Salute! Concert is perhaps my most favorite of the entire year - my father-in-law was a WWII Ex-POW, and I believe it is important to remember and honor those who have served our country and, in some cases, given the ultimate sacrifice, because *freedom isn't free.*"



## READERS OF LETTERS

### FROM THOSE WHO

### DIDN'T MAKE IT HOME



JOHN JOHNSON



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## Salute! 2022

### Columbus Indiana Philharmonic

Dr. David Bowden ★ Conductor

Rick Vale ★ Vocal Soloist

Major General Mark Pillar  
USAF (Ret.), Military Ceremonies

El Capitan Sousa

National Emblem March Bagley  
*Present the Colors*

Star Spangled Banner Smith  
*The Pledge of Allegiance*  
*The Posting of the Colors*

Seventy-Six Trombones Willson/Ricketts

Salute! Songs of the Armed Forces arr. Powers

Honor Baney/Powers

This is Our Time Friedersdorf & Keylock/Powers

A Patriotic Singalong traditional  
*America the Beautiful*  
*America*  
*God Bless America*

A Salute to the Big Bands arr. Custer

American Anthem Gene Scheer

God Bless the USA Greenwood

### ★ INTERMISSION ★

Star Spangled Spectacular Cohen  
*Recognition of Veterans*  
*by Military Conflict*

Hymn to the Fallen from Williams  
*Saving Private Ryan*

Flag Folding Ceremony  
Three-Volley Salute  
Taps - Moment of Silence  
*Retire the Colors*

Colonel Bogey March Lt. J.F. Ricketts

If Ever I Would Leave You Loewe  
Andrei Minut, baritone  
2022 First Prize Winner Anna Newell Brown  
Award for Vocal Excellence

You Raise Me Up Graham & Lovland/Krogstad

1812 Overture: Finale Tchaikovsky

Stars and Stripes Forever Sousa