

American Legion Band of the Tonawanda's presents Spring Pop's Concert



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Formed in 1929 and comprised of talented volunteer musicians, the award-winning 80-piece American Legion Band of the Tonawandas performs a diverse repertoire of music. Join them as they proudly launch their 2026 concert season at the Cardinal O'Hara High School Performing Arts Center on Sunday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m.

This year's program showcases a dynamic blend of classic wind band repertoire, contemporary works and beloved musical theater selections. It will feature outstanding guest artists and soloists from across Western New York.

Under the direction of Matthew Cool, the ensemble will kick off its 2026 season with an artistically rich program designed to delight audiences of all ages. The concert will feature a vibrant and exciting lineup, including Esprit de Corps by

Robert Jager, Second Suite in F for Military Band by Gustav Holst, Emblem of Unity by Joseph John Richards and more.

The evening's guest appearances consist of vocalists Mary Kofahl and John Panepinto, guest conductor Diane Nichols, trombone soloist Peter Karda, and tenor saxophone soloist Paul Simmons.

Tickets are \$15 at the door, or \$13 in advance. Advance tickets may be purchased at:

- Walker Bros. & Monroe Jewelers, 84 Webster St, North Tonawanda 716-693-0527
- Mid-City Opticians, 968 Payne Ave, North Tonawanda 716-692-5480
- Tonawanda Senior Center, 35 Main St., Tonawanda 716-692-7029

Tickets are also available on the band's website www.tonawandalegionband.com and at the Cardinal O'Hara Performing Arts Center on the evening of the concert.

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