

Program

Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 7:30pm
Mary W. Sommervold Hall, Washington Pavilion

South Dakota Symphony Orchestra
Nicholas Sharma, *conductor*
Nicole Parker, *singer*
South Dakota Symphony Youth Orchestra

Andrew Lloyd Webber Phantom of the Opera Suite

John Kander/ "Ring Them Bells"
Fred Ebb *Nicole Parker, singer*
(arr. Lucas Waldin)

Leonard Bernstein Selections from *West Side Story*
(arr. Jack Mason)

Stephen Sondheim & "The Children Will Listen" from
Jonathan Tunick *Into The Woods*
Nicole Parker, singer

George Gershwin Cuban Overture

INTERMISSION

Gioachino Rossini La Gazza Ladra Overture
South Dakota Symphony
Youth Orchestra

Richard Rodgers Slaughter on 10th Avenue Suite
(arr. Robert Russell
Bennett)

James Horner/ "My Heart Will Go On" from *Titanic*
Will Jennings
(arr. Daryl McKenzie)



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Harold Arlen/ "Over the Rainbow"
Yip Harburg *Nicole Parker, singer*
(orch. Larry Blank/
Mark Cumberland)

John Williams *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*
Children's Suite
IX. *Harry's Wondrous World*

Stephen Schwartz "Defying Gravity" from *Wicked*
(arr. Lucas Waldin) *Nicole Parker, singer*

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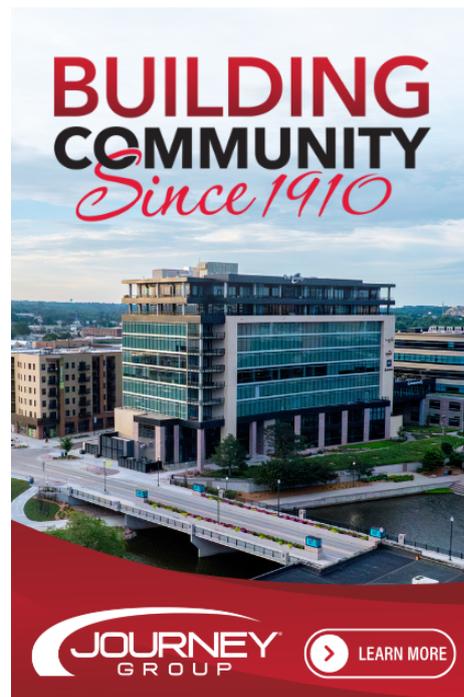
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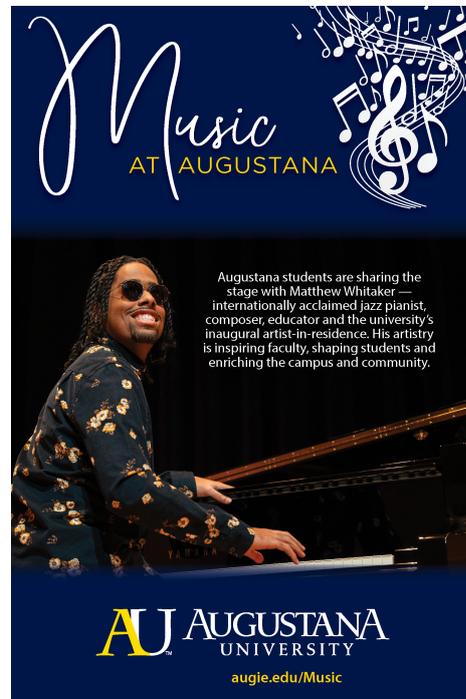
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Guest Artist



Nicole Parker

singer

Nicole Parker is best known for her portrayal of Elphaba in the Broadway production of *Wicked*. Since playing the green witch in the Broadway company, she has reprised the role for the First National Tour of *Wicked*. Parker's other Broadway credits include *Martin Short: Fame Becomes Me* and *The People in the Picture* with Donna Murphy. Regionally, Parker played Juliet in *The Second City's Romeo and Juliet Musical* at Chicago Shakespeare Theater, for which she received a Jeff Award nomination. She also appeared as Rosemary in *How to Succeed In Business Without Really Trying* at Reprise Theater, and Pamina in *The Magic Flute* at the Falcon Theater.

For six years, Parker was also a cast member and contributing writer on Fox's *Madtv*. For two years, Parker was a performer and write for Boom Chicago, an all American sketch and improvisation theater in Amsterdam. Nicole's film credits include *Funny People*, directed by Judd Apatow as well as the short films *Weathered* and *Sitting Babies*. This year she was featured as a guest star on the mock game show Bunk on IFC, as well as on ABC in *Trust Us With Your Life*, an improvisation show from the creators of *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* She is also a founding member of Waterwell, a non-profit theater company in New York.

A frequent soloist with orchestras around the country, recent and upcoming performances include Peter Nero and the Philly Pops, Houston Symphony, Phoenix Symphony, Utah Symphony and Opera, Colorado Symphony, Greensboro Symphony, Kalamazoo Symphony, Santa Rosa Symphony, Pueblo Symphony, Charleston Symphony, Sarasota Symphony, Orlando Symphony, North Carolina Symphony, San Antonio Symphony, Dayton Philharmonic, Idaho Civic Symphony, Hamilton Philharmonic, and Fresno Philharmonic.

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Side-by-Side players



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Flute

Whitney Pageler
Chaewon Lee

Oboe

Layla Egan
Luke Bell

Clarinet

Katie Yoon
Lander Bell
Olive Saenz

Bassoon

Fuller Kirkpatrick

Horn

Halle Bidus
Mayen Mayen
Luke Carlson
Beckett Moffitt

Trumpet

Elijah Sumey

Trombone

Sam Reckling

Tuba

Austin Lawrence

Timpani

Riley Williams

Violin I

Kyra Gurath
Xaria Gurath
Tessa Letham
Charli Fickbohm
Lily Yan
Sophie Schott
Josiah Holder
Sophia Lucero
Sarah Jamous

Violin II

Zach Sandlin
Eva Hernandez
Oliver YvanRuler
Kirsa Sumey
Maggie Yu
Rheanna Petersen
Anna Spanos

Christian Jerstad
Alahna Noble
Vihaan Pawariya
Elsa Bisschop

Viola

Mauricio Flores Gomez
Melanie Nyberg
Phoebe Veerman
Blake Alex
Israel Eekhoff
Gemma Droptiny

Cello

Brennan Day
Landon Sohre
Landyn Tommeraasen
Katherine Spencer
Alex Spanos
Samuel Fisher
Alex Wu

Bass

Edwar Cruz



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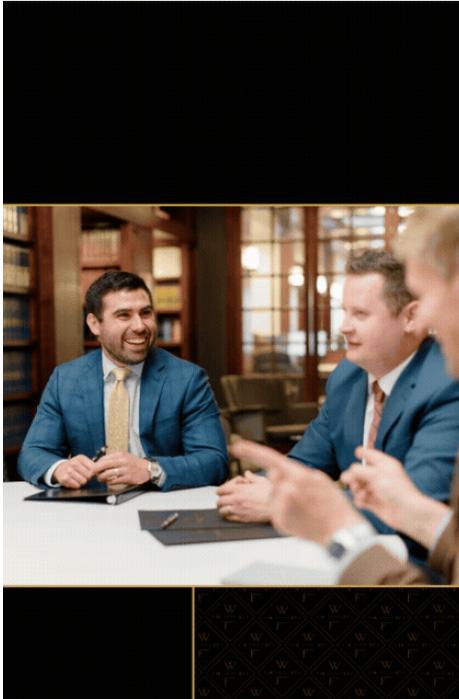
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