

# program notes 2025/26 SEASON

### Windborne's The Music of Journey

November 15, 2025 | 7:30 p.m. Holland Performing Arts Center

Brent Havens, conductor | Juan Del Castillo, vocals | George Cintron, guitar Justin Avery, keyboard | Dan Clemens, bass | Andrew Payne, drums

### Selections to be announced from stage.



Journey was formed in San Francisco in 1973. Between 1978 and 1987 the band released a series of hit songs, including "Don't Stop Believin'", "Open Arms", "Any Way You Want It", "Who's Cryin' Now", and "Faithfully", among others.

Now Journey's songs are performed for you in an enhanced presentation with Windborne's The Music Of Journey as performed by the Omaha Symphony with Guest Conductor and arranger Brent Havens, vocalist Juan Del Castillo, and a band that rocks.

A 2005 USA Today opinion poll named Journey the fifth best American rock band in history. Their songs have become arena rock staples and are still played on rock radio stations around the world. Journey's record sales have resulted in two gold albums, eight multi-platinum albums, and one diamond album (including seven consecutive multi-platinum albums between 1978 and 1987). They have had eighteen Top 40 singles in the US, six of which reached the Top 10.

#### This printed program is a condensed version.

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## **Featured Artists**





Berklee-trained arranger/conductor **Brent Havens** has written music for orchestras, feature films and virtually every kind of television. His TV work includes movies for networks such as ABC, CBS and ABC Family Channel Network, commercials, sports music for networks such as ESPN and even cartoons.

Havens has also worked with the Doobie Brothers and the Milwaukee Symphony, arranging and conducting the combined group for Harley Davidson's 100th Anniversary Birthday Party

Finale attended by over 150,000 fans. He has worked with some of the world's greatest orchestras including the Royal Philharmonic and the BBC Concert Orchestra in London, the CBSO in Birmingham, England, the Malaysian Philharmonic, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the Minnesota Orchestra, the Pittsburgh Symphony, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, the Houston Symphony, the Atlanta Symphony, the Baltimore Symphony, the Dallas Symphony, the Fort Worth Symphony, the Nashville Symphony, Orchestra of Opera North in Leeds, England and countless others.

Havens recently completed the score for the film *Quo Vadis*, a Premier Pictures remake of the 1956 gladiator film. In 2013 he worked with the Baltimore Symphony and the NFL's Baltimore Ravens to arrange and produce the music for the Thanksgiving Day halftime show between the Ravens and Pittsburgh Steelers, adapting both classical music and rock songs into a single four minute show. Havens is Arranger/Guest Conductor for all of the symphonic rock programs for Windborne Music.



**Juan Del Castillo** is a singer-songwriter born and raised in San Diego, California. He began making music at a very young age. As a child, Juan sang in choir and performed in plays and musicals. He also acted in television shows and commercials throughout his teens.

Juan is a polished, dynamic showman whose passion for performing, natural charisma, and innate ability to completely captivate audiences with his stage presence have led him down a path of artistry and success. A recording artist formerly on Sony's BMG US Latin, Juan's

vocal timbre, range, and fierce control have more recently drawn comparisons to former Journey frontman, Steve Perry.

Juan is also the founder and Lead Vocalist for the internationally touring DSB Band tapped by Ryan Seacrest and Mark Cuban's AXS TV as "The World's Greatest Journey Tribute Band." Juan is thrilled to share his talents and honored to perform with Windborne and Journey's catalogue of timeless classics.