

**Welcome to our 2026**

**HOPE OF  
AMERICA**

**STUDENT SHOWCASE**

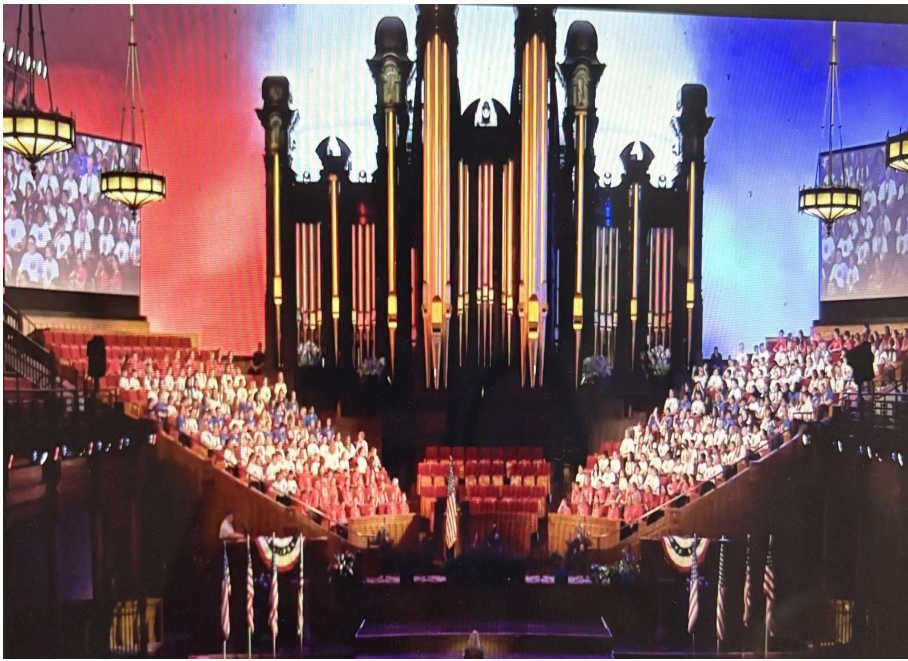


**Celebrating 250 years**

**Wed April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Cottonwood High School**





## **ABOUT HOPE OF AMERICA**

Hope of America was originated in 1995 under the leadership of Kathy McDonald with support from America's Freedom Festival in Provo. For over thirty-one years, this amazing opportunity has been extended to almost 200,000 fifth grade boys and girls. Tonight's performers represent schools in Davis & Salt Lake. Over 325 students and their teachers will join with others from public, charter, and home schools to perform in this year's shows.

Hope of America is an unforgettable evening event that supports the learning of our students - covering our nation's history, documents such as the Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence, and important rights and responsibilities of our citizenry. It features songs of hope, patriotism, and service through inspired music composed by talents like Alan & Merrill Osmond, Cardon, Francis, Kapp-Perry, & Maag.

**We're so glad you've joined us tonight.**

We're excited to share this evening with you.



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## OUR PROGRAM SPONSORS

Hope of America is grateful to the

# Beverley Taylor Sorenson Legacy Foundation

We appreciate the following organizations  
for their generous support of our program

**Clyde Companies**

**Provo Rotary Club**

**Kiwanis Club of**

**State of Utah**

**Provo Nu Skin**

**Utah County**

**Provo City**

**Zions Bank**

Thanks also to the moms and dads who sponsored a child in addition to their own.

**So many boys and girls are participating tonight with your support!**

Alan Osmond

Alan Osmond was such a great part of Hope of America! We seek to honor him and his family as they mourn his recent passing. He will always be remembered worldwide as an accomplished musician and

producer, but he was also a producer, composer and

Alan and his brothers started their singing careers to raise money for their older brothers' hearing aids. They soon became regular guests on the Andy Williams show.

Alan spent many years writing and producing music, and leading the group The Osmonds, & wrote and recorded over 20 albums and sold over 100 million records. Alan and his brothers earned The People's Choice award, and performed for Queen Elizabeth twice. He helped produce the ceremony for President Ronald Reagan's Inauguration and was the producer on the Donny and Marie Show. Though he rose to international stardom, he never abandoned his values or his love for his family and God. He wrote music his entire life, even waking at night to record lyrics on paper.

Alan was a true patriot and served in the Army National Guard, learning lessons from his basic training in Monterey, California.

Alan met Suzanne at a BYU basketball game, and knew quickly they were to be together. They married in the Provo Temple on July 16, 1974 & flew immediately to Las Vegas in time for Alan's show that evening.

In his late thirties, Alan was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, but he never allowed it to hold him down. His mantra was, "I may have MS, but MS does not have me." He dealt with it positively and with humor. Even when he stopped performing with his brothers, he continued to create value, producing shows and writing songs. He & his brother Merrill produced Stadium of Fire & wrote the well-known theme song. Stadium of Fire remains one of the nation's premier Fourth of July celebrations, renowned for its impressive fireworks display.

Alan loved his church and served in many positions. He assisted all eight sons in earning their Eagle Scout awards. Throughout his life, he regularly received messages from people all over the world stating that Alan and the Osmonds had inspired them. He & Suzanne had 8 sons, 30 grandchildren, & 5 great grandchildren.



## PRESHOW PROGRAM

### Nathan Osmond

Nathan is best known for being a **Country Singer**. He and his brothers were The Osmonds, Second Generation! Nathan was nominated for New Artist of the Year, Male Vocalist of the Year and Country Breakthrough Artist of the Year by the New Music Awards in Los Angeles, and had four consecutive #1 hit singles. He is also well-known for the songs that he has written for other venues and is an American patriot!

He served a full-time mission in the Chile, Santiago North Mission where he was able “to share with the Chilean people the glad message of the restoration of Christ’s church here on the earth.” After returning home from his mission, he toured for two years on the North American Tour of the hit musical, “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” and was cast as Charlie Brown in the National Tour of “You’re A Good Man Charlie Brown.”

He is the son of Alan & Suzanne Osmond, the oldest of the Osmond Brothers. He is the father of 4 sons and he was selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans in 2014 by the United States Junior Chamber (The JAYCEES) for his musical achievements and humanitarian efforts. He also received the first-ever John C. Maxwell Leadership Award (Arts & Entertainment) in 2014.





## **TONIGHT'S PROGRAM**

**Welcome**

**Posting of the Colors & Pledge by Sons of American Revolution**

**Hope of America**

Cliff Maag, Alan and Merrill Osmond, Sam Cardon

**Let's Sing The Bill of Rights**

Susan Alldredge

**American Heroes**

Sam and Gary Francis, Gaye Gibbs

**Thank You Military**

Sam and Gary Francis

**Our Flag – The Red, White, and Blue**

Sam and Gary Francis

**In American History**

Sam and Gary Francis

**Star Spangled Banner**

Frances Scott Key, John Strafford Smith

## **I Love America**

Sam and Gary Francis

## **Declaration of Independence**

Sam Francis

## **Let's Sing the Declaration of Independence Story**

Susan Alldredge

## **America Rocks**

Orrin Hatch, Janice Kapp Perry

## **We Can Be a Light**

Sam Francis, Cliff and Rhonda Maag, Sam Cardon





## **OUR PERFORMERS**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29th, 2026**

Quirrah Elementary

Blue Moose

Daybreak

American Preparatory Academy

Elevated

Living Stone

Monte Vista

North Star

## **OUR HOPE OF AMERICA**

**• TEAM • STAFF • KEY VOLUNTEERS •**

### **Hope of America Team**

**Susan Alldredge - Davis/Salt Lake Music & Program Director**

**Megan Richardson - Davis/Salt Lake School Coordinator**

**Dalane England - Davis/Salt Lake Director**

Shannon Moedl – HOA Program Director

Deborah Reed – HOA Assistant Director & HOA School Spirit Contest

### **Special Guest**

Wade Alexander portraying Benjamin Franklin

## Volunteers

Tenna Hartman

Kathy Wilson

Kris Kimball

Robyn Sisam Smith

Linda Snarr

## Freedom Festival Team

Sherry Peterson – Freedom Festival Vice President, Educational Programs

Jim Evans – Freedom Festival Executive Director

Robyn Pulham – Freedom Festival Associative Director

Karyl Montgomery – Freedom Festival & HOA Financial Secretary

## Hope of America Key Volunteers

### OUR THANKS TO

- Sherry Anderson, Hope of America Director through 2009 to 2022
- Bryan Barron – Logo it On, Hope of America tee shirts
- Deborah Reed – Commemorative America250 Tee Shirt Design
- Gary Francis – composer, music downloads, and production of videos •
- Dan Mennear – Website Support

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### AMERICA'S FREEDOM FESTIVAL AT PROVO

Hope of America is a kick-off event to the Freedom Festival's fantastic season of patriotic events. For a complete list of upcoming Freedom Festival events, [follow this link](#).





**Celebrate the Constitution with us in September!**

## **Freedoms Light Festival**

**Sept 17,18,19, 2026**

*Freedom's Light*  
Foundation

# *Festival*

**Freedom's Light**

**★ COME CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250 ★**

- ★ Games & Activities!
- ★ American heroes!
- ★ Hands-on Printing Press!

**...and other interactive events:**

- ★ Artisans!
- ★ Activities!
- ★ Games!

**September 17-19!!**

<b>Bountiful Park ★ 400 North 200 West ★ Bountiful UT</b>		
<b>Thursday 9/17</b>	<b>Friday 9/18</b>	<b>Saturday 9/19</b>
Booths 9am-4pm	Booths 9am-7pm Stage Show 7-8pm Dance 8pm	Booths 9am-4pm Stage Show 12pm & 3pm

For more information **Visit [freedomslight.us](http://freedomslight.us)**

**801.330.0303**





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## WHAT IS HOPE OF AMERICA 50 STATES?

Now that you've experienced Hope of America, here's a great opportunity to tell your friends and out-of-state family about **Hope of America 50 States!** We are thrilled to share this **incredible program with groups across the country!** Did you know that we have programs starting in California, Arizona, Washington, Indiana, and Pennsylvania? Think about this for a minute.

**Who do YOU know who might want to do Hope of America with kids in their community?**

People absolutely love our program because it's SO simple to run with **FREE** resources – lyrics sheets, audio recordings, and videos that teach the song's words and actions. Plus, our program is so, so flexible! It can be a small classroom



program where the kids' parents are invited, a whole school assembly, a family reunion presentation, or a concert for a community or church children's choir. Who knows? Someday it could even grow into a program like tonight's. [This link](#) or the QR code will take you to our Hope of

America **50states Request for Information form**. We have area coordinators standing by to help you get started and to answer questions.



*“Your children will forever cherish the experience of singing and celebrating the Hope of America for our nation’s 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary—whether in schools, homes, or communities.” —Marie Osmond*

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

## **FREEDOM FESTIVAL CONTESTS AND EDUCATIONAL EVENTS FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS**

The Freedom Festival sponsors **competitions and creative outlets** that inspire learning and patriotism. This year’s theme was “We Hold These Truths to be Self-Evident” as we celebrated the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. **Contest prizes of up to \$1000** were offered for winning entries.

- **Constitution Month** – K-12 Deadline November 1, 2026
- **Art Contest** – K-12. Deadline March 1, 2027
- **Essay Contest** – K-12. Deadline March 1, 2027
- **Video Contest** – K-12. Deadline March 1, 2027
- **Educating the Spirit of Liberty** – K—12 Teachers – Deadline April 1, 2027
- **Hope of America School Spirit Award** – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade HOA Deadline April 1, 2027
- **Speech Contest** – 7-12. Deadline April 1, 2027

**Note: Our Constitution Month Contest is still open  
with a November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline!**

For information on our 2027 contests and *next year's* theme, visit  
<https://freedomfestival.org/all-freedom-festival-events/>

## **SOCIAL MEDIA !**

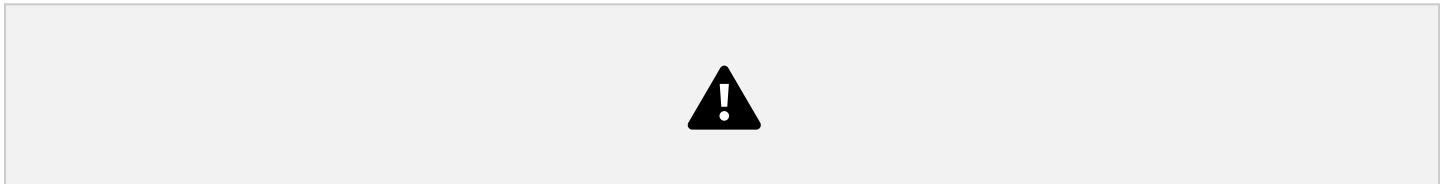
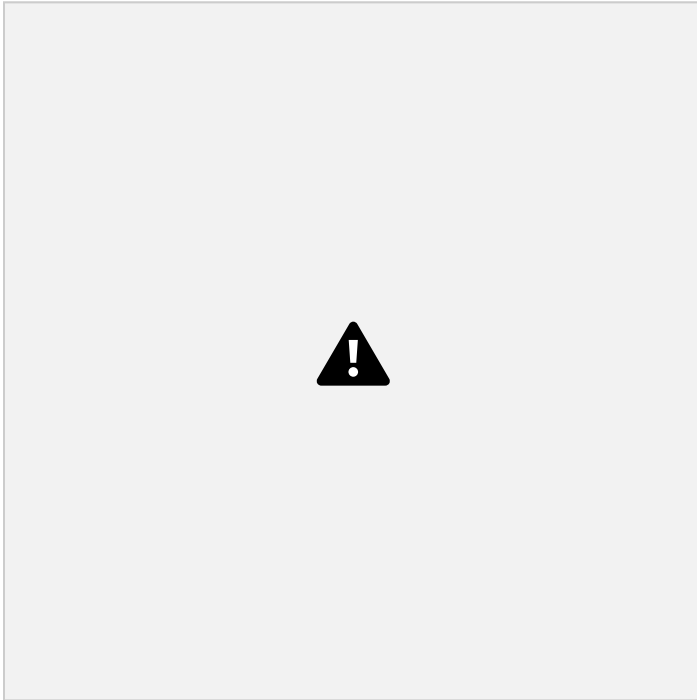
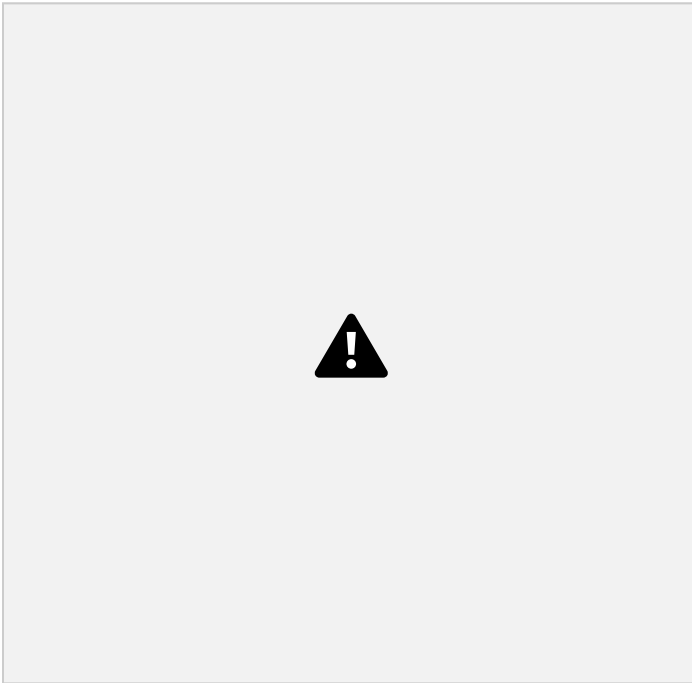
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**We'd LOVE to see  
your pictures from tonight!**

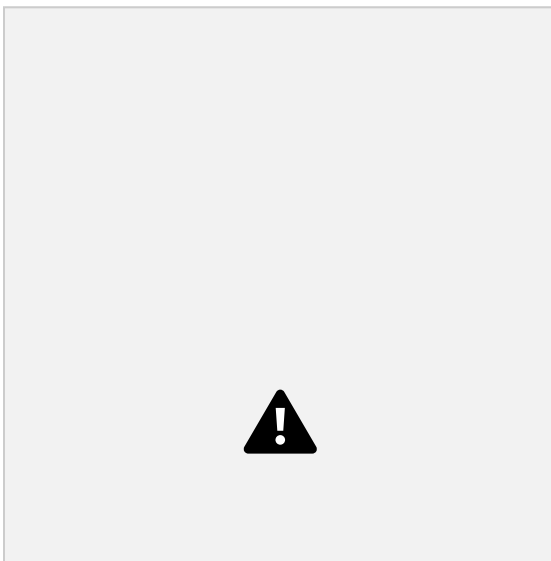
Tag us in your Hope of America posts

@hopeofamerica #hopeofamerica





## FREEDOM FESTIVAL HOPE OF AMERICA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



**Kathy Macdonald** is the creator of Hope of America, an annual patriotic musical program that has become a cherished tradition in Utah since its founding in 1995. Developed with the support of America's Freedom Festival in Provo, the program brings together thousands of fi'h

graders from more than 100 schools to sing songs celebra[ng freedom, service, and civic responsibility. Performances are held each year at the BYU Marriott Center, where students famously sit in forma[on to create a giant American flag while performing.

Under Macdonald’s vision, Hope of America was designed to align with fifth-grade U.S. history curricula and to help young people understand the ideals, sacrifices, and responsibilities associated with American citizenship. Over the decades, the program has grown into one of the largest elementary school musical produc[ons in the country, involving thousands of students annually and by tens of thousands of family and community members. What began as a local educational initiative has expanded beyond Utah and continues to inspire pride, gra[tude, and a sense of shared national heritage through music and performance.



The music of *Hope of America* is more than a performance—it’s an experience that has inspired children for generations. For over 25 years, the composers and songwriters behind this program have helped hundreds of thousands of students discover the joy of learning through music.



Led by educator **Sam Francis**, producer and composer **Cliff Maag**, and songwriter and producer **Gary Francis**, this team blends real classroom insight with world-class musical

talent. Their music, published under the record label “Classroom Classics,” has been shared on national stages, performed for U.S. Presidents, and embraced by organizations such as the National PTA and the United Nations. Sam and Gary Francis also co-wrote Utah’s official state song, *Utah...This Is the Place*.



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Supporting the founders is an accomplished creative team, including arranger and producer **Brian Jensen**, whose work spans more than 60 albums, and renowned composer **Sam Cardon**, whose credits include major television networks and Olympic productions. **Alan and Merrill Osmond**, esteemed members of the world-famous Osmond Brothers, co-wrote the theme song “Hope of America,” along with Cliff Maag and Sam Cardon. **Gaye Gibbs**, an accomplished educator, contributed to the touching song “American Heroes,” and **Janice Kapp Perry**, religious composer and songwriter, co wrote the fun-paced song “America Rocks” with **Orin Hatch**.

Their greatest impact is found in moments like this—when children come together, lift their voices, and feel the power of unity, freedom, and hope. *Hope of America* was created to do more than teach history—it was created to help children feel it, remember it, and carry its message forward

## **PARENTS’ EXIT PLAN**

**Please exit out the “back” doors using the SOUTH door assigned to your school so you can quickly be reunited with your child(ren).**

**THANKS FOR COMING TO HOPE OF AMERICA!**



