

“Only Light Can Do That...
Only Love Can Do That.”



K-State Oboe Day 2026
Featuring Guest Artist Nancy Ambrose King

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness;
only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate;
only love can do that.”

-Martin Luther King, Jr.



Umoja by Valarie Coleman

Performed by the Little Apple Oboe Quartet

Jeanna Eshelman, Kelsey Farr, Natalie Myers, Lucas Reed

Ruminations

by Alyssa Morris

I. Woulda, Coulda, Shoulda

II. Emotions — Masked and Unmasked

III. Enough's Enough

Performed by

Nancy Ambrose King, oboe

“I am no longer accepting the
things I cannot change.

I am changing the things

I cannot accept.”

-Angela Y. Davis



Incantation and Dance by William Grant Still

Performed by Jeanna Eshelman, oboe and Alyssa Morris, piano

“Every great dream begins
with a dreamer.

Always remember,

you have within you the strength,
the patience, and the passion
to reach for the stars and to
change the world.”

-Harriet Tubman





The Deserted Garden

by Florence Price

Performed by Lucas Reed, oboe
and Alyssa Morris, piano

“Music was my refuge.
I could crawl into the space
between the notes and
curl my back to loneliness.”

-Maya Angelou

Door of No Return

I. Dahomey

By Althea Talbot Howard

Performed by Kelsey Farr, oboe
and Alyssa Morris, piano

“When day comes,
we ask ourselves,
where can we find light
in this never-ending shade?

A loss we carry.
A sea we must wade.”

-Amanda Gorman





Soulful Trio No. 1

By Gary Powell Nash

Performed by

Nancy Ambrose King, oboe

Natalie Myers, oboe

Alyssa Morris, English horn

“Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve...
You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Imperfect

for oboe and orchestra

I. Juggling Insecurities

II. I'm Fine. It's Fine. Everything's Fine.

III. Help

Performed by Alyssa Morris, oboe
and Amanda Arrington, piano



“Just because you are happy...does not mean that the day is perfect...
you have looked beyond its imperfections.”

-Bob Marley

Serenade

by André Jolivet

I. Cantilène

II. Caprice

III. Intermède

IV. Marche burlesque

Performed by Nancy Ambrose King, oboe
and Amanda Arrington, piano

“Music does a lot of things for a lot of people.
It’s transporting, for sure...
It’s uplifting, its encouraging, it’s strengthening.”
-Aretha Franklin



“For there is always light,
If only we’re brave enough to see it.
If only we’re brave enough to be it.”

-Amanda Gorman

This Little Light of Mine

Performed by the Wildcat Oboe Band