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meet our ORCHESTRA PERSONNEL

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Taryn Geiger
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Violin II

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Piccolo

Heidi Korsmo

Oboe

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Clarinet

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Bassoon

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Kate Ziegerer

Horn

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Trumpet

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Trombone

Robert Serfass
Hannah Hernandez
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Tuba

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Katie Wychulis

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Percussion

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APRIL SHOWERS

FEATURING OUR 2024 YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION WINNERS

April 6, 2024, 7:00PM

Simon Concert Hall | Omaha Conservatory of Music
7023 Cass Street, Omaha, NE

Cost: Free (\$10 donation suggested - orchestraomaha.org/donate)

PROGRAM

April Showers Bring May Flowers - An Orchestral Premiere
Jestin Cam, featured composer (and Orchestra Omaha player!)

Violin Concerto in A Minor, BWV 1041, Mvt. I
J.S. Bach

Soloist: Marianne Rose Scott, violin

Cello Concerto in E Minor, Op. 85, Mvt. IV
Edward Elgar

Soloist: Nicholas Li, cello

Concerto for Clarinet, Op. 36, Mvt. I
Franz Krommer

Soloist: Mitchell Vacek, clarinet

Les Preludes, Symphonic Poem No. 3
Franz Liszt



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meet our 2024 YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION WINNERS!

MITCHELL VACEK

Orchestral Division Winner



Mitchell Vacek, a freshman at Westside High School, has studied clarinet and saxophone with Andrea Smith at Valley View Music since 2021. He is a current member of the Westside High School Wind Ensemble, Marching Band, Jazz Band, OAYO Youth Symphony, and he was selected for the Nebraska All State Band in both his eighth grade and freshman years. This summer, Mitchell will be performing as a member of the Masterworks Orchestra at the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Twin Lake, Michigan.

In addition to clarinet and saxophone, Mitchell greatly enjoys vocal performance. He has studied voice with Cody Jorgensen

at the Omaha Conservatory of Music (OCM) since 2021, and performed a lead role in the 2023 spring production of "The Wizard of Oz". He has attended the OCM SoundWaves Institute, as well as the Show Choir Camp of America at Heidelberg University in 2023. He is a member of the Westside High School Choir and the Warrior Express Show Choir, and will join the Amazing Technicolor Show Choir during his sophomore year. Mitchell is an Honors student at Westside High School. In his free time, he enjoys performing in local gigs, going to the gym, and spending time with friends.

MARIANNE ROSE SCOTT

Strings Junior Division Winner



Marianne Rose Scott, age 11, has studied violin with Professor Mari-Liis Pääk Calloway for the past 5 years. Along with her younger sister, she receives instruction from Professor Monica Lugo and previously took lessons with Dr. Jonathan Sturm. She received First Prize in the Fanny Mendelssohn International Music Competition (2023), and was recently invited to participate as the youngest member of the Zenith Virtuosi Orchestra at Drake University. Marianne Rose has been a recipient of scholarships to attend the Sewanee Music Festival (2024), the Palmetto International Piano Festival (2022 & 2023), and the Sewanee Music Festival Strings Academy (2022), where she was the youngest participant.

In addition to violin, Marianne Rose has also studied piano since the age of 4. On this instrument, she has received numerous First Prize awards which include the Florida Young Artist International Piano Competition (formerly Frost Young Artists) Solo Category A (2019) and Concerto Category A (2020), making her solo debut with orchestra performing the Haydn Concerto in C Major. Other awards include the Great Piano Masters International Piano Competition (2021) and the Franz Liszt Center International Piano Competition (2024).

Marianne Rose studies with Dr. Marion and Rosa Scott (her parents and permanent music instructors) and performs regularly at student recitals as part of the University of Miami Frost Preparatory Program and community concerts. She was recently invited to participate in the Royal 2023 Winter Festival at The Juilliard School, where she performed in masterclasses with professors Hung-Kuan Chen and Mika Sasaki. Marianne Rose is also the youngest recipient of the prestigious Coral Gables Music Club Scholarship in Miami, Florida. In her spare time, she loves drawing, writing and crocheting. Marianne Rose and her sister play violin at church every Sunday, and enjoy singing in choirs and spending time with friends.

NICHOLAS LI

Strings Senior Division Winner



Nicholas Li is a junior at Lincoln East High School, and has studied cello with Tracy Sands for the past 7 years. He was selected as the winner of the 2022-2023 Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra (LSO) Young Artist Competition and performed as a featured soloist with LSO at the Lied Center for the Performing Arts. Previously, he has performed as soloist with the Junior Youth Orchestra (JYO) and the Lincoln Homeschool Orchestra. Nicholas currently serves as the principal cellist of the Lincoln Youth Symphony, and was chosen as principal cellist for the 2022 and 2023 NMEA All-State Orchestras. He has participated in numerous ensembles and honor orchestras such as UNL

Cellobration, String Fling, UNO BOCH Festival, Hastings College Honors Orchestra, NWU Honors Festival, and the Lied Center Piano Academy. Nicholas has also earned numerous top awards and prizes, including 1st Prize in 2022 MAP International Music Competition, 2022 Rocky Mountain Music Competition, 2022 Charleston Romantic Music Competition, and the 2023 American Protege International Concerto Competition. He is an active member of the Lincoln music community, performing at a number of local festivals, churches, retirement homes and hospitals. Nicholas is a recipient of the 2024 Nebraska Young Artist Award, which is presented to high school juniors who are gifted and talented in the areas of visual art, dance, music, theatre, film, and emerging media arts.

Aside from music, Nicholas has also won awards for his artwork, including a national silver medal in the 2023 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, First Place Art in 2023 Nebraska Emerging Writers and Artists Contest, and numerous prizes in Nebraska Scholastic Art Awards and Nebraska State Fair. He also enjoys Taekwondo and has participated in both district and national tournaments. Nicholas hopes to pursue a degree in cello performance after high school graduation.

COMPOSER JESTIN CAM

"April Showers Bring May Flowers"



April Showers is not only about the coming of spring, but it also conveys a message that things are only temporary and will get better. Through the dark, stormy rain to the joy and happiness we feel as human beings, there will be ups and downs. Sometimes we get so lost in the dark times that we forget that there is a sunny day awaiting us.

Jestin Cam is the current Associate Director of Instrumental Music at Burke High School in Omaha, Nebraska. They direct both Chamber and String Orchestras and assist with band and color guard. They received their Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in May of 2022 and have studied viola from Clark Potter and composition with Greg Simon. They currently play viola with Orchestra Omaha under the direction of Dr. Kenneth Meints, instruct for Omaha Public Schools' Combined Winter Guard, and sponsor Burke's Quiz Bowl.

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