

LAS VEGAS YOUTH ORCHESTRAS WINTER CONCERTS

2023-2024 season



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SATURDAY

DECEMBER 9, 2023

2:30 PM - Ensemble, Sinfonia, & Philharmonic

7:00 PM - Jazz Bands, Saxophone Ensemble,
Percussion Ensemble, Symphonic Band, & Wind Symphony

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OUR MISSION

The Mission of the Las Vegas Youth Orchestras is to provide the youth in the community (regardless of race, creed, economic circumstances, gender, or national origin) an opportunity to expand their musical skills and engage them both intellectually and physically, by committing their time and energy in preparing and performing in an orchestral setting. Students performing excellent music for the community serve as examples of academic and musical excellence and improve the community by offering cultural enrichment.



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ABOUT THE LAS VEGAS YOUTH ORCHESTRAS

The Las Vegas Youth Orchestras (LVYO) consists of nine separate ensembles based upon age (from 8-18) and playing ability. It is a diverse group of over 220 students from the Las Vegas valley and is an after-school program that serves the youth in southern Nevada. Auditions are required. LVYO is open to any CCSD, private school, or home-schooled students.

The upper-level group, the Youth Philharmonic, performs symphonic repertoire as students prepare for entry into collegiate and professional level organizations. An annual concerto competition features a Youth Philharmonic soloist performing at the Spring Concert.

The two younger string only ensembles, the Ensemble Strings and Sinfonia, provide training for students to develop into effective orchestral players.

For the Woodwinds, Brass and Percussion students, LVYO offers a Middle School Symphonic Band program which provides students, grade 9 and below, the opportunity to build instrument skills & enrich their band experiences. For advanced wind and brass players, LVYO offers the Wind Symphony. The artistry of these students is showcased by numerous public performances at key community venues throughout the year.

In addition to these programs, LVYO offers two Jazz bands, a Saxophone Ensemble and a Percussion Ensemble.

The success of the LVYO is shown by over 47 years of history.

The Las Vegas Youth Orchestras
is an equal opportunity program in that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, color,
creed, economic circumstance, gender, or national origin.

Friends of the Las Vegas Youth Orchestras is a Non-Profit 501(c)3 Corporation, Incorporated
and Chartered by the State of Nevada

LVYO 2023 WINTER CONCERT PROGRAM #1

Saturday, December 9, 2023, at 2:30 PM
Clark High School Theater

ENSEMBLE STRINGS

Conducted by Ms. Megan Thompson

A Christmas March

George Frideric Handel
arr. Richard Meyer

Fire in the Bow

Brian Balmages

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Johnny Marks
arr. Lloyd Conley

SINFONIA

Conducted by Ms. Shelly Burger

Carol of the Bells

arr. Michael Hopkins

Dreamer's Farewell

Robert Kerr
Junyang Bi and Aerilyn Cain, piano soloists

Jingle Rock

arr. Bob Phillips

LVYO 2023 WINTER CONCERT PROGRAM #1

PHILHARMONIC

Conducted by Dr. Charles Cushinery

Selections from the Snow Maiden Suite

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

I. Introduction

(1844 – 1908)

II. The Cortège

III. Dance of the Tumblers

Fantasia on Greensleeves

Ralph Vaughan-Williams

(1872 – 1958)

FINALE – Ensemble Strings, Sinfonia, and Philharmonic

A Christmas Festival

Leroy Anderson

ENSEMBLE STRINGS

CONDUCTED BY: Ms. Megan Thompson

VIOLIN

Aarnav Banavathu
Charlie Capes +
Hanna Caraang
Liv Flores
Noah Ona
Raahi Parimi
Dhruv Soundarapandian
Antonella Vasquez
Clarity Wimmer

VIOLA

Walker Lefkowitz *
Khloee Watson

CELLO

Ivy Callihan
Bradley Hellewell
Jasper Lee *
Zosia Szpyrka
Caitlin Yee

BASS

Kailyn Phillips
Andrew Ruvalcaba *

+ Concertmaster
++ Assistant Concertmaster
* Principal
** Assistant Principal

SINFONIA

CONDUCTED BY: Ms. Shelly Burger

VIOLIN

Jonny Bi
Lainey Callihan
Romani Duke
Zoya Durand
Iris Garcia
Ariel Gazala
Lucas Jiang
Emily Krupka
Runxi Liu
Nicholas Monroe
Alexa Rastelli +
Elliot Richards
Leyla Rosales
Lyzbeth Soto
Knox St. Mary Damon *
Lily Tricano

VIOLA

Jazmin Ellis *
Angel Lucas

CELLO

Aerilynn Cain
Aiden Copley
Joel Garzona
Brighton Keller
Ian Lacanienta
Ethan Lee
Jayden Li *
Elin Lu

BASS

Kailyn Phillips
Andrew Ruvalcaba

+ Concertmaster
++ Assistant Concertmaster
* Principal
** Assistant Principal

PHILHARMONIC

CONDUCTED BY: Dr. Charles Cushinery

PICCOLO / FLUTE

Anna McMaster

FLUTE

Elizabeth Alsenz *

Martin Heinitz

Ryan Lin

OBOE

Abigail Panariso

Emilia Tranquilino *

CLARINET

Claire Achilli

Ruben Gonzaga Matias

Sophia Nation

Manuel Nieves Gonzalez *

BASS CLARINET

Ruben Gonzaga Matias

BASSOON

Francesca Jacobucci

Marco Velazquez *

TRUMPET

Claire Ella Castleberry

Richies Huynh

Melvin Lopez

HORN

Susanne Massa

Abigail Olson

TROMBONE

Mark Eala

Adrian Flores

Connor Reyburn

TUBA

Austin Birmingham

VIOLIN

Reyna Aug

Kenneth Choi

April Heinitz

Damon Hernandez

Anna Jung

Alice Kim

Ashley Kim

Ashley Ko

Claire Lee +

Ivan Lee

Kaitlyn Lum *

Kendal Navajo

Aaliyah Pacheco

Ben Smead

Knox St. Mary Damon

Lucas Villafior

Ninna Wang ++

Alice Wathen

VIOLA

Timothy Jung

Felicia Martinez

Andrew Soberano *

CELLO

Marissa Kennedy

Iana Parks

Amalia Ullman

Connor Vaccarino

BASS

William Huang *

Leo Slonina

PERCUSSION

Clark Anderson

Nathaly Cordona

Nahum Hernandez

Alex Higer

Adrienne Landerville

Isobel Reed

PIANO

Julia Casto

+ Concertmaster

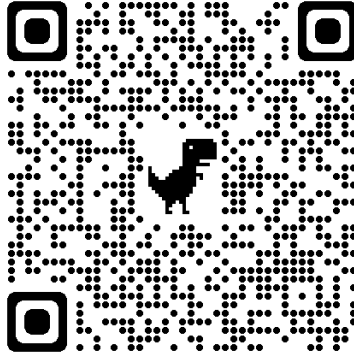
++ Assistant Concertmaster

* Principal

** Assistant Principal

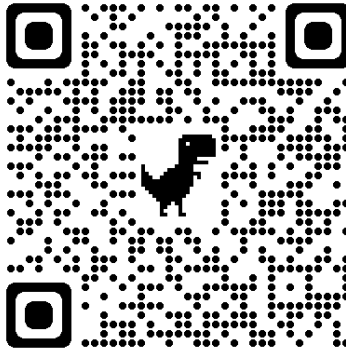
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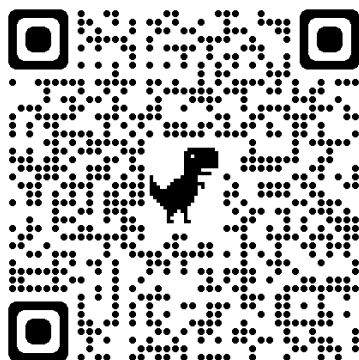
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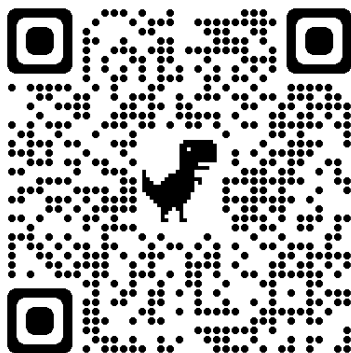
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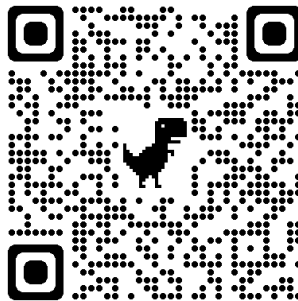
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LVYO 2023 WINTER CONCERT PROGRAM #2

Saturday, December 9, 2023, at 7:00 PM
Clark High School Theater

JAZZ BAND: GREEN

Conducted by Mr. Zachary Williams

Rudolph the Rockin' Reindeer arr. Mike Smukal

White Christmas Irving Berlin
arr. Michael Sweeney

Ye Jazzy Gentleman arr. Peter Blair

Area 51 Larry Barton

JAZZ BAND: BLUE

Conducted by Mr. Tyler Pawl

Christmas Island Lyle Moraine
arr. Paul Murtha

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas Hugh Martin and Ralph Blaine
arr. Alan Baylock

Footprints Wayne Shorter
arr. Mike Tomaro

LVYO 2023 WINTER CONCERT PROGRAM #2

SAXOPHONE ENSEMBLE

Conducted by Dr. Lindsey O'Connor

2 Sleigh Rides

I. Die Schlittenfahrt

II. German Dance, K. 605, No. 3

Leopold Mozart and W.A. Mozart

transcribed by David Bussick

Solace in the Wind

Kevin Day

You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch

Albert Hague

arr. Roshanne Etezady

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Conducted by Dr. Rachel Julian

Dance of the Swans *from Swan Lake*

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

arr. Chris Brooks

Frosty the Snowman

arr. Chis Cockarell

LVYO 2023 WINTER CONCERT PROGRAM #2

SYMPHONIC BAND

Conducted by Mr. Zachary Williams

Solstice Dance

Jack Wilds

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Hugh Martin and Ralph Blaine
arr. Ryan Nowlin

Santa the Barbarian: Snowpocalypse

Randall D. Standridge

Dr. Dick McGee, narrator

WIND SYMPHONY

Conducted by Dr. Lindsey O'Connor

Silent Night in Gotham

Franz Gruber
arr. Julie Giroux

Highlights from *Beauty and the Beast*

Alan Menken
arr. John Moss

FINALE – ALL WINDS AND BRASS plus COACHES

You Better Sleigh!

JaRod Hall

JAZZ BAND: GREEN

CONDUCTED BY: Mr. Zachary Williams

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Connor Beck
Donovan Sasaoka

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Julian Anderson
Breanna Anderson-Flores
Adrian Modesto

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Quinnton Miller-Hooks

TRUMPET

Damon Dees
Kyra Lalas
Esteban Rodriguez
Jonas Sernas
Henry Vasquez
Lazar Zivak

TROMBONE

Lukas Duran
Dean Streets
Marcus Villanueva

EUPHONIUM

Nolan Evans

PIANO

Preston Ross

GUITAR

Alesya Hathaway

BASS

Sage Frausto
Leo Slonina

DRUMS

Isaiah Luque
Maleia Parducho

* Principal

** Assistant Principal

JAZZ BAND: BLUE

CONDUCTED BY: Mr. Tyler Pawl

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Evanna Pichardo
Gabriel Zucchiatti

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Wyatt Gettamaneni

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

James Mazzella

TRUMPET

Tylor Douglas
Ryan Hall
Richies Huynh

TROMBONE

Lukas Duran
Adrian Flores
Adelaide Garnett
Marcus Villanueva

PIANO

Isobel Reed

GUITAR

Charlie Mashore

BASS

Jewleonna Matlock
Leo Slonina

DRUMS

Alex Higer
Breyden Pressley

* Principal

** Assistant Principal

SAXOPHONE ENSEMBLE

CONDUCTED BY: Dr. Lindsey O'Connor

SOPRANO SAXOPHONE

Natalie Diaz *

PERCUSSION

Isobel Reed *

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Jackson Adams

Julian Anderson *

Connor Beck

Shakira Hernandez

Alfred Manera

Haylee Marshall

Jaycen Pace

Esther Wu

Fiona Zhou

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Breanna Anderson Flores

Patrick Fischl

Wyatt Gettamaneni *

Adrian Modesto Gomez

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Stanley Gondek

Andrew Ruvalcaba

Gabriel Zucchiatti *

SOPRANO / BASS SAXOPHONES

James Mazzella *

* Principal
** Assistant Principal

SYMPHONIC BAND

CONDUCTED BY: Mr. Zachary Williams

PICCOLO / FLUTE

Yeham Kang

FLUTE

Haydin Bishop
Sophia Delligatti
Gabby Dorothy
Xavier Fields
Emily Hamasaki
Hannah Ko
Ayalna Vigilia

OBOE

Nicholas Sem
Maddux Tuley

CLARINET

Joshua Anderson
Emily Clark
Logan Davis
Henry Leslie
Lianni Matute
Evanna Pichardo
Ricardo Rodriguez
Shalom Rozenfeld
Nathan Thompson
Jesse Villanueva
Nola Wishmeier

BASS CLARINET

Sage Frausto

CONTRA ALTO CLARINET

Evan LeBlanc

BASSOON

Arabella Uybengkee

ALTO SAX

Karlee Chittick
Natalie Diaz
Patrick Fischl
Shakira Hernandez
Parker Kim

TENOR SAX

Breanna Anderson Flores
Adrian Modesto Gomez

BARITONE SAX

Connor Dixon

TRUMPET

Ryan Hall
Alexandra Morrison
Steven Northern
Esteban Rodriguez
Jonas Semas
Wyatt Williams

HORN

Mathew Ma
Kai Murata
James Panariso

TROMBONE

Robert Cornell
Christopher Hernandez
David McClenton
Elijah Poma
Marcus Villanueva

EUPHONIUM

Rylan Brown
Isaiah Bryant
Lukas Duran

TUBA

Scout Beck
Carter Williams

PERCUSSION

Michaela Ashinhurst
Nathaly Cardona
Elona Demartra
Jordana Dibello
Carter Needham
Sheila Rodriguez
Samir Padron Sendon
Brody Wu
Abraham Yalew

* Principal

** Assistant Principal

WIND SYMPHONY

CONDUCTED BY: Dr. Lindsey O'Connor

FLUTE

Elizabeth Alsenz
Elizabeth Ebanks
Caitlyn Estacio
Wyatt Gettamaneni
Martin Heinitz
Ryan Lin
Anna McMaster
Hanae Ton
Addison Zumwalt

OBOE

Abigail Panariso
Justin Tighi
Emilia Tranquilino

CLARINET

Claire Achilli
Liliana Lasky
Sophia Nation
Manuel Nieves Gonzalez
Naomi Yun

BASS CLARINET

Ruben Gonzaga Matias

BASSOON

Francesca Jacobucci
Marco Velazquez

ALTO SAX

Natalie Diaz
Alfred Manera

TENOR SAX

Julian Anderson
Eliel Perez

BARITONE SAX

James Mazzella

TRUMPET

Claire Castleberry
Jack Clarke
Bryant Enrique Lopez
Melvin Lopez
John Maryott
David Rose

HORN

Diego Alvarenga
Susanne Massa
Abigail Olson
Kelly Peterson
Allison Wade
Amber Zamarripa

TROMBONE

Jayden Anacleto
Danielle Criton
Mark Eala
Connor Reyburn
Eduardo Vega

BASS TROMBONE

Adrian Flores
Javier Pantaleon

TUBA

Aidan Arquette
Austin Birmingham
Megan Wade
Zach Witney

DOUBLE BASS

Andrew Ruvalcaba

PERCUSSION

Clark Anderson
Nahum Hernandez
Alex Higer
Adrienne Landerville
Isobel Reed
Samantha Rivera

* Principal

** Assistant Principal

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

CONDUCTED BY: Dr. Rachel Julian

PERCUSSION

Clark Anderson
Nathaly Cordona
Nahum Hernandez
Alex Higer
Adrienne Landerville
Isobel Reed *

* Principal

** Assistant Principal

MEET THE LVYO BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Dan Mazzella - *Board President*

Dan Mazzella is the Senior Global Director of Software for PlaceTech and Transportation at Arcadis, a global design, engineering, and management consulting company for natural and built assets, headquartered in Amsterdam, Netherlands. Dan has an extensive background in the technology industry and has held various leadership roles throughout his career. He has worked with Wipro as Director of Platform Development, Architecture, and DevOps, and was recognized as a Distinguished Member of Technical Staff, Senior Member. He has also worked with IBM as Manager of DevOps and Worldwide L3 Lead. Dan has been granted 12 patents and has a proven track record of developing digital solutions for commercial real estate, civil, and environmental engineering solutions that lead to reduced carbon, improved automation, and operations.

Dan is a band alumni, playing saxophone from the 6th through 12th grade at Cannon JHS and Green Valley High School, and took private lessons from Raoul Romero. He feels that his time in performing in those bands prepared him for the teamwork required to develop software and technical solutions. He's the proud parent of two boys, both who enjoy the performing arts. Dan is happy to volunteer his time for LVYO, and give a parent's perspective on the Board of Directors.



Jessica Dorothy - *Board Vice President*

Jessica Dorothy is a kindergarten teacher for CCSD at Thiriot ES. Jessica has an extensive background in the performing arts. She began her love for dance at the age of five, attended OCHSA (Orange County High School of the Arts), and danced with the OC Metropolitan Ballet Company. She moved to Las Vegas in 1995, worked as a dancer, choreographer, and dance teacher before attending UNLV, finally finding her happy place as a kindergarten teacher.

Jessica has decades of community service experience volunteering for a variety of non-profit organizations and elementary schools. She has experience with event planning, performing arts productions and fund raising. She is a very proud parent of a 13 year old daughter who is beginning her second year with LVYO. Jessica is excited to join the LVYO board of directors as a parent volunteer and can't wait to dive into this magical world of talented students and inspiring teachers!

MEET THE LVYO BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Katherine Wright - *Board Secretary*

Katherine Wright has been an active member in music her whole life. She has a passion for teaching and helping young musicians become better human beings. Katherine started learning flute at the age of 10 and went to the Las Vegas Academy of the Arts (2008-2012) followed by East Tennessee State University where she received a Bachelor of Music degree studying Music Education with a concentration on Flute and a Minor in Sociology.

While in high school, she played in the Las Vegas Youth Orchestras Program in the Philharmonic Orchestra and later worked as a music secretary for LVYO during the summers from 2012-2017. Katherine is now the Band Assistant for Lawrence Junior High School, currently under the direction of Jimmy Nguyen.

As an active musician in Las Vegas, Katherine has had many opportunities to perform in the community that she grew up in. Katherine has performed with the Desert Winds, the Nevada Pops (2016-2019), and the CSN Community Wind Ensemble (2016-2019) where she has played flute and piccolo. Katherine performs with the Henderson Symphony Orchestra and has had the opportunity to play live music for movie concerts for “The Princess Bride” (2022) and most recently “Marvel’s Black Panther” (2023). She currently performs in local flute choirs with the Sirocco Flutes of Las Vegas, The Silver Winds, and the UNLV Flute Choir where Katherine plays flute, piccolo, alto flute, and bass flute. Most recently, The Silver Winds were able to perform at the Las Vegas Woodwind Day in honor of the 1st Annual Woodwind Day in Las Vegas. Katherine also has a passion for singing and has started singing with the Epiphany Episcopal Church Choir as an alto since the Fall of 2022.

Zachary Williams - *Board Treasurer (advisory)*

Kathryn Green - *Board Member*

Max Feld - *Board Member*

Mike Rambat - *Board Member*

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Board of Directors,
please let us know!

MEET THE LVYO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dr. Jonathan Snyder

Executive Director

Jonathan Snyder is an award-winning freelance horn player, instructor of horn at the College of Southern Nevada, and an instructor of theory and music appreciation at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He earned his doctorate (DMA) at UNLV under the direction of Professor Bill Bernatis and his Master of Music in Horn Performance at the University of California, Santa Barbara under Dr. Steven Gross. Jonathan received his Bachelor of Arts in Music in both Horn Performance and Music Composition at California Lutheran University.

He has performed with Sarah Brightman, Yoshiki, David Perrico, the Oregon Coast Music Festival, Topanga Symphony, Santa Barbara Master Chorale, Santa Maria Philharmonic, Colburn Wind Ensemble, Gold Coast Wind Ensemble, Channel Islands Chamber Orchestra, Desert Winds, and for various university ensembles. He has also played with Opera Las Vegas, Nevada Ballet Theater, Jazz Outreach Initiative, and was a founding member of the Red Rock Wind Quintet. He has performed at Hornclass in Prague and has toured with the Kirkkonummi Chamber Orchestra of Finland. Currently, Jonathan performs with the Las Vegas Philharmonic, Nevada Chamber Orchestra, Pentagogical Brass, and Vegas City Opera. In 2019, he released a CD which includes the first ever recording of Concerto for Horn and Orchestra by Lithuanian composer Balys Dvarionas. He can also be heard on Shea Arender's 2022 release *The King Symphonic* with the Las Vegas Symphony Orchestra.

In June 2022, Jonathan won first prize in the Charleston International Music Competition in the ages 30 and up category. In July 2022 he won second prize (no first prize awarded) in the MEDICI International Music Competition in the professional division. For both competitions, Jonathan performed Olivier Messiaen's "Appel Interstellaire" (Interstellar Call) from *Des Canyons aux étoiles*.

As a composer, Jonathan was a recipient of the 2012-2013 Sherrill C. Corwin Metropolitan Theater Award for his composition "The Last Hope" for orchestra. He continues to compose arrangements for horn ensembles. His arrangements for horn ensembles have been performed in the Czech Republic and throughout the United States.

MEET THE LVYO CONDUCTORS



Megan Thompson

Ensemble Strings

Graduating from the University of Alaska Fairbanks with a BM in Music Education, I'm passionate about nurturing the love of music in young learners. Currently, I teach orchestra at Saville Middle School. Beyond the classroom, I enjoy performing with the Henderson Symphony Orchestra and the Nevada Chamber Orchestra.



Shelly Burger

Sinfonia

Shelly Burger holds a Bachelor of Music Education from Chapman University and a Master of Arts in Education from University of Phoenix. Ms. Burger recently retired as the Orchestra Director at Green Valley High School after a 37-year career with the Clark County School District in Las Vegas, Nevada. Prior to teaching at Green Valley, Ms.

Burger led award winning orchestras at Bonanza High School, Advanced Technologies Academy, and Sierra Vista High School. She was also a Conductor and Coach in the Las Vegas Youth Orchestra program for 22 years and currently serves as the director of the LVYO Sinfonia.

Ms. Burger's orchestras performed on a variety of stages including a 2017 performance at Lincoln Center, a 2014 performance in Chicago Symphony Hall, 2008 and 2010 performances in Carnegie Hall, and two performances at the Midwest Clinic in Chicago, Illinois in 1998 and 2018 during her tenure in CCSD.

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Zachary Williams

Symphonic Band & Jazz Band Green

Zachary Williams is the Director of Bands at Ernest Becker Middle School in Las Vegas, Nevada where he currently teaches three concert ensembles, three beginning bands, and a jazz ensemble, in a band program comprised of 260 students. He has been a music educator for 20 years. Williams had an active private studio from 2003-2015 teaching saxophone, clarinet, and flute. Since 2005, Williams' jazz and concert students have earned "Superior" ratings in concert and jazz festivals in both Las Vegas and California. A founding member of the Red Rock Saxophone Quartet, he has also performed in a variety of venues in Las Vegas.



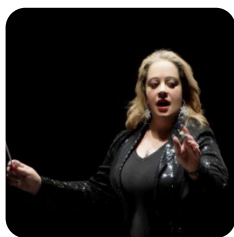
Dr. Charles Cushinery

Philharmonic

Dr. Chuck Cushinery made his living playing violin in the Midwest until 1997, when he became the orchestra director at Clark High School in Las Vegas, NV. The program had 39 young musicians then and now, the enrollment is over 300. Chuck founded the Clark guitar, piano and electronic music programs. In addition to his duties at Clark High School, he is orchestra director for the Nevada School of the Arts Chamber Orchestra. Chuck has served as president of Nevada Chapter of the American String Teachers Association twice, president of Nevada Music Educators Association, chairperson of local and state honors groups, has been on the staff of the National High School Honors Orchestra and is a member of numerous string education committees.

He is a three time top ten finalist for the Grammy Music Educator of the year award. In 2015, the Clark Chamber Orchestra won the Grand National Orchestra Championship at the American String Teachers Association Conference in Salt Lake City.

MEET THE LVYO CONDUCTORS



Dr. Lindsey O'Connor

Wind Symphony & Saxophone Ensemble

Dr. Lindsey N. O'Connor is the Lead Music Faculty & Coordinator of Woodwind Studies at the College of Southern Nevada and the Woodwinds Paraprofessional for Clark County School District. She frequently serves as an adjudicator and clinician, and has given several master classes, lectures, and solo performances as a

guest artist throughout the United States.

As saxophonist for Joey Fatone and Friends and AFTR PRTY, O'Connor has performed with Joey Fatone (*NSYNC), Bobby Brown, Ryan Cabrera, Harley Cameron, Nick Carter (Backstreet Boys), Coolio, DSharp, Luis Fonsi, AJ McLean (Backstreet Boys), Wanya Morris (Boyz II Men), Ray Parker Jr., Alfonso Ribeiro (The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air), Dee Snider (Twisted Sister), Scott Stapp (Creed), Shawn Stockman (Boyz II Men), and Jeff Timmons (98°). She is the principal clarinet and saxophone of the Nevada Chamber Orchestra, and has recently played with the Henderson Symphony Orchestra, Vegas City Opera, and in musical productions on the Las Vegas Strip including Jesus Christ Superstar at the Tropicana and Guys and Dolls at the Westgate.

O'Connor received a Doctor of Musical Arts in Saxophone Performance from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, a Master of Music in Saxophone Performance from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, a Bachelor of Music in Saxophone Performance from Michigan State University, and is a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music (NCTM). She is the President-Elect of the Nevada Music Teachers Association, Higher Education Chair of the Nevada Music Educators Association, and President of the ΣAI Las Vegas Alumnae Chapter.

O'Connor is a Yamaha Performing Artist and Vandoren Artist-Clinician.

MEET THE LVYO CONDUCTORS



Tyler Pawl

Jazz Band Blue

Tyler J. Pawl is currently the Director of Bands at Cadwallader Middle School in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he teaches two concert ensembles, beginning band, percussion, and two jazz ensembles.

Prior to his appointment at Cadwallader, he was the Director of Bands at Findlay Middle School in North Las Vegas, Nevada and Hughes Middle School in Mesquite, Nevada. His ensembles at all three schools have consistently received "Superior" ratings at both district and regional festivals. In 2011, Pawl was recognized as the Veterans of Foreign Wars State of Nevada Citizenship "Teacher of the Year."



Dr. Rachel Julian

Percussion Ensemble

A native of Diamond Bluff, Wisconsin, Rachel Julian received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 2005. She also holds a Master of Music and a Bachelor of Arts in Music.

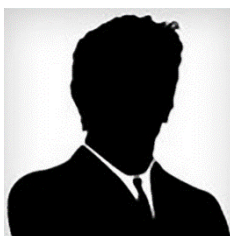
Rachel works as a freelance percussionist in Las Vegas. Her performance credits include the Las Vegas Percussion Collective, Las Vegas Philharmonic, Nevada Pops, Bat Out of Hell – Las Vegas, Nevada Ballet Theatre, Vegas! The Show, Latin Grammys, Andrea Bocelli, Don Rickles, Hugh Jackman, Luciano Pavarotti, David Perrico's Pop Strings and Pop Symphonic Orchestras, and Pop Tropical steel drum trio, Celtic Woman, Lion King – Las Vegas, Hairspray, Opera Las Vegas, Newsies, Tracy Thornton's Pan Rocks, Nevada Opera Theatre, Killian's Angels, Steel R & R steel drum duo, the Tommy Rocker Band, Nevada Chamber Orchestra, and other performance opportunities. Rachel appears on the DVD, Andrea Bocelli – Amore Under the Desert Sky, and has also performed in Mexico, Canada, England, China, Austria, Poland, Germany, and the Czech Republic.

As an educator, Rachel teaches percussion and keyboard at Becker Middle School, and serves as Director of Percussion for the Las Vegas Youth Orchestras and Percussion Specialist for the Clark County School District. In addition, she instructs camps, adjudicates, gives clinics, and maintains a private percussion studio.

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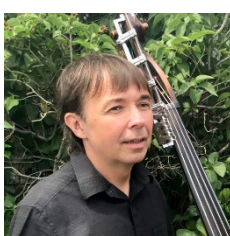
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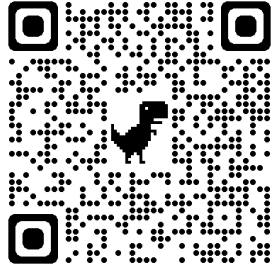
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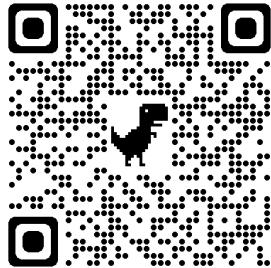
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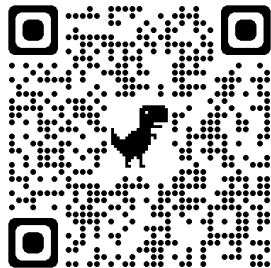
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