

LAS VEGAS YOUTH ORCHESTRAS SPRING CONCERT

2023-2024 season



featuring the 2023-4 LVYO Solo Competition Winner
Claire Lee, violin

with special guest

ALAIN CREPIN

Emeritus Professor of Saxophone at the Royal Conservatory of Brussels

and additional soloists

Dr. Lindsey O'Connor, saxophone

Hayden Eighmy, saxophone

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024 AT 5:30 PM
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LYYO 2024 SPRING CONCERT PROGRAM

SINFONIA

Conducted by Ms. Shelly Burger

City of Steel

Doug Spata

Cellos Ole!

Richard Meyer

Featuring the Ensemble Strings and Sinfonia cello sections

COMBINED ENSEMBLE STRINGS and SINFONIA

Conducted by Mrs. Belinda Boswell

Hopak!

William Owens

Alexa Rastelli, violin

Isobel Reed and Adrienne Landerville, percussion

La Bruja

Jorge Vargas

Andrew Soberano, guitar

Battle

Soon Hee Newbold

Lucas Jiang, Alexa Rastelli, Romani Duke, and Charlie Capes, violin

Isobel Reed and Adrienne Landerville, percussion

LVYO 2024 SPRING CONCERT PROGRAM

PHILHARMONIC

Conducted by Dr. Charles Cushinery

Cadence Everlasting

Rossano Galante

Concerto for Violin in E Minor

Felix Mendelssohn

Claire Lee, violin

LVYO Solo Competition winner

The Firebird Suite

Igor Stravinsky

Danse Infernale

Arr. by Merle J. Isaac

Berceuse and Finale

SENIOR RECOGNITION

2024 LVYO SOLO COMPETITION WINNER



Claire Lee - Violin

Claire Lee is a junior in Palo Verde High School. She began learning violin in 2012 at 5 years old after moving to the US, first instructed by Dr. May Strange, Reina Inui, and now Dr. Susan Kim. As a winner of the Las Vegas Philharmonic Competition (2024), four times winner of the Silver State Competition, two times winner of the Legacy Competition, and two times state representative for MTNA, she has gained recognition across Nevada as a promising violinist. Her additional achievements include awards from the Buschell Competition and the Henderson Symphony Orchestra Competition. Her endeavors have also allowed her to participate as concertmaster for both the CCSD Honors Orchestra (2023) and the Palo Verde Philharmonic.

LVYO 2024 SPRING CONCERT PROGRAM

INTERMISSION

JAZZ BAND: GREEN

Conducted by Mr. Zachary Williams

Too Cool Matt Harris

Blue Monk
Thelonious Monk
Arr. by Mark Sweeney

Rumba Latina Victor Lopez

JAZZ BAND: Blue

Conducted by Mr. Tyler Pawl

One By One
Wayne Shorter
Arr. by Mark Tyler

Tanganova Michael Philip Mossman

Low Country Shuffle Paul Murtha

SAXOPHONE ENSEMBLE

Dr. Lindsey O'Connor, Artistic Director

Saxflight
Alain Crepin
Hayden Eighmy, alto saxophone

Divertimento
Alain Crepin
Alain Crepin & Lindsey O'Connor, alto saxophones

Sax in the City
Alain Crepin
Alain Crepin & Lindsey O'Connor, alto saxophones

LVYO 2024 SPRING CONCERT PROGRAM

SYMPHONIC BAND

Conducted by Mr. Zachary Williams

Also Sprach Zarathustra

Richard Strauss
Arr. by Longfield

Jupiter (from "The Planets")

Gustav Holst
Arr. by Owens

Beyond the Cosmos

David Shaffer

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Conducted by Dr. Rachel Julian

Mercury Rising

Nathan Daughtrey

WIND SYMPHONY

Conducted by Dr. Lindsey O'Connor

Kaleidoscope Eyes

Katahj Copley

I think this kaleidoscope is broken.

Tyler Jones

ENSEMBLE STRINGS

CONDUCTED BY: Mrs. Belinda Boswell

VIOLIN

Charlie Capes +
Hanna Caraang
Dhruv Soundarapandian
Clarity Wimmer

VIOLA

Kaila Bangan
Rediet Fikru *
Walker Leifkowitz

BASS

Kailyn Phillips
Andrew Ruvalcaba *

CELLO

Bradley Hellewell
Asyris Lance
Jasper Lee *
Zosia Szpyrka
Caitlin Yee

SINFONIA

CONDUCTED BY: Ms. Shelly Burger

VIOLIN

Ashley Cao
Tyler Characky
Romani Duke
Iris Garcia *
Ariel Gazala
Lucas Jiang
Emily Krupka
Runxi Liu
Alexa Rastelli +
Elliot Richards
Leyla Rosales
Lily Tricano

VIOLA

Abigail Crawford
Lisa Hiyoshi *
Maryann Mendez
Valentino Pellis

CELLO

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

BASS

Kailyn Phillips
Andrew Ruvalcaba *

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

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PICCOLO / FLUTE

Anna McMaster

FLUTE

Elizabeth Alsenz *

Martin Heinitz

Ryan Lin

OBOE

Abigail Panariso

Emilia Tranquilino *

CLARINET

Claire Achilli

Sophia Nation

Manuel Nieves Gonzalez *

BASS CLARINET

Ruben Gonzaga Matias

BASSOON

Marco Velazquez *

HORN

Susanne Massa

Abigail Olson *

Kelly Peterson

Amber Zamarripa

TRUMPET

Oscar Avendario

Jonah Maryott

Jahaziel Flores

Eric Torres *

TROMBONE

Danielle Critton

Adrian Flores

Connor Reayburn *

TUBA

Austin Birmingham

VIOLIN

Kenneth Choi

Knox Damon

April Heinitz

Damon Hernandez

Anna Jung

Alice Kim

Ashley Kim

Claire Lee +

Ivan Lee

Kenneth Lorr

Kendal Navajo

Ben Smead

Ninna Wang ++

VIOLA

Timothy Jung

Felicia Martinez

Andrew Soberano *

CELLO

Ayda Gomez-Mendez

Alec Kosyagin

Iana Parks

Amalia Ullman

Mace Zalesny

BASS

Kyren McRoy

Leo Slonina

PERCUSSION

Nathaly Cordona-Rosas

Alex Higer

Breyden Pressley

Isobel Reed

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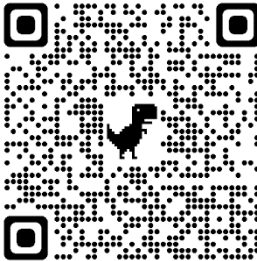
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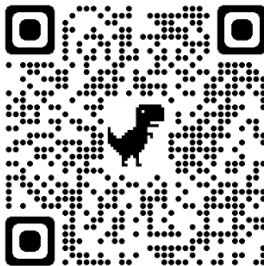


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People

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45
People

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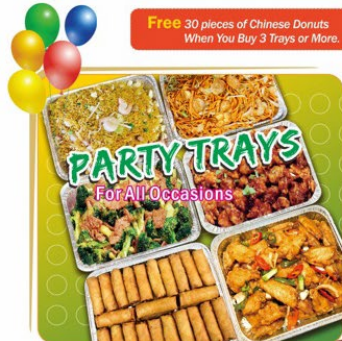
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Mongolian Beef
Sesame Beef
Kung Pao Beef
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Chicken Broccoli
Sesame Chicken
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and more.....

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JAZZ BAND: GREEN

CONDUCTED BY: Mr. Zachary Williams

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Connor Beck
Adrian Modesto
Donovan Sasaoka

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Julian Anderson
Breanna Anderson-Flores

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Quinnton Miller-Hooks

TRUMPET

Kyra Lalas
Kai Murata
Estepan Rodriguez
Henry Vasquez

TROMBONE

Lauren Fihn
Dean Streets
Kashton Zaloudek

PIANO

Preston Ross

GUITAR

Alesya Hathaway

BASS

Sage Frausto-Rivera

DRUMS

Isaiah Luque
Maleia Parducho

JAZZ BAND: BLUE

CONDUCTED BY: Mr. Tyler Pawl

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Evanna Pichardo
Gabriel Zucchiatti

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Robert Anderson
Wyatt Gettamaneni

BARITONE SAX

James Mazzella

TRUMPET

Tylor Douglas
Ryan Hall
Jonas Sernas
Lazar Zivak

TROMBONE

Lukas Duran
Adrian Flores
Adelaide Garnett
Marcus Villanueva

PIANO

Isobel Reed
Hunter Rhee

GUITAR

Charlie Mashore

BASS

Leo Slonina

DRUMS

Clark Anderson

SAXOPHONE ENSEMBLE

Dr. Lindsey O'Connor, Artistic Director

With guest soloists

Alain Crepin, Hayden Eighmy, and Lindsey O'Connor

with members of the CSN Saxophone Ensemble

SOPRANINO SAXOPHONE

Hayden Eighmy +

SOPRANO SAXOPHONE

Paul Bearden +
Natalie Diaz +

**SOPRANO / ALTO
SAXOPHONE**

Antonio Caracun +

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Julian Anderson
William Auflik +

Vincent Balderas +
Shakira Hernandez
Alfred Manera

Haylee Marshall
Jaycen Pace

Esther Wu
Fiona Zhou

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Breanna Anderson-Flores
Wyatt Gettamaneni
Adrian Modesto Gomez
Eliel Perez +
Johnny Rubio +
Alec Russell +

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Stanley Gondek
Andrew Ruvalcaba
Parker Whiteaker +
Gabriel Zucchiatti +

BASS SAXOPHONES

James Mazzella +

PERCUSSION

Clark Anderson
Isobel Reed

**Alain Crepin's appearance is made possible by
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SYMPHONIC BAND

CONDUCTED BY: Mr. Zachary Williams

FLUTE / PICCOLO

Emily Hamasaki

FLUTE

Gabriella Dorothy *

Haydin Bishop

Anya Hadyka

Emily Hamasaki

Pawlo Hinojosa

Yeham Kang

Hannah Ko

OBOE

Nicholas Sem *

Maddux Tuley

CLARINET

Kevin Acevedo

Emily Clark

Logan Davis

Henry Leslie

Lianni Matute

Evanna Pichardo *

Ricardo Rodriguez

Shalom Rozenfeld

Nathan Thompson

Jesse Villanueva

Nola Wishmeier

CONTRA ALTO CLARINET

Evan LeBlanc

BASS CLARINET

Sage Frausto-Rivera

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Karlee Chittick

Natalie Diaz *

Shakira Hernandez

Adrian Modesto

Donovan Sasaoka

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Robert Anderson

Breanna Anderson-Flores

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Connor Dixon

BASSOON

Arabella Uy Bengke

HORN

Mathew Ma *

Kai Murata

James Panariso

TRUMPET

Josiah Gonzalez

Ryan Hall *

Alexandra Morrison

Steven Northern

Esteban Rodriguez

Jonas Sernas

Wyatt Williams

TROMBONE

Robert Cornell

Christopher Hernandez

David McClenton

Elijah Poma *

Marcus Villanueva

EUPHONIUM

Rylan Brown

Isaiah Bryant

Grant Edwards

Bakari Sanneh

TUBA

Scout Beck

Carter Williams *

PERCUSSION

Michaela Ashinhurst

Nathaly Cardona-Rosas

Elona DeMartra

Jordana Dibello

Carter Needham

Breyden Pressley

Xyran Tubon-Fulgencio

Abraham Yalew

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** Assistant Principal

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

CONDUCTED BY: Dr. Rachel Julian

PERCUSSION

Clark Anderson
Nathaly Cordona
Alex Higer
Adrienne Landerville
Isobel Reed *
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Aaron Slighting

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Jahaziel Flores
Saul Robles
Eric Torres

HORN

Diego Alvarenga
Susanne Massa
Abigail Olson
Kelly Peterson
Amber Zamarripa

TROMBONE

Danielle Critton
Mark Eala
Connor Reyburn

BASS TROMBONE

Adrian Flores
Javier Pantaleon

EUPHONIUM

Nolan Evans
Aleyna Lamug

TUBA

Austin Birmingham

DOUBLE BASS

Andrew Ruvalcaba

PERCUSSION

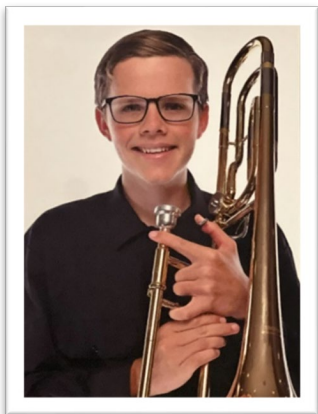
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MEET OUR GRADUATING SENIORS



Connor Mykita Reyburn - Trombone

School: Bishop Gorman High School

Time in LVYO: 6 years

What are your plans after High School?

I will be in Boise State University studying music!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

I imagine myself performing for some popular group that plays every night.

What is your favorite memory of LVYO?

My favorite memory was Mr. Vargas creating the brass ensemble. I loved how he challenged us with tough music while also creating good laughs every time we rehearsed.

What advice would you give to the younger members of LVYO?

I would advise to believe in yourself and that you can do a lot of incredible things just by practicing a few minutes a day.

What's your hidden talent that no one knows about?

I can run long distance. My fastest mile is 5:15 and I'm trying to get below 5 minutes by the end of my senior year.

If you could live any place else in the world, where would that be and why?

I would live in a rural area in Scotland because there are so many beautiful places there and it would be so peaceful.

Would you like to thank anybody?

I'd like to thank Mr. Allan Quan, Dr. Carmella Cao, Mr. Julio Vargas, Jamie Reyburn, Brian Reyburn, Jeffrey Williams, Mr. Diaz, and Mr. Zachary Williams

MEET OUR GRADUATING SENIORS



Iana Parks - Cello

School: Las Vegas Academy of the Arts

Time in LVYO: 5 years

What are your plans after High School?

I will be attending a university, double majoring in music education and music performance.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Teaching string instruments and having opportunities to travel internationally for music.

What is your favorite memory of LVYO?

Playing the Rosamunde Overture with Mr. Paredes.

What advice would you give to the younger members of LVYO?

Have fun, but remember this orchestra is designed to make you better as a player, so never forget to work hard!

What's your hidden talent that no one knows about?

Drawing on my hands.

If you could live any place else in the world, where would that be and why?

Iceland because of the beautiful landscaping.

Would you like to thank anybody?

I would like to thank my parents first because they always pushed me to be the best I could be. I'd also like to thank my teachers Mrs. Reinarz and Mr. McAllister for giving me opportunities that I would have never thought possible. Thank you!!

MEET OUR GRADUATING SENIORS



Abigail Olson - Horn

School: Palo Verde High School

Time in LVYO: 1 year

What are your plans after High School?

I will be studying Biology with a minor in Asian Studies at Calvin University in Michigan

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

I hope to be working in a laboratory position, possibly at a hospital, where I can continue in science.

What is your favorite memory of LVYO?

My favorite memory is the brass sectionals that we would have for the Wind Symphony because I got to know the other people there better and our instructor Mr. Diaz was amazing.

What advice would you give to the younger members of LVYO?

If you want to improve, do what you love and keep practicing!

What's your hidden talent that no one knows about?

I can make delicious chocolate macarons

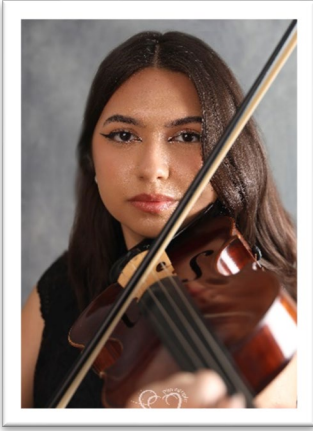
If you could live any place else in the world, where would that be and why?

Italy, because it's beautiful there and the food is delicious

Would you like to thank anybody?

I would like to thank my parents for letting me be in the ensembles and always encouraging me in music, and Mr. Diaz for helping me improve in my music skills this past year.

MEET OUR GRADUATING SENIORS



Felicia Christine Martinez - Viola

School: Palo Verde High School

Time in LVYO: 5 years

What are your plans after High School?

I will be attending Loyola University Chicago in the Honors Program, studying art and forensic science

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

In ten years I hope to be starting my residency to become a forensic pathologist.

What is your favorite memory of LVYO?

My favorite memory of LVYO is all my concerts with my stand partner of four years.

What advice would you give to the younger members of LVYO?

Even when rehearsals seem long and tiring, the concert is always worth it. So stick with it.

What's your hidden talent that no one knows about?

Baking

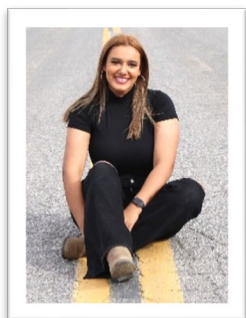
If you could live any place else in the world, where would that be and why?

I don't know where I would want to live, but I know as born and raised Las Vegas that I want it to be somewhere with seasons.

Would you like to thank anybody?

I would love to thank my parents, and my teacher Bob Taras, who has seen me grow up and has taught me everything I know about music.

MEET OUR GRADUATING SENIORS



Anna McMaster - Flute

School: Veterans Tribute Career Technical Academy

Time in LVYO: 7 years

What are your plans after High School?

I will be attending Arizona State University Majoring in Biomedical Studies.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

In 10 years, I see myself halfway through med school, I hope by then I decide what my residency would be in and I would be able to start my career in pathology by being able to intern and work hand to hand with some corners and pathologists. I also hope that by then I have a few options where I can work.

What is your favorite memory of LVYO?

During my sophomore year we were practicing in sections, I had picked up my piccolo to play my solo then all of a sudden it snapped. I was right under an air vent so now an inside joke between the woodwinds is that I am no longer allowed to play under an air vent.

What advice would you give to the younger members of LVYO?

If I were to give one piece of advice- I would say try to enjoy it as much as you can, as you get older you have more responsibilities, and if music isn't going to be what you perse in the future it can get difficult to appreciate it all the time. I defiantly noticed that the past 2 years I have become more detached with music and. that's really put a rain on me. So, make sure that you keep music in your life, whether it be planning to play for 15 minutes a day or listening to the music you are performing.

What's your hidden talent that no one knows about?

I feel like my hidden talent is that I love to sing, I wouldn't say I am the best or anything, but I definitely enjoy it.

If you could live any place else in the world, where would that be and why?

That would be Tokyo Japan, I would pick to live there because I love their culture and appreciate their appreciation of cars. I am a huge car enthusiast, so I often find myself admiring that part of the world.

Would you like to thank anybody?

I want to give a special thanks to Dr. Lindsey O'Connor who has been my private teacher for 7 years now, her along with my middle school band teacher Ms. Holsted were the reason why I decided to audition in LVYO. Lindsey has been a tremendous help not only in my music "career" but she has always been there to support me in my everyday life. Through all of my craziness and my ups and downs, Lindsey was always there and without her and the motivation she gave me I wouldn't be where I am.

MEET OUR GRADUATING SENIORS



Eric "El Viejon" Torres - Trumpet

School: Canyon Springs High School

Time in LVYO: 4 months

What are your plans after High School?

I plan on joining the national guard and start attending UNLV next spring.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

10 years from now I should already have a bachelor's in law and a degree in music. By that time I hope my mariachi group will still be going strong, and hopefully, we'll be one of the best groups in Vegas. I'll be getting

closer to my dream of becoming a swat officer.

What is your favorite memory of LVYO?

My favorite memory of LVYO was the first practice I attended. It was something like I've never done before and it was a new exciting challenge. Through LVYO I met other mariachi players and recruited a new trumpet player for my group.

What advice would you give to the younger members of LVYO?

Some advice I would give to the younger members is to stay strong and not give up. Keep your mind open to advice and new interpretations. Always bring a pencil to practice.

What's your hidden talent that no one knows about?

I used to dance with an adult professional folklorico group called Folklorico de mi tierra. I'm also the main singer for my mariachi group.

If you could live any place else in the world, where would that be and why?

I would want to live in Tokyo, Japan. They have beautiful Cherry Blossom trees and there's so much to do.

Would you like to thank anybody?

I would like to thank my band teacher Mr. Baldwin and my mother. They have both given tremendous support no matter what area of music I dove into. Mr. Baldwin was the best band teacher I could ask for, he always went out of his way to help me and if he couldn't help he would find a way. He always made sure I was on track and always encouraged me to pursue music as a passion.

MEET OUR GRADUATING SENIORS



Sophia Nation - Clarinet

School: Faith Lutheran

Time in LVYO: 6 years

What are your plans after High School?

I will be attending UNLV.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

In 10 years I will be very successful and have my life together.

What is your favorite memory of LVYO?

My favorite memory of LVYO was the winter concert of 2023. The music was amazing, playing the music on stage was so much fun, and backstage was a joy.

What advice would you give to the younger members of LVYO?

Practice with patience and play out. Your sound is important to the betterment of the band.

What's your hidden talent that no one knows about?

Hiding my talents

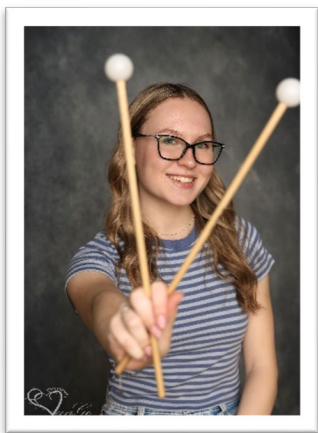
If you could live any place else in the world, where would that be and why?

If I could live anywhere in the world, I would live in my own personal mansion in Las Vegas. You can do everything in Las Vegas, and it is full of entertainment.

Would you like to thank anybody?

My time in middle school band showed me my passion for music. Without the friends I made along the way and the teachers who kept me persevering, I would not have gotten to experience the joy of music in the same, fulfilling way.

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Isobel Reed - Percussion

School: Palo Verde High School

Time in LVYO: 6 years

What are your plans after High School?

I plan on attending college in an undecided field of study.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

10 years from now, I will have graduated college and found a job that allows me to travel.

What is your favorite memory of LVYO?

My favorite memory is when I was playing Havana with the philharmonic and a fellow percussionist dropped the cowbell on their head.

What advice would you give to the younger members of LVYO?

I would recommend participating in as many groups as possible in order to expose yourself to many different types of music.

What's your hidden talent that no one knows about?

My hidden talent is taking photos (photography).

If you could live any place else in the world, where would that be and why?

I would live in Broadstairs, England so that I could be close to my family.

Would you like to thank anybody?

I would like to thank Dr. J for all of the support and guidance that she has provided me in the seven years that I've known her. She has been a true inspiration and I greatly appreciate all that she has done for me!

MEET OUR GRADUATING SENIORS



Alice Kim - Violin

School: Coronado High School

Time in LVYO: 10 years

What are your plans after High School?

After high school, I will be attending college studying biology as my major.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

10 years from now, hopefully, I will have passed the MCAT with a high score and be a resident at a hospital.

What is your favorite memory of LVYO?

Although it wasn't the best feeling at that time, my favorite memory of LVYO was when we would compete and reseal in front of everyone.

What advice would you give to the younger members of LVYO?

If I could give an advice to the younger members of LVYO, it would be to just enjoy the moment and create many new friends because the different orchestras you join will allow you to make more connections with new people.

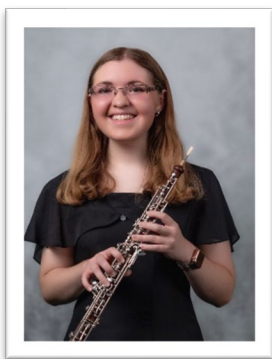
What's your hidden talent that no one knows about?

I don't think I have a hidden talent.

If you could live any place else in the world, where would that be and why?

If I could live any place else in the world, it would be New York because I would be able to go and watch every Broadway show there.

MEET OUR GRADUATING SENIORS



Abigail Panariso - Oboe

School:

College of Southern Nevada High School - South

Time in LVYO: 6 years

What are your plans after High School?

I will be graduating from CSN's High School Program with my Associates in Psychology, and will be starting at UNLV as a Junior in the Fall to continue studying Psychology. I will be a part of UNLV's Service Learning Honors Program and will play oboe as a non-major in one of UNLV's ensembles!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Staying in Las Vegas, becoming a Clinical Psychologist, & continuing to play oboe in various bands.

What is your favorite memory of LVYO?

My favorite memory of LVYO is the 2023 Winter Concert, where all of the ensembles and educators combined to perform You Better Sleigh! That was so much fun.

What advice would you give to the younger members of LVYO?

Never be afraid if you are ever struggling with anything. No matter what, make sure to put your best effort into everything, and there are always conductors and professionals to help you master your music! There is no such thing as perfect practice! Also, get to know your section more as everyone at LVYO is very welcoming and we often collaborate!

What's your hidden talent that no one knows about?

I would say that I am an animal whisperer and really good with animals.

If you could live any place else in the world, where would that be and why?

I would probably live somewhere in Italy. Italy is such a beautiful place, and my ancestry is derived from there. I also love the music and the food.

Would you like to thank anybody?

I would like to thank Caitlin Kramer, who has been my oboe teacher since the very beginning and has stuck with me for seven years. I would not be the oboe player I am today without her. I would like to thank Dr. Will Daines, who introduced me to the beautiful sounds of the oboe in middle school, and whose encouragement and positive reinforcement stayed with me all throughout high school. I would like to thank Mr. Williams, who invited me to play for LVYO in middle school and made it so much fun to play for LVYO. I would like to thank Dr. O'Connor, who has always supported me and helped me master my music all throughout middle school and high school with LVYO these last six years. I would like to give a huge thank you to my mom and my dad who drove me to every practice, rehearsal, performance, and lesson and who funded my oboe passion. I would also like to thank my brother James who is brutally honest and told me in the sixth grade when I was learning how to play the oboe, that I should not play by the back patio door as I sounded like I was making goose calls with my oboe. That pushed me to learn how to play and get better real fast.

MEET OUR GRADUATING SENIORS



Marco Velazquez Reafs- Bassoon

School: Las Vegas Academy of the Arts

Time in LVYO: 7 months

What are your plans after High School?

Going to Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington for Engineering

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Hopefully at an engineering job making good enough money to live comfortably

What is your favorite memory of LVYO?

The first rotation I came in on late notice and the piece I played for Wind symphony was one of the most fun I've ever played.

What advice would you give to the younger members of LVYO?

Definitely practice a minimum of even 30 minutes a day. Also make sure to practice the boring parts you may not want to practice.

What's your hidden talent that no one knows about?

I can crack my knuckles just by closing my fist

If you could live any place else in the world, where would that be and why?

Switzerland, I've always wanted to visit and from what I've seen it looks so fresh and open.

MEET OUR GRADUATING SENIORS



Emilia "Mina" Elizabeth Tranquilino ***Oboe, English Horn***

School: Las Vegas Academy of the Arts

Time in LVYO: 6 years

What are your plans after High School?

Planning to attend UNLV for music performance and business management.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Probably in LA, buying my mom's dream house and car.

What is your favorite memory of LVYO?

Meeting my best friend of six years now. :3

What advice would you give to the younger members of LVYO?

Music sounds better when you play with emotion.

What's your hidden talent that no one knows about?

I'm good at digital design and make business logos.

If you could live any place else in the world, where would that be and why?

I would probably live somewhere in Italy. Italy is such a beautiful place, and my ancestry is derived from there. I also love the music and the food. Somewhere in Spain because it's just pretty cool :)

Would you like to thank anybody?

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MEET OUR GRADUATING SENIORS



Manuel Nieves Gonzalez - Clarinet

School: Ed W. Clark High School

Time in LVYO: 5 years

What are your plans after High School?

I plan to attend a college to study Economics and Business Administration, as well as Music Performance to continue playing my clarinet.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

I would imagine myself living anywhere with nice weather, with a stable job and free time spent hanging out with my friends and continuing my passion for music.

What is your favorite memory of LVYO?

Performing at the Smith Center for the first time!

What advice would you give to the younger members of LVYO?

Continue doing what you love, no matter what anyone else tells you!

What's your hidden talent that no one knows about?

I have none, I share all of my abilities with everyone.

If you could live any place else in the world, where would that be and why?

New York City, because it is the city that never sleeps. I also really like the bagels there!

Would you like to thank anybody?

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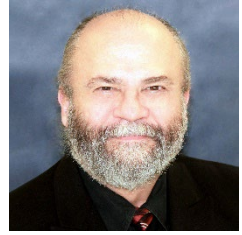
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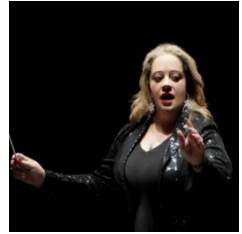
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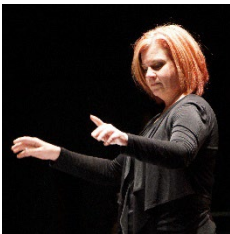
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