



**2025 TMEA Region XXV MS Orchestras  
In Concert  
Lowery Freshman Center Auditorium  
Saturday November 15, 2025**

**3:00 PM – Bach Orchestra**

***Charlotte Moellering, conductor***

Dramatic Essay – Mark Williams

Doraji – Ben Snoek

La Paloma (The White Dove) – Sebastián Yradier/arr. Longfield

**Violin I**

Eason Ding	Curtis MS
Viraj Nirmal	Rice MS
Cindy Zou	Rice MS
Lillian Chen	Haggard MS
Elyse Lee	Rice MS
Jeffrey Zheng	Ereckson MS
Juran Liu	Rice MS
Akshay Chakravarthi	Murphy MS
Cecily Choi	Willow Springs MS
Keshav Devanathan	Ereckson MS
Sophia Kim	Rice MS
Ellery Zhang	Renner MS
Adriana Graciotti	Rice MS
Alex Jo	Ereckson MS
Katie Lee	Otto MS
Jeremy Hu	Ereckson MS

**Violin II**

Alexander Lee	Rice MS
Allison Phan	Willow Springs MS
Michael Ho	Ereckson MS
Sarang Mamadapur	Rice MS
Meghana Shenoy	Otto MS
Lin Myat Thadar Aung	Frankford MS
Nazeef Joarder	Ford MS
Natalie Stertz	Murphy MS
Faith Chan	Rice MS
Katherine Yang	Rice MS
Kingsley Ng	Rice MS
Issac Yang	Rice MS
Maxander XingYu (Max) Tan	Ereckson MS
Anaisha Komanduri	Ford MS
Victoria Li	Rice MS
Angelin Mercy	Rice MS

**Viola**

Cara Pipe	Willow Springs MS
Abigail Lau	Robinson MS
Angelina Huang	Willow Springs MS
Evan Verma	Ereckson MS
Aiden Pepkin	Curtis MS
Ally Jin	Ereckson MS
Leila Hong	Murphy MS
Gabriel Gao	Ereckson MS
Kyle Shin	Rice MS
Sai Sahasra (Sahasra) Produtor	Ereckson MS
Nicolas Coyle	Renner MS
Nithiksha Navaneethakrishnan	Willow Springs MS
Ayush Padarathi	Ereckson MS
Joongho (Jake) Ahn	Curtis MS

**Cello**

Aaron Shao	Ereckson MS
Franklin Wang	Sloan Creek MS
Alina Kanwar	Curtis MS
Donovan Abernethy	Willow Springs MS
Kavin Chellamuthu	Otto MS
Arjun Martinez	Murphy MS
Louis Lu	Haggard MS
Max Couvillon	Rice MS
Andrew Tan	Rice MS
Kaylee Su	Rice MS
Preston Hsieh	Ford MS
Chloe Xu	Ereckson MS
Ding-Wei Tsai	Rice MS
Jacqueline Yuan	Rice MS

**String Bass**

Viraj Mazumdar	Willow Springs MS
Henry Church	Ereckson MS
Amira Qureshi	Otto MS
Charles Dominguez	Willow Springs MS
Eshaan Sriram	Ereckson MS
Mitchell Smith	Willow Springs MS

## 4:00 PM - Beethoven Orchestra

*Brenda Johnson, conductor*

Ode to a Joyride – Brian Balmages

Last Rose of Summer from “Martha” – Friedrich von Flotow/arr. Longfield

Ironwork – Ted Allen

### Violin I

Ishaan Chatterjee	Otto MS
Selena Wang	Rice MS
Ethan Jia	Ereckson MS
Joanna Sun	Rice MS
Yeji (Chloe) Kim	Ereckson MS
Wesley Shen	Ereckson MS
Yuhan Zhu	Ford MS
Doyun (David) Park	Ereckson MS
Catherine Fang	Rice MS
Liang-Yu Tsai	Rice MS
Jiin (Zoe) Kim	Ereckson MS
William Hamlen	Murphy MS
Suri Khoobroo	Renner MS
Nick Tang	Rice MS
Saadhana Anand	Otto MS
William Zhang	Schimelpfenig MS
Dylan Luong	Renner MS
Suri Fan	Ford MS
Alex Bao	Rice MS
Neela Samuel	Samuel Homeschool

### Violin II

Anabel Biringer	Haggard MS
Leia Lin	Cooper JH
Eric Yang	Ereckson MS
Emily Wu	Rice MS
Wei-Lin Wu	Robinson MS
Amber Barries	Ereckson MS
Ethan Chan	Murphy MS
Sophia Duncan	Ereckson MS
Shanae Salvador	McMillan JH
Raadin Dehghan	Robinson MS
Benjamin Adam-Perez	Robinson MS
James Tran	Curtis MS
Reema Bhogireddi	Ereckson MS
Alexis Liu	Robinson MS
Titus Sun	Curtis MS
Ryelle Ramsey	Curtis MS
Noah Park	Curtis MS
Emily Wu	Schimelpfenig MS
Violetta Zhukovskiy	Willow Springs MS
Navya Patel	Renner MS

### Viola

Reyansh Pidaparthi	Renner MS
Rhys Gentapanan	Rice MS
Tung Tran	Curtis MS
Faizan Zaki	Rice MS
Henry Toy	Curtis MS
Tung Nguyen	Curtis MS
Nakul Gowda	Renner MS
Duc Tran	Murphy MS
Stacey Ho	Rice MS
Leon Kim	Ford MS
Thomas Giometti	Renner MS
Echo Yang	Ereckson MS
Annabelle Castillo	Ford MS
Wesley Mega	Curtis MS
Tristan Groten	Curtis MS
Brynn Caudell	Willow Springs MS

### Cello

Aidan Zhang	Rice MS
Shine Jang	Ereckson MS
Lydia Marcin	Ereckson MS
Rachel Chiu	Curtis MS
Daria Maslennikova	McMillan JH
Adrian Wu	Ereckson MS
Dorothy Zhao	Rice MS
Benjamin Mao	Renner MS
Kayla Hsieh	Ereckson MS
Natalie Tang	Schimelpfenig MS
Jingwen (Emma) Yang	Ereckson MS
Kayson Qin	Ford MS
Arohee Modh	Schimelpfenig MS
Andrew Wang	Rice MS
Brandon Kim	Rice MS
Mark Amat	Robinson MS

### String Bass

Abigail McCartney	Hendrick MS
Valerie Ortiz	Wilson MS
Sydney McCall	Willow Springs MS
Jack Sakai	Schimelpfenig MS
Emma Pierson	Willow Springs MS
Leighton Switzer	Curtis MS

# 5:00 PM - Brahms Orchestra

*Ragan Whatley, conductor*

Nabucco Overture – Giuseppe Verdi/arr. Dackow

Adieu – Todd Coleman

Orion and the Scorpion – Soon Hee Newbold

## Violin I

Zoe Ishaque	Ereckson MS
Ethan Guo	Rice MS
Tony Wang	Rice MS
Sophie Wang	Rice MS
Lucia Duan	Rice MS
Claire Lee	Ereckson MS
Lydia Wang	Robinson MS
Asumi Okamoto	Wilson MS
Karis Chon	Rice MS
Joyce Fang	Rice MS
Yuqian Pan	Rice MS
Howie Chang	Curtis MS
Sayo Takagi	Rice MS
Haoming Zhang	Rice MS
Justin Hoang	Murphy MS
Isabel Haeger	Haeger Homeschool

## Violin II

David Ahn	Renner MS
Natalie Lin	Rice MS
Sanika Mule	Rice MS
Daniel Zhang	Rice MS
Stanley Dai	Rice MS
Elin Yi	Renner MS
Sebastian	Ereckson MS
Huynh	
Madi Lee	Ereckson MS
Eli Lee	Ereckson MS
Daniel Lin	Curtis MS
Andy Shang	Rice MS
William Zhao	Ereckson MS
Ellie Ni	Rice MS
Calvin Qu	Rice MS
Leela Ramanath	Renner MS
Prathik Karthik	Rice MS

## Viola

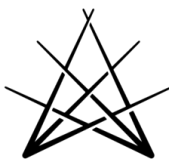
Anna Hanna	Rice MS
Jin-Lee Hugo Yu	Rice MS
Caden Dismukes	Curtis MS
Andrew Li	Rice MS
Aubrey Wu	Willow Springs MS
Jane Pan	Rice MS
Ethan Kim	Ereckson MS
Srinivas Surisetty	Otto MS
Noah Tan	Rice MS
Henry Lee	Rice MS
Jaden Hung	Robinson MS
Katelyn Du	Ereckson MS

## Cello

Bruno Tavares	Robinson MS
Caitlyn Shi	Curtis MS
Anderson Cheng	Curtis MS
Max Landefeld	Rice MS
Amber Li	Rice MS
Sophia Wang	Willow Springs MS
Jesse Han	Ereckson MS
Mia Gao	Rice MS
Brian Kim	Ereckson MS
Adam Xu	Willow Springs MS
Lucy Nam	Rice MS
Audrina Le	Ereckson MS

## String Bass

Anujan	Rice MS
Srinivasaraghavan	
Jasper Kuo	Rice MS
Afia Asante	Curtis MS
Hugh Hawkins	Willow Springs MS
Malini Reddy	Rice MS
Daniel Rodriguez-Glass	Schimelpfenig MS



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### **Bach Orchestra – 3:00 p.m. Charlotte Moellering, Conductor**

**Charlotte Moellering**, the 2024 TODA Orchestra Director of the Year, holds a BME from Southwestern University and a M.Ed. from the University of North Texas, is a nationally recognized leader in the field of music education. She is a Past President of TODA and has taught all levels of orchestra from elementary to college. Twenty-four of her forty plus years were spent as the orchestra director of the Blalack MS Orchestras in Carrollton, Texas before she retired in 2010. From 2013-2015, she was an adjunct instructor at Texas A & M Commerce, where she taught the string methods courses, applied string lessons and coached a chamber ensemble. As a master teacher, she is in her 16<sup>th</sup> year as a collaborative new teacher coach for orchestra teachers in the Lewisville ISD, and is a Clinical Field Supervisor of orchestra student teachers with the University of North Texas. Mrs. Moellering is a nationally sought clinician for Eastman Strings and Music and Arts, as well as numerous region and local school orchestras. Actively involved as a state and national adjudicator for festivals and staff development, as well as Texas UIL, she holds

memberships in TODA, TMEA, TMAA, Mu Omicron, ASTA, Phi Beta Kappa and is an honorary Texas PTA life member. She has served as the Orchestra Vice-President of TMAA, leading UIL adjudicator training workshops. Mrs. Moellering is listed in multiple editions of *Who's Who of American Women* and is a recipient of the National DAR Community Service Award for directing an intergenerational community orchestra she founded in 2000. She and her wife share 5 adult children, one teen, and 4 grandchildren. She loves traveling, having visited all 50 states and 6 continents.



### **Beethoven Orchestra – 4:00 p.m. Brenda Johnson, Conductor**

**Brenda Johnson** is the Director of Orchestras at Sandra Day O'Connor High School (Northside ISD) in Helotes, Texas. From McAllen, TX, she received her Bachelor of Music Education degree from Baylor University. Upon graduation, Mrs. Johnson began her teaching career with the Plano Independent School District at Haggard, Carpenter, and Bowman Middle Schools. While teaching in Plano, Mrs. Johnson earned a master's degree from the University of North Texas in Music Education & Curriculum and Instruction. From 2009-2016, Mrs. Johnson was the head orchestra director at Hector Garcia Middle School (Northside ISD) in San Antonio, TX where she opened the school and established the Gladiator Orchestra program. In their first year as a brand new school, the top Advanced Orchestra received 4th place in the TMEA Honor Orchestra Competition. Each year, both varsity and non-varsity groups have received Sweepstakes ratings at the U.I.L. Concert/Sight-Reading Contest. Under the direction of Mrs. Johnson, the orchestra program at Garcia MS grew to over 250 students. In her 27<sup>th</sup> year of

teaching orchestra, Mrs. Johnson is an active clinician/adjudicator in the San Antonio area and serves as a cooperating teacher for music student teachers from the University of Texas at San Antonio. She is also consistently invited to conduct All-Region Orchestras and judge UIL Concert/Sightreading contests. Mrs. Johnson has been affiliated with the Youth Orchestra of San Antonio (YOSA) as a conductor and still is asked to guest conduct and teach sectionals when needed. In 2004, Mrs. Johnson was one of four teachers in Texas to receive an award for excellence in music teaching named the Marjorie Keller Young Music Educator's Award awarded by the American String Teacher Association (ASTA). In 2008-2009, she received the Teacher of the Year and PTA Life Member Awards at Bowman Middle

School. And in 2015-2016, she received the Educator of the Year Award at Hector Garcia Middle School. In 2016, she was awarded the KENS5/SACU ExCEL in teaching award given to only one teacher in each San Antonio district. Mrs. Johnson is currently a member of the Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Orchestra Directors Association, Texas Music Adjudicators Association, and Mu Omicron (nomination only group for experience orchestra directors). She is the proud wife of Walker Johnson and mother of two children, Jacob and Aleena. She enjoys reading, outdoor activities, and spending quality time with her family and dachshunds.





# Brahms Orchestra – 5:00 p.m. Ragan Whatley, Conductor

**Ragan Whatley** is the Orchestra Director at Canyon Vista Middle School. Currently in his 17th year of teaching, Mr. Whatley has previously taught orchestra in the Katy Independent School District (Katy, TX) and in the Houston Independent School District (Houston, TX). His Orchestras are regularly named as National Winners of the Foundation for Music Education's *Mark of Excellence Award*, and consistently rank as Finalists in the TMEA Honor Orchestra Competition, including two appearances as the TMEA Honor Orchestra (2020, 2025).

Mr. Whatley is an active member of the Texas Music Educators Association, the Texas Orchestra Directors Association, the Texas Music Adjudicators Association, and Mu Omicron. In 2023, Mr. Whatley was honored as the recipient of the Texas Orchestra Directors Association's "Director of Distinction" Award. He has previously served as the TMEA Orchestra Division Chair for Region XXIII, and currently serves as the Middle School Orchestra Coordinator for TMEA Region XXVI. Since 2022, Mr. Whatley has served as a conductor for the Austin Youth Orchestra.

Mr. Whatley lives in Cedar Park, TX with his wife Colleen (an Orchestra director at Westwood High School) their twin sons, Reilly (a cellist) and Connor (a violinist), and their daughter, Nora (a violinist). He enjoys mountain biking, long distance running, and cooking for his family in his spare time.

## Region XXV Orchestra Directors

Carly Addison	McMillan JH	Mariana Garcia	Plano East Senior HS	Kathy Ngo	Haggard MS
Christine Aeschbacher	McMillan JH/Davis Int	Amy Gearhart	Ford MS	Amy Nguyen	Otto MS
Scott Arakawa	Vines HS	Olivia Graver	Schimelpfenig MS/Clark HS	Brandie Phillips	Lovejoy HS
Viri Ashby	Sloan Creek Intermediate	Amy Gross	Plano West Senior HS	Karen Prud'homme	Renner MS
Brian Bires	Murphy MS	Jennifer Guffey	Schimelpfenig MS	Gabriel Ramon	Willow Springs MS
Rachel Boone	Ereckson MS	Jackson Hardman	Robinson MS	Charles Robinson	Lowery FC
So Jeong Bradley	Rice MS	Mary Havenstrite	Robinson MS	Raquel Rodriguez	Plano Senior HS
Vivian Chen	Jasper HS	Candi Ice	Lowery FC	Maria Rohr	McMillen HS
Annabel Choi	Ereckson MS	Ashley Johnson Dickens	Willow Springs MS	Ryan Ross	Plano West Senior HS
April Clinton	Piner MS/Sherman MS	Amber Kober	Williams HS	Katie San Diego	Bowman MS
Brian Coatney	Wylie HS	April Kondrat	Plano Senior HS	Ann Smith	Plano East Senior HS
Matthew Cross	Allen HS	Leonardo Lima	Bowman MS	Amanda Su	Curtis MS
Brad Davis	Shepton HS	Sara Lynch	Hendrick MS	Sherry Su	Curtis MS
Emily De La Torre	Rice MS	Sarah Poe Moffat	Lovejoy HS	Madison Sykora	Frankford MS
David DeVoto	Allen HS	Michael Moore	Sherman HS	JaNae Taylor	Renner MS
Joanna DeVoto	Ereckson MS	Matthew Moreno	Jasper HS	Abby Van Sice	Ford MS
Matthew Frerck	Wilson MS	Gary Needham	Clark HS	Kyla Walton	Otto MS
				Abby Waymon	Curtis MS

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Mary Havenstrite & Jackson Hardman – Beethoven MS Orchestra Organizers

Katie San Diego & Kyla Walton – Bach MS Orchestra Organizers

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