



Middle Level Festival Honors Concert

A collaboration with the Minnesota Orchestra

Monday, April 7, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Orchestra Hall
Minneapolis, Minnesota

MNSOTA Events

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[Mary West Solo Competition \(concluded for this year\)](#)

The Mary West Solo Competition is held annually each fall for Minnesota students of the violin, viola, cello, bass, harp and classical guitar. There are prizes in each division, and a grand prize of a performance with the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra. The Mary West Solo Competition is in four age categories for students under the age of 25. Winners receive cash prizes, gift certificates and the honor of performing in the Winners Recital.

[Middle Level All-State Orchestra \(concluded for this year\)](#)

The Middle Level All-State Orchestra is for students in grades 7–9. Students submit online auditions in the fall and selected string players from around the state will join together for a day of rehearsals and then perform at the Minneapolis Convention Center as part of the MMEA convention.

[Eclectic Strings Day - May 29, 2025](#)

The Eclectic Strings Day is a fun and informative day of workshops and performances for violin, viola, cello, and bass. You will have three different classes exploring new styles on your instrument such as gypsy jazz, bluegrass, rock and roll, guided by a master teacher. After lunch, everyone gathers in the auditorium for a jam session playing the material covered in the morning classes. Join us for a fun experience in a relaxed atmosphere!

Middle Level Festival Honors Concert Program

Ordean East Middle School Advanced Orchestra

Tami L. Nelson, Director

Chippewa Middle School 8th Grade Orchestra

Brian Larson, Director

Stillwater Middle School 8th Grade Orchestra

Lisa St. Ores, Director

Highview Middle School 8th Grade Orchestra

Kimberly Tura & Janet Elliott, Directors

Oak-Land Middle School 8th Grade Orchestra

Julie Vanderstappen, Director

Wayzata High School Intermezzo Gold Orchestra

Max Clifford, Director

Owatonna Middle School 7th Grade Orchestra

Jennifer Bellefeuille, Director

Northfield Middle School 8th Grade Orchestra

Heather Olivier, Director

Owatonna Middle School 8th Grade Orchestra

Jennifer Bellefeuille, Director

Buffalo High School Repertory Orchestra

Kristine Wiese, Director

Minnetonka High School String Orchestra

Michael Janning, Director

Concert selections, orchestra profiles, and musician rosters are found in the next pages in the order of the performance. To allow others to have a positive concert experience, we ask that you enter/leave the auditorium quietly only during pauses or transitions.

Ordean East Middle School Advanced Orchestra

Tami L. Nelson, Director

Performance Selections

Vanguard Overture

Richard A. Stephen

Lady of the Lake

Jeremy Woolstenhulme

About the Orchestra

ISD709, Duluth Public Schools, has proudly maintained an active orchestra program for over seventy years. Historically, the program offered instruction from third grade through high school, including an elementary music magnet school. Currently, budget constraints allow for middle school orchestra ensembles by grade level, with separate 6th and 7th-grade ensembles meeting twice a week. Additionally, there is an advanced ensemble, which meets four times a week to include all 8th graders plus 6th and 7th graders that may audition for acceptance into the ensemble.

At Lincoln Park Middle School, the orchestra program is led by teacher Samantha Amys, with Grant Carl serving as the co-teacher. At Ordean East Middle School, Tami L. Nelson directs the orchestra. ISD709's high school ensembles meet daily. Denfeld High School offers one homogeneous ensemble under the direction of Samantha Amys. East High School has four ensembles, directed by Byron Klimek, that also meet daily.

Ordean East Middle School, with a student population of 1,080, is led by Principal Susan Lehna, whose ongoing support has greatly contributed to the success and growth of the orchestra program. The advanced orchestras have proudly performed at MNSOTA since the 1990s, a tradition that remains a highlight of the program. The program continues to grow, with recent initiatives including holiday serenades through the school halls, spring pep rally performances alongside the band, and the formation of a new fiddle band. Meeting weekly, the fiddle band explores Scandinavian and Old-Time fiddle music, fostering connections within the community and expanding the students' musical repertoire.

Orchestra Members

Violin

Sylvie Bartz
Sydney Broman
Aidyn Carter
Brooklyn Cone
Madeline Delmore
Griffin Hartung
Elsa Holte
Gemma Kim
Claire Langsford
Kangchen Liang
Aika Maurer
MacKenzie Olek
Ansel Reller
Ariana Shahmammadli
Cora Stevenson

Violins (cont.)

Joshua Tang
Annabelle Wu
Charles Xiu
Tenleigh Zenor

Viola

Emma Bridges
Olivia Ciebiera
Johann Clarke-Sather
Violet Kamben

Cello

Kasey Gustafson
Isaac Hoffman
Magdalena Nelson
Peter Singer
Linus Thompson
Kadie Von Rabenau

Bass

Keira Cincoski
Reijer Klyn
Jaydon Smith

Chippewa Middle School 8th Grade Orchestra

Brian Larson, Director

Performance Selections

Sea of Stars

Liam Ramsey-White

Forever Joyful

Brian Balmages

About the Orchestra

Chippewa Middle School, located in North Oaks, Minnesota, offers a comprehensive orchestra program as part of its commitment to providing diverse and enriching educational experiences. The 8th Grade Orchestra is composed of 81 students under the direction of Brian Larson. There are two sections of this orchestra that rehearse daily for 48 minutes. Students also receive lessons and sectionals taught by Dr. Daniel Keeler three days a week. The Chippewa Middle School Eighth Grade Orchestra has performed at the MNSOTA State Middle Level Festival several times in previous years.

Chippewa Middle School, led by principal Molly Hollihan, has 1,104 students in grades 6-8 with over 260 students participating in orchestra. This year, Mounds View Public Schools received the 2024 MNSOTA Meritorious String Program award for excellence in our orchestra program. A special thanks goes to our talented orchestra teachers, Emily Anderson, Juli Vig, and Daniel Keeler, whose contributions have been instrumental in guiding our 8th-grade students to success and in preparing them for tonight's performance. Other orchestra faculty in the Mounds View school district include Rosa Glade Arnold, Janet Elliott, Alex Hummel, Rachel Rogness, Lucas Shogren, Kimberly Tura.

Orchestra Members

Violin

Julia Anderson
Aanika Bhattarai
Emily Carter
Julia Choi
Gabriel Crompton
Tejas Dubey
Shelby Fuller
Caia Gavin
Leah Gayner
Autumn Gebhard
Kaitlyn Genia
Presley Guhde
Kate Hansmeier
Alaina Howe
Issac Huynh
Pranshi Kamboj
Hanshal Katta
Kate Kim
Braydon La Moure
Olivia Li
Jeremy Liu
Sadie Maki

Violin (cont.)

Vamsikrishna Pondrati
Pranav Puligundla
Ananya Rajesh
Latika Ramdular
Sophie Ries-Brechtken
Saara Siddiqui
Toma Takayama
Nikhil Tanksale
Daniel Tong
Aditi Verma
Lillian Wahlberg
Logan Walburg
Abby Xieli
Naomi Menk
Abigail Novak
Paul Phillips

Viola

Annika Duden
Natalie Gaynor
Kyla Hokanson
Jacob Hu

Viola (cont.)

Owen Isaacson
David Johnson
Lucy Juran
Carson Lapsley
Kayla Lethert
Kelsie Maines
Timothy O'Neill
Setioluwa Olubi
Derek Reilly
Everett Scholl
Layla Schrupp
Tamia Stewart
Ann Swanson
Ava Vance

Cello

Amelia Davies
Oscar Goode
Tony Gu
Gabriel Hellwig
Charlie Hieb
Zayd Hillestad

Cello (cont.)

Lauren Hoerneman
Alexander Huang
Paxten Lessard
Evan Luke
Justin McClintock
Simon Olson
Izabelle Rasset
Rivan Rawal
Wyatt Schwickerath
Alexander Shrom
Eleanora Thornton
Colin Twitchell
Alonso Vieira

Bass

Eleanor Anderson
Ian Gumtow
Mihir Ranade

Stillwater Middle School 8th Grade Orchestra

Lisa St. Ores, Director

Performance Selections

March of the Meistersinger

Richard Wagner
arr. Sandra Dackow

Forever Joyful

Brian Balmages

About the Orchestra

Lisa St. Ores has been teaching in Stillwater Area Schools since 2000. During her time in the district, she has taught Elementary Orchestra, Band, and General Music, as well as Middle School Orchestra. As a native of Stillwater, her teachers have included James Hainlen and Liz Deger, as well as many other string teachers in the area. Ms. St. Ores attended University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and studied violin under Professor Nobuyoshi Yasuda. As a young teacher, St. Ores chose to take a one-year educational leave to complete her Master's Degree in Music Education. Ms. St. Ores lives in Lake Elmo, MN with her two sons, Cooper and Jimmy as well as her husband, Jason.

Orchestra Members

Violin

Rose Anderson
Graciela Benson
Siddharth Chavour
Rowan Cunningham
Aaleigah Daily
Gavin Dennis
Rosemary Hammer
Kaila Hannigan
Hailey Jones
William McDearmon
Hana Misner
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Joseph Vanderhoff
Keelie Wills
Bonnie Wolfe
Bennet Wuertz
Liliana Zignego

Viola

Elizabeth Cartwright
Max Hermanson
Kyle Olson
Adella Perez-Daly

Cello

Sawyer Dietner
Madilyn Forcier
Charles Govich
Emma Kugler
Mason Pierre
Lauren Sebo
Quinn Steivang

Bass

Frankie Fitzsimmons

Highview Middle School 8th Grade Orchestra

Kimberly Tura & Janet Elliott, Directors

Performance Selections

Jupiter from *The Planets*

Gustav Holst
arr. Deborah Baker Monday

Waltz of the Wicked

Kirk Mosier

About the Orchestra

Highview Middle School, located in New Brighton, Minnesota, offers a comprehensive orchestra program for 8th-grade students as part of its commitment to providing diverse and enriching educational experiences. The program thrives through the support of a dedicated community of administrators, families, and teachers who are all committed to fostering our students' musical growth and excellence.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the leadership of our principals, Lindsey Samec (Principal) and Nathan Johnson (Assistant Principal), along with our deans and fellow educators at Highview, for their ongoing support. Special thanks go to our talented orchestra teachers, Rachel Rogness (Current Elementary Orchestra Teacher) and Jim Bartsch (Retired), whose contributions have been instrumental in guiding our 8th-grade students to success and in preparing them for tonight's performance.

Highview is proud to be a part of the vibrant orchestra community within Mounds View Community Schools.

Orchestra Members

Violin

Amelia Aguado
Rory Brown
Johanna Cortes-Osby
Liam Frye
Ivy Gardner
Claire Hamilton
Jessica Lin
Kian Mason
Daniela Ramierz Garcia
Eden Tekabe
Giovanni Torrejon Rodriguez
Stefany Valverde Lopez
Adrianna Winter
Julia Wold
Annabelle Wyatt
Raina Yang
Dazani Zamora

Viola

Saurabi Bajracharya
Enyca Jazziel Echano
Catherine McArthur
Vivienne Munyon
Ariana Park
Nadiya Reasoner
Lily Sevick
Kara Spitael
Roxie Taylor

Cello

Alexis Anderson
Ellie Anderson
Riley Bury
Cesar Dominguez-Sommerfeld
Everett Donahue
Beck Holzemer
Calvin LaDuke
Matias Sarkanen
Emmett Stone

Bass

Keira Bury
Leah Nyangate

Oak-Land Middle School 8th Grade Orchestra

Julie Vanderstappen, Director

Performance Selections

Appalachian Sunrise

Doris Gazda

Epic Adventure

Kathryn Griesinger

About the Orchestra

The Oak-Land Middle School Eighth Grade Orchestra is comprised of 37 students under the direction of Julie Vanderstappen. These students receive daily orchestra in the large ensemble setting. There are no lessons offered during the school day. Oak-Land Middle School orchestras have performed at numerous previous Middle Level State Festivals, MMEA and various community and school events. Their director, Julie Vanderstappen received the Master Teacher School Orchestra award from MNSOTA in 2011.

Other teachers in the district that have worked with and influenced these students include Lisa St.Ores, Cassandra Herold, Ryan Jensen and Kent Musser. Oak-Land has an enrollment of approximately 1,000 students in grades 6 - 8 under the leadership of Ann Giardino and Chris Dunn.

Orchestra Members

Violin

Silbica Basaula
Stella Bednartz
Avery Cook
Manraj Dahry
Bella Ewaldt
David Fredericks
Daniel Galvan Reyes
Elise Gunderson
Darby Howe
Addy Kobs
Mia Krumm
Isaac Lee
Juliette Lee
Jeremy Maghanoy
Isla Quinn
Margie Claire Starsky
Saron Tesfaye
Aiden Tran
Sage Vang
Madysen VerBout
Jasmine Wieken
Kyota Yamagata

Viola

Neela Anderson
Aedan Johnson
Kade Johnson
Kate Kaske
Emma Kirui
Penelope Krahn
Brooke Novak
Elin Skilling

Cello

Millie Kristensen
Ingrid Nelson
Di'Monae Smith
Peyton Stepan

Bass

Raph Dalager-Perez
Taylor Dobak
Charlie Glanzer

Wayzata High School Intermezzo Gold Orchestra

Max Clifford, Director

Performance Selections

Allegro in D

Antonio Vivaldi
arr. Stephen Frackenpohl

Serenade for String Orchestra, II. Fugue

Norman Leyden

About the Orchestra

Wayzata High School (Scott Gengler, principal) serves over 4,000 students in grades nine through twelve. The nearly 300 students in the Wayzata High School Orchestra Program are members of an exceptional organization that plays an important role in our school's curriculum and culture. Guided by high expectations for character and scholarship, and working with like-minded peers in an invigorating and supportive environment, students across our seven curricular orchestras are challenged to create sensitive, informed performances built on a foundation of content understanding and a belief that excellence matters. Our program is directed by Mark Gitch. Aimee Paar-Olson and Tom Pieper nurture students in grades six through eight at our three middle schools.

Orchestra Members

Violin

Vihaan Achary
Hugo Boyd
Reyansh Chandra
Sophie Cui
Shreshta Ega
Harper Fang
Ellie Grocholski
Avika Hasti
Coraline Heng
Hannah Holland
Aileen Kasten
Emily Kohorst
Ishaan Konar
Emily Lei
Riya Naikare
Nikkita Prakash
Dhwani Samjith
Riya Senthil
Gabby Shetka
Torve Swenson
Reena Venkatraman
Jyeshtha Verma
William Wang
Arianna Xu

Viola

Alex Birkemeyer
Arrian Cherayil
Shreyasi Gupta
Roshni Kalava
Antonia Kolecek
Ellie Pilgrim
Nandita Prakash
Shriya Srinivasan
Neha Yerunkar
Phoebe Zheng

Cello

Julia Borchardt
Dhruv Chandra
Ruslan Dolinko
Harold Fang
Nathan Kim
Sonja Leppa
Daniel Porter
Prajwal Pratha
William Ye

Bass

Jaxon Breiland
Maia Totoe

Owatonna Middle School 7th Grade Orchestra

Jennifer Bellefeuille, Director

Performance Selections

Ballad of the Burning Sky

Kathryn Giesinger

Joust

Richard Meyer

About the Orchestra

Owatonna's instrumental instruction begins the summer before 4th grade for strings and the summer before 5th grade for winds and percussion. Students receive weekly pull-out group lessons in grades 4 - 9. This Owatonna 7th Grade Orchestra is comprised of 34 students. These students meet every other day for 40 minutes as a large group and receive one 20 minute small group lesson weekly. Other string teachers in the district include Lisa Revier, who works with our youngest elementary string students and Sandra Justice who works with our high school students. Last fall Owatonna was awarded the MNSOTA Meritorious string program award

Orchestra Members

Violin

Delaney Abraham
Callie Arndt
Vivienne Bell
Clara Boyd
Harim Caballero
Ava Escobedo
Keyera Ingvaldson
Emmy Iserman
Isaac Kasten
Aurora Michels
Elizabeth Rosecke
Maci Schmoll
Graham Stanislav
Karis Vangen

Cello

Nora Beland
Grayson Bjorge
Jillian Gleason
Brooks Hugstad-Vaa leer
AJ Kohn
Natalie Rivers
Rhuri Simon
Emma Summer

Bass

Declan Matejcek
Graham Ulland

Viola

Kaleigh Hendrickson
Ian Iveland
Cassidy Justice
Wesley Miller
Jonah Meillier
Eli Oleson
Gaia Smith
Easton Soupir
Lacey Wendel
Alexander Williams

Northfield Middle School 8th Grade Orchestra

Heather Olivier, Director

Performance Selections

Renaissance Canzona

Adriano Banchieri
arr. Carl Strommen

Dance Scenario

Elliot Del Borgo

About the Orchestra

The Northfield Middle School 8th Grade Orchestra is a non-auditioned group of 34 students, most of whom began studying their instrument in 4th grade. This group rehearses every other day for 50 minutes, with a small group lesson every 8 days of school. Northfield Middle School has been honored to perform at Tier II five times in the past, with its most recent appearance in 2019. Their director, Heather Olivier, received Northfield Public School's Teacher of the Year award for the 2021-2022 school year. In 2016, the Northfield Orchestra Program received the Meritorious Orchestra Program of the Year award from MNSOTA. Other string teachers in the Northfield Public Schools include Natalie Kruger and Thomas O'Keefe. Principal Greg Gelineau heads this school of 857 students in grades 6-8.

Orchestra Members

Violin

Meadow Allen
Audrey Brien
Annika Briske
Chelsea Carrera Murga
Esmeralda Celis
Grace Dennison
Coen Farley
Eduardo Gutierrez Perez
Levi Hehr
Pascale Howald
Bella Knish
Maggie LaCanne
Griselda Martinez
Max Mazzariello
Amargan Nega
Luke Nelson
Omega Rodriguez Ramirez
April Sasse
Owen Stanton
Victoria Stojalowsky
Emersyn Truax

Viola

Siri Bowen
Shea Engle
Alanna Flynn
Nevaeh Love
Ella Rich

Cello

Emma Hoernke
Helena Holleran
Kate Johnson
Sam Marroquin
Siri Richardson
Lydia Rojas
Mina Tanno
Kysen Tran

Owatonna Middle School 8th Grade Orchestra

Jennifer Bellefeuille, Director

Performance Selections

Momentum

Robert Longfield

Renaissance Canzona

Adriano Banchieri
arr. Carl Strommen

About the Orchestra

Owatonna's instrumental instruction begins the summer before 4th grade for strings and the summer before 5th grade for winds and percussion. Students receive weekly pull-out group lessons in grades 4 - 9. This Owatonna 8th Grade Orchestra is comprised of 34 students. These students meet daily for 40 minutes as a large group and receive one 20 minute small group lesson weekly. Other string teachers in the district include Lisa Revier, who works with our youngest elementary string students and Sandra Justice who works with our high school students. Last fall Owatonna was awarded the MNSOTA Meritorious string program award.

Orchestra Members

Violin

Abigail Christianson
Secily Conner
Raelynn Doyon
Jacob Dulas
Kira Duneman
Alejandra Gonzalez
Charlotte Hines
Dina Jacobson
Colin Quast
Liliana Rosas
Jovanny Santibanez
Addison Schuetz
Megan Skala
Vivian Stitzmeyer
Jaycie Smith
Zurie Tolle

Viola

Linden Aarsvold
Hayden Flatgard
Lukas Hebel
Tenley Gentz
Taylor Kjersten
Connor Millar
Adelynn Miller
Harper Tuchtenhagen

Cello

Jack Bartkowiak
Ben Bellefeuille
Vivienne Gomez
Kira Holder
Pierce Louks
Chloe Millar
Amelia Moran
Isla Torabpour

Bass

Damaris Borkenhagen
Jamison Gilman
Benjamin Sherwood

Buffalo High School Repertory Orchestra

Kristine Wiese, Director

Performance Selections

Intrada

Brian Balmages

Appalachian Sunrise

Doris Gazda

About the Orchestra

The Buffalo High School Repertory Orchestra is a non-auditioned group of 24 students, most of whom have been studying their instruments since the 6th grade. Led by their teacher, Kristine Wiese, the group rehearses every day for 63 minutes. Students began their orchestra experience at Buffalo Community Middle School under the direction of Maddie Eicher. Buffalo High School has an enrollment of approximately 1700 students and is under the leadership of Mr. Mark Mischke. The Buffalo High School Repertory Orchestra is honored to return for their second performance at the MNSOTA State Middle Festival Honors Concert.

Orchestra Members

Violin

Samuel Brehm
Dirk Brandt
Finnley Butterfield
Greta Carson
Lily Dahlstrom
Cale Eggersglus
Alea Hill
Sally Huerta Jarquin
Isabella Juarez
Eloise Kohls
Jenna Karvonen
Braden Loukusa
Reannon Meierhofer
Berlin MillsGambell
Lyric Saman-Neft
Henry Umhoefer
Noah Watrud
Emma Weiland
Brissa Vizcarra-Sanchez

Viola

Linna Le
Caden Stuart
Charlotte Wood

Cello

Emmett Voca

Bass

Lilyrosa Carlson

Minnetonka High School String Orchestra

Michael Janning, Director

Performance Selections

Elementa, II. Terra

Soon Hee Newbold

Marche Slav

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
arr. Carrie Lane Gruselle

About the Orchestra

The orchestra program at Minnetonka High School involves nearly 160 orchestra students in grades 9 -12 and has more than doubled since 2008 under the amazing direction of Ms. Finn-Sommerfeld. The program now has five orchestras and several chamber ensembles that meet outside of school. String Orchestra, under the direction of Michael Janning, meets every morning during first hour at the high school.

During tonight's program, you can expect to hear a wide range of dynamic contrast, expressive phrases, and exciting melodic lines. None of this would be possible without the support from our administration, especially Minnetonka High School's Principal Jeffrey Erickson.

Orchestra Members

Violin

Selah Agre
Milla Broberg
Ike Davidson
Leo Doherty
Ellie Fenske
Alden Go
Dawa Holiday
Maggie Kocher
Alexis Mollema
Leon Paulson-Vu
Etta Pennington
Ava Pruitt
Olivia Ryu
Andrew Siagian
Sanvi Singh
Cade Stoffel
Josie Wahlman
Fisher Walling
Owen Wang
Caelan Warmuth
Zoe Wicklund

Viola

Asher Jeevanathan
Molly Norman
Kaitlynn Richards
Diya Sajlar
Lauren Wolf

Cello

Joshua Bridge
Donnie Falconder
Avery Good
Thomas Grovender
Leila Krebs
Gabby Ladmer
Bodhi Laughton
Lily Nelson
Origal Renchin
Aina Telintelo

Bass

Marcus Hahn
Alexander Kim

About MNSOTA and Middle Level Festival

The Minnesota String and Orchestra Teachers Association (MNSOTA) is a state chapter of the American String Teachers Association (ASTA). MNSOTA is led by passionate teacher volunteers offering educational opportunities that impact thousands of string students of all ages.

The MNSOTA Regional Middle Level Orchestra Festival offers young string students and their orchestra teachers the opportunity to play for and learn from one another. Orchestras perform for adjudicators and work with clinicians in a non-competitive environment. The Festival has been a two tier event for over twenty years. We are delighted that 28 orchestras with over 1,100 students from around the state of Minnesota participated in the Regional festivals.

A long-time collaboration between MNSOTA and the Minnesota Orchestra, the State Middle Level Festival Honors Concert (formerly Tier 2) seeks to honor, inspire, and recognize ensembles whose performances received Superior with Distinction ratings from both judges at the Regional Middle Level Festival events.

We would like to thank the many **orchestra teachers, administrators, parents, and community members** who support and inspire these students every day!

A huge thanks goes to the Regional Festival site hosts, judges, clinicians, and coordinators who shared their expertise at the three Regional Festival sites.

- Site Hosts: **Sarah Finn-Sommerfeld, Dan Ericksen, and Michael Janning** (Minnetonka High School), **Andrew Towsey-Grishaw** (College of St. Benedict), and **Sandra Justice** (Owatonna High School).
- Judges: **Gary Wolfman** (retired) and **Emily Heuschele** (University of Minnesota).
- Clinicians: **Laura Hebert** (Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies), **Pat Kelly** (Minnesota Youth Symphonies), **Mary Sorlie** (Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies), **Ed Schaeffle** (retired), and **Andrew Towsey-Grishaw** (College of St. Benedict).
- Site Coordinators: **Dan Mollick** (Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies), **Max Clifford** (Wayzata High School) and **Becky Resch** (Central Middle School, White Bear Lake)

Dan Mollick (Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies) and **Kristine Wiese** (Buffalo High School) coordinated this year's Regional and State Festivals.

Finally, thank you to the Minnesota Orchestral Association for embracing this Festival and providing meaningful, intelligent and insightful leadership. Thank you to the Minnesota Orchestra musicians **Cece Belcher** (violin), **Ken Freed** (viola), **Sonia Mantell** (cello), and **Kate Nettleman** (bass) and well as Minnesota Orchestra staff including **Sarah Flake, Saffron Fletcher, Jessica Lowry, Nick Peter,** and **Cassandra Swan** for helping to make this event a positive experience for young musicians in Minnesota!

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