# UNI Suzuki School Annual Spring Concert



4:00 p.m.
May 19, 2024
Bengtson Auditorium
Russell Hall
University of Northern Iowa

### Presentation

The Feather Theme (from Forrest Gump) A. Silvestri, arr by John Chiles Featuring graduating seniors

# **Full Ensemble**

#### **PERSONNEL**

# **VIOLIN**

Anika Bhardwaj Mia Botkin Vera Butterfield

Madelyn Driver

Anna Du Kevin Du-J\*

Lucy Ericson Maggie Ericson Aleah Flint-Y\*

Bennet Gauthier Emerson Gibbon

Richard Haile

Teresa Haile-J\* Mei Harlow

Mihika Iyer-YV\* Ali Javanbakht

Holland Kraayenbrink

Diane Lee-J\*
Summer Lim-YV\*
Evan Lin-J\*

Serenity Love Merryn Occeña Veronica Occeña

Shia Paige Fisher Paulsen Aryan Pradeep-J Diya Pradeep-Y\* Vivienne Rafkin James Ralston

Fiona Rohde Carter Rohde Miles Sandell-J Livia Sears

Jacobo Rim Carvajal

Ryan Sebree

Naomi Sharkey-YV Rishika Shettigar-Y Esther Shin-Y\*

Elijah Suleman Anika Tandon

Chandler Taylor-Y\*
Rana Teke-YV\*

Samuel Tomlyanovich Katherine Toml yanovich

Aubrey Turner Gabriela Valdivia Oscar Valdivia Violeta Valdivia

Max Waggoner-Norquest

Jerry Weaver Claire Wulf Daniel Yoon

# **VIOLA**

Camila Ellis-V
Amir Javanbakht
Edward Lin
Jennifer Luo
Mason Munnik-YV
Alayna Nottger
Jenny Rosario
Jake Snodgrass-J
Lexi Snodgrass-J

Marcus Tomlyanovich

#### **CELLO**

Elise Bieber-J Elliot Bieber-J\* Henry Brummer-J **Wyatt Brummer** Alex Christ-Y\* Frances Drennan Benjamin Ellis Sawyer Gibbon Varun Gulwadi-Y\* Nicholas Haile Andrew Hughes\* Jacob Kaplunas-J Bella Michael-V Elliot Purdum-YV\* Ethan Rohde Will Sandell-J Malakai Ungs Skylar Ungs Patrick Yoon

#### **GUITAR**

John Anderson Emilia Cornish River Downs

Gabriel Drucker-Johnston

Kason Howard Nigel Kidd Esma Krgo Carver Sellers

Fiddlesticks (violin)\*
Cello Choir members \*
Verismo Quartet-V

N. Iowa Youth Orchestra-Y N. Iowa Junior Orchestra-J

## **UNI Suzuki School**

The UNI Suzuki School was founded by UNI School of Music viola and theory instructor, Martha Holvik in 1976. What started as a class to demonstrate the new violin method by Dr. Suzuki became the UNI Talent Education Program, then the UNI Suzuki Strings, and now the UNI Suzuki School.

The school offers Suzuki method individual and group lessons in violin, viola, cello and guitar. Performance opportunities include solo recitals, outreach performances and the annual large ensemble performance at the spring concert. The School also sponsors several ensembles including the Northern Iowa Junior Orchestra for string students in grades 5-8, the Northern Iowa Youth Orchestra for students in grades 9-12, and chamber ensembles in the Verismo Chamber Music Program.

Annual events include the fall open house, Winter Holiday Play-In, Faculty Recital, Suzuki Fun Day, and social events. Outreach performances this year included Artapalooza, Waverly holiday walk, Cedar Falls Library, Rotary Club, and NIYO/NIJO tours.

With the help of faculty, staff, parents and students, the UNI Suzuki School will continue with Dr. Suzuki's philosophy that "every child can" and Martha Holvik's vision of what could be. Thank you to all but most importantly, thank you, Martha!

## **UNI Suzuki Association Board & Committee Members**

Matt Gibbon, President
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Bee Tee, Secretary
Sunshine Yang, Treasurer
Elisabeth Bieber (outgoing fund raising chair)
Anu Iyer (outgoing president)
Youngkwang Lee (incoming member at large)
Committee: Jan Nagle, t-shirts
Suzanne Bullard, UNI Suzuki School
Cathy Craig, UNI Suzuki School

# **UNI Suzuki Association**

The UNI Suzuki Association supports the UNI Suzuki School by coordinating volunteers, raising money for scholarships, accompanists, the lending library, and teacher training. The executive board meets monthly to discuss plans and coordinate their activities and volunteers. Thank you to all UNI Suzuki Association members, both current and past!

# **UNI Suzuki School Personnel**

Suzanne Bullard; Director, cello
John Chiles; viola, violin, NIYO, Verismo, Orchestral and Chamber Music Chair
Cathy Craig, Suzuki Coordinator
Robert Dunn, guitar
Dr. Gabriel Forero; violin, viola
Dr. Tyler Hendrickson; violin, viola
Hannah Howland Jacobs; violin, viola
Alex Lafrenz; NIJO
Steph Ramos: intern, Verismo

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Dr. Erik Rohde; violin, viola, Verismo
Bethany Washington; violin, viola

### **Acknowledgements**

School of Music technical & administrative staff; Sandy Nordahl and Tom Berry Cathy Craig—stage manager
UNI IT and Scott Haile, Video
UNI School of Music--administrative & event staff
Stage Assistant: Steph Ramos

## Jan Moore's Senior Gift

In 2003 an annual senior class gift for the school was established to honor Jan Moore's many years of service to the UNI Suzuki Association as board president and treasurer, Heartland Suzuki Institute store manager, handbook committee members, and chairman of numerous fundraising committees. Each year an addition to the school lending or music library will be made to honor our graduating class. Our graduating seniors this year are Varun Gulwadi, Mihika Iyer, Edward Lin, Mason Munnik, and Elliot Purdum.

## Martha Holvik Suzuki School Fund at the UNI Foundation

The Endowment Fund began in 1996 to celebrate the School's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The balance generates income to fund the school's Parke Behn Scholarship program. Pledged amounts (annual or monthly) are also welcomed. Please contact Dan Breitbach for more information at dan.breitbach@uni.edu. Contributions can be made by check and mailed to:

UNI Foundation, Martha Holvik Endowed Fund, 205 Commons, Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0282 Or pay online by clicking the SUPPORT THE UNI SUZUKI SCHOOL button on the home page at <a href="https://music.uni.edu/suzuki-school">https://music.uni.edu/suzuki-school</a>.

Select Other and indicate the Martha Holvik Endowed Fund or scan the QR Code in the lobby.

# Parke Behn Memorial Scholarship Program

In honor of long-time business advisor and supporter of the UNI Suzuki School, the financial assistance program is named the Parke Behn Memorial Scholarship Program. In addition to his many service projects, Parke with his wife Marlene, chaired the UNI Suzuki School Endowment Campaign in 1996. Marlene also served on our advisory board and their daughter Beth was one of our Suzuki students. The interest earned by the endowment and the annual donation by the UNI Suzuki Association has become the basis for the School's financial assistance program which was renamed in his honor in 2012.

# Contributors 2022-2023

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# **Benevity**

Thank you to John Deere Employees who have contributed funds or volunteer time to the UNI Suzuki Strings Association via their Benevity Program. Matching funds may be available.

## **Summer**

The Summer Orchestra Workshop (Aug. 12-17) is available for string students who have completed 8th – 11th grade. Registration for that is accepted between now and July 31 using the online ensemble registration.

Summer lesson are also available. Please contact your individual lesson teacher for details.

#### **UNI Suzuki School Orchestra and Chamber Music**

Registration for the upcoming season will be available online from now through Aug. 10. Use the Ensemble Registration form for the Northern Iowa Youth Orchestra (students in grades  $9-12 \& 8^{th}$  grade brass, winds and percussion will may also apply), for the Northern Iowa Junior Orchestra for students (grades 5-8) and for Verismo Chamber Music. The orchestras and ensembles rehearse weekly and perform several concerts in the spring including tours in April, 2025. Auditions will take place in September. UNI Suzuki School enrollment is not required for membership in the orchestras or Verismo.

## **PASS THE HAT**

At today's event you will be invited to contribute to the annual Pass the Hat Fund by the UNI Suzuki Association. The funds collected today will be donated to the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center Capital Campaign. We are grateful for their ongoing support of the UNI Suzuki School. We will return to the GBPAC stage for the annual concert in May, 2025.

For information about the UNI Suzuki School visit our website:

http://www.music.uni.edu/suzuki-school or contact Cathy Craig at cathy.craig@uni.edu
Registration information for 2024-2025 will be posted on our website by July 1. Pre-registration is required and due by August 10. Registration Day and Suzuki Fun Day for continuing students and Open House for new students will be August 17, 2025.

In consideration of the performers and other members of the audience, please enter or leave a performance at the end of a composition. Cameras and recording equipment are not permitted. Please turn off all electronic devices, and be sure that all emergency contact cell phones and pagers are set to silent or vibrate. In the event of an emergency, please use the exit nearest to you.

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