

The UNI Suzuki School presents

NORTHERN IOWA JUNIOR ORCHESTRA

Sunday, April 26, 2026 • 6:00pm • Davis Hall • University of Northern Iowa

Program:

Hit the Road, Jack

Percy Mayfield
Arranged by Pedro Gilabert

UNI Suzuki School Reading Class

The Montagues and Capulets from “*Romeo and Juliet*”

Serge Prokofiev
Arranged by Jeff Manookian

Fire Dance

Soon Hee Newbold

Salut d’Amour

Edward Elgar
Arranged by Soon Hee Newbold

In the Hall of the Mountain King from “*Peer Gynt*”

Edvard Grieg
Arranged by Jeff Manookian

The Wizard of Oz: A Whirlwind Journey

Music by Harold Arlen, Lyrics by E.Y. Harburg
Incidental music by Herbert Stothart, George Bassman, and Felix Mendelssohn
Arranged by Steven H. Brook

Northern Iowa Junior Orchestra

In celebration of the UNI Suzuki School’s 50th Year!

Personnel

Violin 1

Diane Lee
Teresa Haile
Aryan Pradeep
Anika Tandon
Veronica Occeña
Daniel Yoon

Violin 2

Eleanor Burnett
Oliver Murray
Natalie Eagan
Livia Sears
Madelyn Driver
Anastasia Vasilistova

Viola

Paloma Saavedra-DuBord
Tyler Sebree
Kate Yoder
Alyssa Shannon

Cello

Jacob Kaplunas
Elise Bieber
Patrick Yoon
Frances Drennan
Ethan Rohde
Sawyer Gibbon

Bass

Wren Taylor
Jemma Posey
Evelyn Perry

Music Director

Mia Hagarty

Reading Class

Anna Du
Lucy Ericson
Maggie Ericson
Emerson Gibbon
Nicholas Haile
Richard Haile
Mei Harlow
Griffon Luo
Isaiah Sharkey
Claire Wulf

Upcoming Events:

May 3, 2026 — 6:00pm — Bengtson Auditorium, Russell Hall — Northern Iowa Youth Orchestra

May 17, 2026 — 4:00pm — Great Hall, GBPAC — Suzuki School Spring Concert

2026-2027 NIJO Auditions — September 4th, 2026! Meets weekly!

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Bob and Annette Andres

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Sandy Nordahl and the tech crew

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All our local music and orchestra teachers

UNI School of Music

Caroline Francis

Sectional Coaches: Dan Kaplunas, Tom Schilke, Bethany Washington, Suzanne Bullard, McCaffrey Brandt

Rehearsal Volunteer: Christine Kaplunas

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The Northern Iowa Junior Orchestra is an affiliate of the UNI Suzuki School