

UNI Suzuki School presents

# Spring Concert



**UNI** / University of  
Northern Iowa.

Celebrating  
50 Years!

May 17, 2026  
4:00 p.m.

Catherine Cassidy Gallagher Great Hall  
Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center  
University of Northern Iowa



# PROGRAM

Bunny Song  
Pop Goes the Weasel

Maurer  
Folk Song

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## PreTwinkle Class

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Pavane  
Valencianita

Faure  
trad. Venezuelan

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## Cello Choir

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Gavotte in C Minor  
The Two Grenadiers  
Long, Long Ago and Var.  
Allegretto  
Lightly Row & Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star Theme Medley

Bach  
Schumann  
Bayly  
Suzuki  
Folk Song/Suzuki

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## Cello Ensemble

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Etudes 1 & 2  
Ghiribizzo  
Meadow Minuet  
Go Tell Aunt Rhody

Brouwer  
Paganini  
Longay  
Folk Song

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## Guitar Ensemble

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Concerto No. 5 in D Major  
Allegro Moderato  
Humoresque  
Gavotte  
Chorus from "Judas Maccabaeus"  
Minuet I  
May Song  
Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star Var. A and Theme

Seitz  
Dvořák  
Lully  
Handel  
Bach  
Folk Song  
Suzuki

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## Viola Ensemble

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## INTERMISSION

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Concerto for Three Violins in F Major, RV551  
Allegro

Vivaldi

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## Fiddlesticks

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Concerto for Two Violin in D Minor, BWV 1043  
Vivace  
Lullaby  
Witches' Dance  
Musette  
Minuet 3 and Minuet  
Allegro  
Song of the Wind  
Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, Var. C and Theme

Bach  
Brahms  
Paganini  
Bach  
Bach  
Suzuki  
Folk Song  
Suzuki

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## Violin Ensemble

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## Senior Presentation

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Orange Blossom Special

Rouse

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## Full Ensemble and Guests

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# PERSONNEL

## VIOLIN

Camden Baker  
Chloe Baldwin  
Mia Botkin  
Eleanor Burnett-J  
Hayden Burton  
Vera Butterfield  
Madelyn Driver-J  
Kevin Du-Y-F  
Anna Du  
Lucy Ericson  
Maggie Ericson  
Aleah Flint-Y-F  
Benny Gauthier  
Emerson Gibbon  
Amaja Hadzalic  
Richard Haile  
Teresa Haile-J-F  
Mei Harlow  
Ali Javanbakht-Y  
Holland Kraayenbrink  
Diane Lee-J-F  
Amy Neill Lytch  
Glorianne Lytch  
Lucas Lytch  
Ada Medhaus  
Merryn Occeña  
Veronica Occeña-J-F  
Shia Paige  
\*Diya Pradeep-Y-F  
Aryan Pradeep-J-F  
Vivienne Rafkin  
James Ralston  
Riley James Robinson  
Carter Rohde-Y-F  
Fiona Rohde  
Peter Rohde  
Miles Sandell-Y  
Livia Sears-Y  
Rishika Shettigar-Y-F  
\*Esther Shin-Y  
Anika Tandon-J  
\*Rana Teke-Y-F  
Gabriela Valdivia  
Violeta Valdivia  
Daniel Yoon-J

## VIOLA

Camilia Ellis  
Iris Gomes  
Amir Javanbakht  
Gryffin Luo  
Alayna Nottger-Y  
Tyler Sebree-J  
Jake Snodgrass-Y  
Lexi Snodgrass-Y  
Aubrey Turner  
Claire Wulf

## CELLO

Elliot Bieber-Y-CC  
Elise Bieber-J-CC  
Wyatt Brummer  
Henry Brummer-Y-CC  
Frances Drennan-J-CC  
Benjamin Ellis  
Sawyer Gibbon-J  
Nicholas Haile  
Isabela Hernandez  
Jacob Kaplunas-J-CC  
Maggie Makarios-CC  
Bella Michael-Y-CC  
Ava James Robinson  
Ethan Rohde-J  
Will Sandell-Y-CC  
Isaiah Sharkey  
Malakai Ungs  
Skylar Ungs  
Patrick Yoon-J-CC

## GUITAR

River Downs  
Gabriel Drucker-Johnston  
Havilah Helmer  
Nigel Kidd

### Personnel Key

Cello Choir-CC

Fiddlesticks- F

NIJO-J

NIYO-Y

Graduating Seniors \*

All listed may not be performing  
on today's concert

We welcome numerous former teachers and  
students who have joined us for today's concert.

## **UNI Suzuki School Personnel**

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Suzanne Bullard, Administrator, cello

John Chiles, NIYO conductor

Cathy Craig, Suzuki Coordinator

Jake Giddens, guitar

Mia Craig Hagarty; Assistant Coordinator, violin, NIJO conductor

Dr. Tyler Hendrickson, viola, violin

Steph Ramos, viola, violin

Dr. Erik Rohde, violin

Bethany Washington, violin

## **Acknowledgements**

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Accompanist: Serena Hou

School of Music Technical and Sound Direction: Sandy Nordahl & Tom Barry

Program: Caroline Francis

UNI IT and Scott Haile, video, and videography

UNI School of Music: Dr. Melinda Boyd, administrative and event staff

UNI Catering

GBPAC performance technical staff and front of house assistance;

Chris Kremer, Chris Tuzicka, and Nicole Burns

GBPAC ushers

Stage Assistants: Anya Hagarty and Rachel Sharkey

## **Current UNI Suzuki Strings Association Board Members**

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Matthew Gibbon, President

Gyobanna Driver, Vice President

Dresden Wulf, treasurer

Christine Kaplunas

Julie Sandell

Gunwoo Yoon

Suzanne Bullard

Cathy Craig

Katie Turner, shirt committee

## **UNI Suzuki Association**

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The UNI Suzuki Association supports the UNI Suzuki School by coordinating volunteers, sponsoring special events, and raising money for scholarships, accompanists, materials, 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 past and present.

## **Honoring our graduating Seniors**

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Diya Pradeep, violin

Esther Shin, violin

Rana Teke, violin

We honor our graduating seniors today with a video presentation and a gift of a recording of their previous recital performances.

## **Parke Behn Memorial Scholarship Program**

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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 2021.

## **Pass the Hat**

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At the end of 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 as part of our pledge to the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center Capital Campaign. We are grateful for their ongoing support of the UNI Suzuki School.

## **Additional Information and Concert Etiquette**

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For more information about the UNI Suzuki School visit our website; [music.uni.edu/suzuki-school](https://music.uni.edu/suzuki-school) or contact Cathy Craig at [cathy.craig@uni.edu](mailto:cathy.craig@uni.edu).

Registration information for 2026-2027 will be posted on our website by July 1. Pre-registration is required and due by August 10.

In consideration of our performers and other members of the audience, please enter or leave the audience area 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.

## **UNI Suzuki School History**

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In 1976, Martha Holvik founded the UNI Talent Education Program with one student and one parent. When she retired in 1986 the program had grown to include 95 students and 5 teachers and Therese Fetter became director. The name was changed to UNI Suzuki Strings in 1986 and to UNI Suzuki School when flute instruction was added in 1990.

UNI Suzuki School provides music instruction for pre-college age students in violin, viola, cello, and guitar and training for future Suzuki teachers. The School is home to the Northern Iowa Youth and Northern Iowa Junior Orchestras



and two performing groups: Fiddlesticks and Cello Choir. The school currently enrolls about 120 Suzuki students and orchestra members with a staff that includes 7 teachers, 2 orchestra music directors, a school administrator, a coordinator, and an assistant coordinator.

Various classrooms in Russell Hall provide space for weekly group lessons, individual lessons, staff meetings, parent meetings, play-ins, fall and spring recitals, performance classes, orchestra rehearsals and orchestra concerts. Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center provides additional large performance spaces and rehearsal spaces. Off-campus activities include outreach performances at the annual Artapalooza in Cedar Falls, holiday outreach, and the annual orchestra tours.

The Suzuki School continues to provide financial assistance for families who request it (Parke Behn Scholarship Program) and teacher training scholarships for staff members with the generous and ongoing support of the UNI Foundation, the Hinson Foundation at the NE Iowa Foundation, the Hinson Family Charitable Trust Foundation, the UNI Suzuki String Association, and individual donors.

With the help of faculty, staff, parents, and students, the UNI Suzuki School will continue beyond its first 50 years 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!

**Founder:**

Martha Holvik in 1976

**Directors:**

Martha Holvik  
Therese Fetter  
Shelly Ward Abner  
Kathleen Sihler  
Mary Bellone  
Julia Bullard  
Ute Brandenburg  
Suzanne Bullard (current)

**INSTRUCTORS AND STAFF**

approx. first year of teaching noted

Status when hired:

- X UNI School of Music
- XX UNI Faculty
- \*UNI School of Music student
- \*\*UNI School of Music alumni
- ~traveled from outside the metro area
- >current staff
- BOLD** former UNI Suzuki School student

Alyssa Adamec 2015\*  
Alan Asher Jan 2003XX  
Emily Askew 1988\*

**Becky Baillie 1993**

**Stephen Baillie 1997~**

Amy Beekhuizen 2007\*  
Mildren Bou 1992  
Ute Brandenburg 1998  
Julia Bullard 2000X  
>Suzanne Bullard 2001\*\*  
Naima Burrs 2016\*  
Laurie Busch 1988\* 1991\*\*  
Rebekah Cannon 2003\*  
Hunter Capoccioni 2007  
Jonathan Chenoweth 1995X  
>John Chiles 2013\* and 2015\*\*

**Deborah Coltvet 1999\***

Margit Coltvet 1989  
>Cathy Craig 1987  
**>Mia Craig Hagarty 1998\*, 2025\*\***  
**Saylor Craig 1991\***  
Diane Dahl 1982~  
Katie Degelau 2003\*  
Robert Dunn 2009X

Angie Erion 1988\*  
Michael Fanelli 2001XX  
**John Fetter 1989\***  
Therese Fetter 1977  
Louann Flaherty 1994\*  
Gabriel Forero 2023\*\*  
Julie Fox Henson 1993  
Anne Franck 1992, 1998, 2001~  
Marla Funderburk 1991  
**Michaela Gansen 2010\***  
>Jake Giddens 2025  
Lori Graf 1991\*  
Jack Graham 1991X  
Mary Grey Bellone 1990, 1996, 2013  
**Megan Grey 2013\***  
Lisa Guttenberg 2000  
Carol Harp 1983  
Lindsay Harrison 2000\*  
Magaret Havaland 1986~  
>Tyler Hendrickson 2022X  
Margaret Hervig 1989~  
Karin Holmberg-Kimble 1978~  
Rachel Holtum 1994\*  
Martha Holvik 1976X  
**Hannah Howland Jacobs 2015\*,  
2017\*\***  
**Michelle Hyde Swanson 1989\***  
Pam Johnson 1996~  
Brenda Killen 1987\*  
Kris Leaman 1991\*  
**Cara Keidel Lockard 2008\*, 2009\*\***  
Hsien-Liang Lien 1998~  
Ed Madej 1980\*  
Paul Manulik 1994~  
Cindi Mason 1991  
Suzanne McCully 1988\*  
Prudence McDaniel 1988\*  
Vera McGee 1982, 1995

Peter McQuire 1997~  
Lisa Michael 1992\*  
**John Mullen 1991\***  
Susan Munnik 1999  
Katie Nimmer 2001  
Laura Olderog 2000\*  
**Tanya Payne 1996**  
**Tara Payne 2004**  
Joan Pollpeter Stewart 1984\*  
>Steph Ramos 2023\*\*  
Mabel Rempe 1994~  
Jessica Reynolds 1996\*  
>Erik Rohde 2022X  
Andrea Sanchez 2016\*  
Mary Schneider 1992~  
**Holly Schult Young 2006\***  
Megan Schuh 2009\*  
Kathleen Sihler 1991  
Joan Pollpeter Stewart 1984\*  
Molly Sullivan Shira 2002~  
Kariann Sullivan 1991\*  
Isaak Sund 2016\*  
Suzanne Svitak 2007\*  
Ingrid Swanson 1988\*  
Michele Thayer 1989\*  
Jackie Trautwein 1989  
Paul Trautwein 1990  
Jennifer Wagaman 2006\*  
>Bethany Washington 2018\*  
Flora Van Wormer 1996~  
Renee Veenstra 1990  
Jacquelyn Venter 2006  
Shelley Ward Abner 1982\*  
Dorothy Wendt 1981  
Todd Williams 2003\*\*  
Dan Zamzow 2003\*

### **Spring Concerts:**

First concert on Russell Hall Auditorium stage in 1983  
First concert in Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center 2000  
No concerts were held in 2020 or 2021.  
Concerts were moved back to Russell Hall in 2023 and 2024 during GBPAC renovation.

### **Anniversary Concerts:**

2016 celebrating 40 years in Bengtson Auditorium

Special guests: John Vallentine, Dan Breitbach, Kelly Olsen, Theo Ramsey, Andrew Rosenblum, Sean Botkin, Serena Hou, Alumni Ensemble

1996 celebrating 25 years in Russell Hall Auditorium

### **Special Past Anniversary Concert Guests:**

Benny Kim, Joseph Giunta, Karen Holvik, Marleta Matheson, Debra Gordon, Susan Schaefer



### **Orchestra History**

The Northern Iowa Youth Orchestra was founded in the spring of 1986 by Dr. Alan Dennis for students in grades 7 – 12. In the fall of 1988 the orchestra was reorganized under the sponsorship of the UNI Suzuki School under the direction of Dr. Rebecca Burkhardt for string students in grades 9 – 12. Other music directors include; Jack Graham, Jonathan Chenoweth, Michael Fanelli, Hunter Capoccioni, Jason Weinberger, Bonnie Alger, Claudia Restrepo, and Julia Bullard. Currently John Chiles is the music director for the full symphony group and has 57 members.

In 1990, Michael Fanelli formed the Northern Iowa Junior Orchestra for students in grades 5 -8. Other music directors include Tom Schilke and Todd Williams. Currently Mia Hagarty is their music director and has an orchestra of 25 members.

Both groups rehearse on campus weekly and perform locally and on their spring tours.



### **Orchestra Directors:**

#### Northern Iowa Youth Orchestra

- Alan Dennis 1986-1988 (shared concert with Des Moines Youth Orchestra)
- Rebecca Burkhardt 1989-1990
- Jack Graham 1992
- Jonathan Chenoweth 1993
- Michael Fanelli 1995-2001 (NIYO performed in Chicago for the Suzuki Association)
- Julia Bullard 2001 – 2002
- Jason Weinberger 2003-2006
- Hunter Capoccioni 2007-2008
- Bonnie Alger 2012
- Claudia Restrepo 2013
- John Chiles 2014 to present (tours for NIYO began)

#### Northern Iowa Junior Orchestra

- Michael Fanelli 1990 – 1992
- Scott Hall 1992
- Tom Schilke 1993-2016 (tours for NIJO began)
- Todd Williams, asst. Erin Gaherty Williams 2016 -2022
- Alex Lafrenz 2022-2025
- Mia Hagarty 2025 - present

### **Martha Holvik Suzuki Scholarship Fund at the UNI Foundation**

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The Endowed 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. Contributions can be made by scanning the QR code to the right or by [visiting this link](#).



Pledged amounts (annual or monthly) are also welcome. Please contact Dan Breitbach for more information at [dan.breitbach@uni.edu](mailto:dan.breitbach@uni.edu).

Contributions to the UNI Suzuki School OR to  
the UNI Suzuki Strings Association:

Charlotte & William Hinson Charitable Foundation, directed by  
Craig W. Driver

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Cathy Craig

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Brenna Griffin and John Burnett

Gowri Betrabet Gulwadi

Stephany Harvey

Karen Holvik

Linda Holvik and Phil Tetzloff

Lisa and Dick Hurban

Austin and Hannah Howland Jacobs

Steve and Jan Moore

Hannah Porter Occeña

Janice Olsen

Ronald and Jane Ross

Paul and Julie Sandell

Tom Schilke

Amanda Staver

Bob and Rachel Wiersma

Virginia Wilbur and Matt Gibbons

# Suzuki Logo Historical Timeline

Our branding may have evolved a little over the years, but our mission never changes: providing music instruction for pre-college age students and embracing the philosophy that "every student can."

**1981-1982**



**1982-1991**



**1991-2020**



**2020-PRESENT**

