

In celebration of 50 years at the University of Northern Iowa  
UNI Suzuki School presents.....

# Northern Iowa Youth Orchestra

Music Director: John Chiles

Spring Concert                      Sunday, May 3, 2026                      6:00 p.m.  
   Bengtson Auditorium, Russell Hall, University of Northern Iowa

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## Program

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Theme from Jurassic Park	John Williams b.1932
Bal Masque op.22	Amy Beach 1867-1944
American Salute	Morton Gould 1914-1996
Rebecca Nederhiser, guest conductor	
Elegy for String Orchestra	Elliot Carter 1908-2012
Bohemian Rhapsody	Queen
John Chiles, viola	
Erik Rohde, guest conductor	
Four Dance Episodes from Rodeo IV Hoe Down	Aaron Copeland 1900-1990

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

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### Upcoming Events:

UNI Suzuki School celebrates 50 Years Annual Spring Concert  
4:00 pm, Sunday, May 17, 2026    Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center

NIYO Auditions- September 11, 2026. Preregistration is required. For details:

<https://music.uni.edu/suzuki-school/orchestra-ensembles-chamber-music>

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Members of the 2025-2026 NIYO will embark on their first summer tour in June of 2027. For more information contact Mr. Chiles at [niyo@uni.edu](mailto:niyo@uni.edu). Interested students should register by May 31, 2026.

## PERSONNEL

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### VIOLIN I:

\*Kevin Du  
Mason Li  
Esther Shin\*\*  
Rishika Shettigar  
Ian Simpson\*\*  
Clayton Lauritsen  
Reagan Easter\*\*  
Rana Teke\*\*

### VIOLIN II

\*Diya Pradeep\*\*  
Aleah Flint  
Liberty Eagan  
Carter Rohde  
Miles Sandell  
Ali Javanbakht  
Hattie Geiger  
Samuel Halverson  
Dakota Chamberlain

### VIOLA

\*Jake Snodgrass  
Lily Myrmo\*\*  
Alayna Nottger  
Lexi Snodgrass  
Ailish Vetter-guest

### CELLO

\*Elliot Bieber  
Gabriel Eagan\*\*  
Ramona Saavedra-DuBord  
James Peng\*\*  
Helen Peng  
Will Sandell  
Bella Michael  
Henry Brummer

### BASS

\*Beckett Hunzelman\*\*  
Paxton Posey\*\*  
Ava Carstens

\*Principal  
\*\* Senior

### FLUTE

\*Caleb Little -guest  
Rachel Sharkey  
Jaya Delagardelle

### OBOE

\*Lucas Halverson\*\*  
Anya Hagarty

### CLARINET

\*Grace Sliwinski

### ALTO SAXOPHONE

Kayson Paige

### BASSOON

\*Audrey Moeller\*\*

### FRENCH HORN

\*Jaxon Thoms  
Lucas Geerts\*\*  
Amyia Jones

### TRUMPET

\*Scott Hagarty-guest  
\*Anis Kantarevic  
Elizabeth Peterson  
Levi Woolery

### TROMBONE

\*Tyler Peterson\*\*  
Ahan Tandon

### BARITONE

\*Markus Woolery\*\*

### TUBA

\*Aaliyah Lewis

### PERCUSSION

\*Samantha Brasch\*\*  
Carter Bolick  
Mason Myrmo  
Bennett Bolick

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UNI Suzuki School  
UNI School of Music  
Area school music directors and music teachers  
Orchestra Administrative Assistant: Cathy Craig

Sectional coaches and section support:

Dr. Hannah Porter-Oceana – woodwinds  
Dr. Scott Hagerty - brass  
Staci Toma - percussion section assistance

Tour:

Hosts:

Blessed Maria Assunta Pallotta Middle School  
Clarksville Community Schools  
North Butler Community School  
Rockford Fossil and Prairie Park  
Pizza Ranch (Waverly)

Transportation: Windstar

Chaperones: Mia Hagarty and Lisa Snodgrass

**Dr. Scott Hagarty** is Assistant Professor of Trumpet at the University of Northern Iowa. An active performer, Dr. Hagarty is currently Principal Trumpet of the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony Orchestra. He has performed with numerous ensembles including orchestras, jazz, chamber music, church music and wind band music in Iowa, Connecticut, Minnesota, Texas, and Tennessee.

Dr. Hagarty released his debut solo album in 2022, “Determination” on Mark Records to critical acclaim, winning a Silver Medal in the Global Music Awards, and earning Honorable Mention from the American Prize in the Solo Instrumental category. He is an active member of the International Trumpet Guild previously serving as chair of the social media committee and on the membership committee. Dr. Hagarty also has several publications in the ITG Journal and serves as a regular music reviewer, media reviewer, and conference reporter. His education includes University of Northern Iowa, Yale University, and a D.M.A from the University of Minnesota.

**Dr. Rebecca Nederhiser** is a passionate conductor, scholar, music educator, and oboist. She currently conducts the Wartburg Community Symphony, leads the Kammerstreicher string ensemble, and teaches music theory, oboe, and conducting at Wartburg College. In her short time at Wartburg, Nederhiser has created community engaging traditions, including an inaugural string camp, the formation of the St. George String Quartet, and Collaborations/clinics with national composers and artists.

Nederhiser has a music education degree from Warner Pacific University, earned master’s degrees from Wahington State University (oboe performance), Central Washington University (orchestra conducting) and a DMA in orchestra conducting from University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In her spare time, Nederhiser enjoys hiking, reading, cooking, traveling, and exploring her local coffee shops.

**Dr. Erik Rohde** maintains a diverse career as a conductor, violinist, and educator, and has performed in recitals and festivals across the United States and in Europe and Asia. He is the newly appointed Director of Orchestral Activities at the University of Northern Iowa, the Music Director of the Winona Symphony Orchestra (MN), and the founding artistic director of the Salomon Chamber Orchestra.

Rohde holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts in Conducting from the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, where he studied with conductors Mark Russell Smith, Kathy Saltzman Romey, and Craig Kirchhoff and violin pedagogue Mark Bjork. He also holds degrees in Violin Performance and Biomedical Engineering.