

Northern
Iowa
Youth
Orchestra

Spring Concert

Music Director, John Chiles

Bengtson Auditorium, Russell Hall, UNI

6:00 pm, Sunday, May 4, 2025

Program

"Bacchanale" from *Samson and Delilah*

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

"The Merry Go Round of Life"

Joe Hisaishi (b.1950)

String Quartet no. 6 in F minor, op.80
II. Allegro assai

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Chandler Taylor, violin; Summer Lim, violin;
Jocelyn Gable, viola; Alex Christ, cello
Verismo Scholarship Quartet

Two Pieces for Small Orchestra

Frederick Delius (1862-1934)

I. On Hearing the first Cuckoo in Spring

Piano Concerto no. 2 in C minor
I. Moderato

Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

Sean Botkin, piano

Danzon No. 2

Arturo Márquez Navarro (b. 1950)

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

Auditions for next season will be held on Sept. 12, 2025. Pre-registration is required at:

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

Personnel

VIOLIN I

*#+Summer Lim
+Esther Shin
Ian Simpson
#+Chandler Taylor
+Rana Teke
Mason Li
Reagan Easter
Rishika Shettigar

VIOLIN II

*+Diya Pradeep
Aleah Flint
Evan Lin
Clayton Lauritsen
#Naomi Sharkey
Chloe Lockard
Hattie Geiger
Dakota Chamberlain

VIOLA

*Jake Snodgrass
+Jocelyn Gabel
Lily Myrmo
#Lucy Galloway
~Steph Ramos

CELLO

*#Alex Christ
Elliot Bieber
James Peng
#Andrew Hughes
Helen Peng
Gabe Eagan
Zander Christensen

BASS

*Paxton Posey
Bella Michael (cello)
Ramona Saavedra-Dubord (cello)

FLUTE

*Aldo Escalera
Rachel Sharkey

OBOE

*Lucas Halvorsen
Wren Feuerhelm

CLARINET

*Grace Sliwinski
Andrew Gerdes

BASSOON

*#Lidia Pawlak
Kayson Paige

FRENCH HORN

*#+Rose Stuber
Jaxon Thoms

TRUMPET

*Anis Kantarevic
Ellie Rasanen

TROMBONE

*#Jonah Woolery
Ahan Tandon
Tyler Peterson
Markus Woolery

TUBA

*Brian Chea

PERCUSSION

*#Lydia Palmer
Samantha Brasch
Carter Bolick
Owen Neuendorf

PIANO

Helen Peng

KEY:

Principal *
Guest ~
Senior #
Tour Focus Group+

GUEST ARTIST: Pianist **Sean Botkin** began studying the piano at age five with his mother, making his first orchestral appearance four years later with the Honolulu Symphony. He went on to study privately with Neal O'Doan at the University of Washington and, under his direction, performed with the Seattle Symphony, Spokane Symphony, and Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra. Sean has garnered prizes in an impressive list of international piano competitions, including Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition, Busoni International Piano Competition, Cleveland International Piano Competition, World Piano Competition in Cincinnati, Dong-A International Music Competition of Korea, International Music Competition of Japan and the Washington D.C. International Competition. A graduate of Stanford University, the Juilliard School, and Indiana University at South Bend, Sean has studied with eminent artists Adolph Baller, Martin Canin, and Alexander Toradze.

Sean has performed extensively in the United States, Europe, Central and South America, Asia, and Russia. He made his New York debut at Alice Tully Hall in 1993 performing Bartók's Concerto No. 2 with the Juilliard Symphony. In 2012, sponsored by Alexander Rachmaninoff and the Rachmaninoff Foundation, he performed Rachmaninoff's 4th Piano Concerto with the Chicago Symphony at Ravinia, conducted by Gianandrea Noseda, and in 2013 with the Orchestra of the Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia and guest conductor, Alexander Sladkovsky. Equally active in chamber music, Sean performs regularly with internationally renowned violinist and UNI professor Nash Ryder as part of the Mesa Duo. Most recently, Sean performed Schumann's Piano Quartet in E-flat, Op. 47 with members of the New York Philharmonic on the New York Ensembles Chamber Music Series at Merkin Hall. Reactions to Sean's performances typically are expressed with phrases such as "multidimensional talents", "superb musicianship", and "beautiful and rare musical experience".

He is currently Associate Professor of Piano at the University of Northern Iowa.

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