

*The
White
Station
High School
Honors Orchestras

Awards
and
Senior Recognition
Concert Gathering*

Mrs. Carrye Holland, Principal
Dr. Andrew Palmer, Director

Monday, May 10, 2021
7:00 p.m.

A Virtual Program

White Station High School
514 S. Perkins Road
Memphis, Tennessee

Program

An Evening of Reflection

Dreidel

Bile 'em Cabbage Down

Selections from the seniors' fifth grade strings classes

T & V on Twinkle

arr. A. Palmer

Airplane

Michael Hopkins

Selections from the seniors' sixth grade at WSMS

Starlight

M. Bellamy/Ivanov & Stein

From the seniors' eighth grade at WSMS

A Reflection on Music Education

An extract from "Your Life is Your Education,"

given by Nicky Benedetti at the

Royal Philharmonic Society, November 2019

String Quartet in F Major,

Antonin Dvorák

Op. 96, No. 12 "American"

(1841-1904)

IV. Finale: Vivace ma non troppo

Zoe Wolfe and Lily Zeng, Violins

Abby Cassius, Viola

Anyu Gu, Cello

**Awards, Honors, Reflections,
and Recognitions**

Farandole

Georges Bizet (1838-1875)

arr. Merle J. Isaac

A Senior Performance

The Intermediate Honors Orchestra

Violins

Saja Alhaidari
Jaycob Barber
Zachary Belenchia
Alexis Chan
Andrew Green
Luke Hatler
Wasuk Lado ◊

Violas

Jalia Brown
Gabrielle Clark
Vivian Fan
Kamari Hawkins
Isaiah Johnson
Alexandru New ◊ Å
Ammie Spellings
Andrew Sullivan

Violins

Shania Moore
Kevin Monroe
Ivanna Nunez
James Oattis
Evelyn Torres
Dylan Stubbs
Kylie Townsend

Cellos

Max Centobene
Holly Cole ◊
James Cox
Jaycie Crawford
Kendall Freeman
Jasmine Meekins
Ella Raffel

Double Bass

Anjali Gahlaut

Key: Senior names are *italicized*

* Principal

** Assistant Principal

◊ All-West TN Regional 9/10 Honors Orchestra

Σ All-West TN Regional 11/12 Honors Orchestra

Å Tennessee All-State Honors Orchestras

G 2021 Governor's School for the Performing Arts

The Advanced Honors Orchestra

Zoe Wolfe, Co-Concertmaster $\Sigma \text{Å}$

Lily Zeng, Co-Concertmaster

Violins

Jonathan Akangbe $\diamond \text{Å}$

Soumya Bandaru \diamond

Leah Buggs

Chas Burbank

Haley Cole \diamond

Charisse Conard \diamond

Jason Fang $\diamond \text{Å}$

Sarah Forrester

Jimson He $\diamond \text{Å G}$

Emily Hu $\Sigma \text{Å}$

Jadyn Hong **

Ellie Min **

Violins

Yasmine Pirlepesova Σ

Tanya Prahalathan Σ

Cristian Reyes **

Skyler White

Alice Willard

Russell Wolfe $\diamond \text{Å G}$

Allen Xie \diamond

Abby Xu \diamond

Emmy Yang

Lena Zeng \diamond

Annie Zhao $\Sigma \text{Å}$

Violas

Abby Cassius Σ

Justin Choi *

Cooper Ford **

Kiersten Freeman **

Mira Gahlaut

Ainsley Grant

Max Laumann \diamond

Shivani Menon \diamond

Dane Perugini- Cripps

Neel Saxe \diamond

Jason Tang \diamond

Cellos

Autumn Bobo *

Mandy Cassius Σ

Alma Gahlaut

Eleanor Gunn

Zachary Palmer **

Emlyn Polatty *

Double Basses

Aniyya Dent \diamond

Daniel Palmer

Ethan Shepherd

2020-2021 Repertoire

<i>Farandole</i>	Georges Bizet (1838-1875), arr. M.J. Isaac
"Gavotte en Rondeaux" from <i>Partita No. 3 in E Major</i>	J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
"Prelude" from <i>Holberg Suite</i>	Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)
<i>Salut d'Amour</i>	Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
Selections from <i>Messiah</i>	George F. Handel (1685-1759)
<i>Synergy</i>	Deborah Baker Monday (b. 1953)
<i>Tango Noir</i>	Reynard Burns (b. 1946)
<i>The Celtic Butterfly</i>	Julie Lyonn Leiberman (b. 1954)
<i>The Butterfly Slip Jig</i>	Tommy Potts (1912-1988)
"With Nicky" & "Learn Elgar" <i>Video Lesson Series</i>	Nicky Benedetti, Laura Gardiner and The Benedetti Foundation

Classroom Guests and Clinicians

From the Memphis Symphony Orchestra:

Marisa Polesky, Assistant Concertmaster
Ruth Valente Burgess, Principal Cellist
Aaron Tubergen, Assistant Principal Violist
Mark Wallace, Cellist
Lenore McIntyre, Violinist
Greg Morris, Violinist

Prof. Harvey Felder, Orchestra Director, the University Memphis
Joseph Matthews, WSHS orchestra alum, c/o 2011
Willinda Watkins-Charumuka, former WSMS orchestra director
Dr. Emily Hanna Crane, Violinist, Austin Peay State University
Dr. Meghan Berindean, Cellist, Austin Peay State University
Kalena Bovell, Assistant Conductor of the Memphis Symphony
Orchestra and Director of the Memphis Youth Symphony
Leslie York and Johnice Anderson, Amro Music Representatives

Private Teachers of Our Students

<u>Violin</u>	<u>Viola</u>	<u>Cello</u>
Pak Chung Cheng	Beth Luscombe	Christine Kralik
Barrie Cooper	Jane Schranze	Alisha Rufty
Roxanne Daws	Irene Wade	Iren Zombor
Sheryl Lane		
Jennifer Puckett		
Priscilla Tsai	<u>Double Bass</u>	
Jamie Weaver	Tony Smith	
Andy Yu		

*The 2021
Senior Class
of the
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The Seniors' School Orchestra Heritage

Appling Middle – Mrs. Smith

Arlington Middle – Mrs. Cody Price

Chimneyrock Elementary – Ms. Stephanie Bogue

Colonial Middle – Mrs. Paula Turner & Mrs. Robyn Greene

Grahamwood Elementary – Dr. Andrew Palmer

Maxine Smith STEAM Academy – Mr. Stephen Spangler

Overton High – Mr. James Weil

Richland Elementary – Mrs. Willinda Watkins-Charumuka

Sea Isle Elementary – Mrs. Paula Turner

Sherwood Elementary – Ms. Ptotia Furlow

Snowden School – Mr. Alex Perry

White Station Middle – Mrs. Kristi Harrington &

Mrs. Willinda Watkins-Charumuka

White Station Elementary – Dr. Andrew Palmer

Autumn Bobo is a four-year orchestra member, serving at times Assistant Principal of the Advanced Orchestra. This year, Autumn is Co-Principal Cellist of the Advanced Orchestra. She began playing the cello in the fourth grade at Richland Elementary School, and went on to the orchestras at White Station Middle School. She took private lessons from Ms. Stephanie Bogue and Mrs. Ruth Burgess, and currently studies with Ms. Christine Kralik. She played in the 2017 All-City Orchestra, in the Prizm Ensembles from 2016-18, in four All-West Tennessee Honors Orchestras, and attended the 2019 Governor's School for the Performing Arts. Autumn has fond memories of our 2019 Concert Festival performance of Grieg's *Holberg Suite for Strings*, as well as the MYS performances of Khatchaturian's *Masquerade Waltz* and William Grant Still's *Wood Notes* (Autumn Night mvmt. 2). Autumn will be attending UC-San Diego with a focus on Biomedical Engineering and will be joining the university's orchestra, too.

Max Centobene is a three-year orchestra member, having missed his Junior year because of a class scheduling conflict. He has served as Assistant Principal and Principal of the Intermediate Orchestra. Max began playing the cello at White Station Elementary, and continued to play in the orchestras at White Station Middle School. His favorite event was the Spartan Strings Festival, and enjoyed the post-concert days of hanging out with his friends. Max will be attending the University of Memphis.

Justin Choi is a four-year orchestra member, serving as Assistant Principal and Principal Violist. Justin started his musical career on the piano, and after three years, started taking viola lessons with Mrs. Kristi Harrington at the Bellevue School of Performing Arts. He also studied with Aaron Tubergen during his sophomore year. Justin played in the orchestras at Arlington Middle School, in the Memphis Youth Symphony Program for seven years– three in the String Orchestra (Principal Violist in 2016), and four in the Youth Symphony (Principal Violist from 2017-2020). He played in six All-West Tennessee Honors Orchestras (Principal Violist 2016-2020), and two All-State Tennessee Honors Orchestras (2018 & 2019). Justin attended the 2019 Governor's School for the Arts, where he was Principal Violist and a Concerto Competition Finalist. His most memorable events were performance of the *Adagietto for Strings* by Robert Kajanus at the 2018 All-West Convention, and his 2019 All-State experience. Justin is also proud to be a part of the WSHS Science Olympiad Regional Winners. Justin will be studying Pre- Pharmacy at Purdue University.

James Cox is a four-year orchestra member, serving for two years as Principal Cellist of the Intermediate Orchestra. He started playing the cello at Sherwood Elementary, and went on to play in the orchestras of Colonial Middle School's CAPA program. He enjoyed making strong friendships among the orchestras. James will be studying computer operations at the University of Memphis.

Cooper Ford is a four-year orchestra member. He started playing the violin in the first grade with Ms. Lila Hood, and studied with her for five years. He also studied privately with Mrs. Beth Luscombe for three years. Cooper joined the orchestra when he attended Maxine Smith STEAM Academy, where he switched to the viola. He was a member of the Memphis Youth Symphony Orchestra during his sophomore year, and enjoyed the 2020 Band and Orchestra trip to New York City. His favorite pieces are *Dragon Hunter* and the melody of *Pure Imagination*. He helped build the new JROTC recreation course at WSHS. Cooper will be studying film at the Nossi College of Art.

Kiersten Freeman is a four-year orchestra member, serving at times as Assistant Principal Violist. She began playing the viola in the fifth grade at White Station Elementary School, and went on to the orchestras at White Station Middle School. She played in the 2017 and 2019 All-West Tennessee Honors Orchestras. One of her favorite musical performances from All-West was the *Variations of the Famous Paganini 24th Caprice*. She also fondly remembers playing *Starlight (by Muse)* at the end of eighth grade. That performance is being encored this evening. Kiersten will be attending the University of Virginia, studying Public Health on a pre-med track.

Anjali Gahlaut is a four-year orchestra member, serving as Assistant Principal and Principal Double Bassist of the Advanced Orchestra. She started playing the piano at the age of four, and started playing the double bass in the fifth grade at Grahamwood Elementary School. It was soon obvious to her teacher that the double bass was the perfect instrument for her. She continued on to the orchestras at White Station Middle School. She played in the Memphis Youth Symphony for three years (two as principal bassist), and has taken private lessons with Mr. Tony Smith for six years. Anjali played in the Prizm Chamber Music Festivals from 2016-18. She was a member of three University of Memphis Honors Strings Festivals (one as principal bassist), four All-West Tennessee Honors Orchestras (three as principal bassist), three All-State Honors Orchestras (one as principal bassist), and the 2021 *National Association for Music Education's* All-National Orchestra Festival. She also attended the 2019 Governor's School for the Performing Arts. Her favorite performance was of Gustav Holst's *The Planets* and at our 2019 Concert Festival. At WSHS, Anjali played three years of varsity soccer, is Vice President of the Humane Society Club, and is Secretary of the St. Jude Club. Anjali will be attending Vassar College, and will major in history and minor in music while playing in the college orchestra.

Jadyn Hong is a four-year orchestra member. She served as Assistant Principal Second Violinist at various times in both orchestras. Jadyn was introduced to the violin as a six-year-old living in Korea, but didn't actually start playing the instrument until she was at Appling Middle School. Her favorite orchestra pieces were the Disney songs, especially *Beauty and the Beast*. Jadyn will be attending Rhodes College in the fall.

Ellie Min is a four-year orchestra member. She served as Assistant Principal and Principal Second Violinist at various times in both orchestras. Ellie started playing the violin in the fifth grade at Chimneyrock Elementary. She also started taking private lessons with Ms. Betty Eubank at that time. She played in the orchestras at White Station Middle School. Ellie was a member of the 2017 All-West Tennessee Honors Orchestra. Her favorite orchestra pieces are *Starlight* and *The Polar Express Medley* (especially when we added the train whistle!). Ellie will be majoring in International Politics at Penn State University.

Daniel Palmer is a four-year orchestra member, serving at times as Assistant Principal and Principal Double Bassist in both orchestras. He started playing the double bass in the fifth grade at Grahamwood Elementary School, and went on to the orchestras at White Station Middle School. He was a member of the 2017 All-West Tennessee Honors Orchestra. One of his favorite pieces to play was *She Will Hang the Night with Stars*. Daniel also played the electric bass with the WSMS orchestra and at his church. He was really looking forward to performing *Bohemian Rhapsody* as a senior request piece on tonight's program. Daniel will be attending the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and majoring in Environmental Science.

Zachary Palmer is a four-year orchestra member, serving at times as Assistant Principal Cellist in the Advanced Orchestra. He started playing the cello in the fifth grade at Grahamwood Elementary School, and went on to the orchestras at White Station Middle School. The favorite pieces of music that he performed were the Beatles Medley and the Pixar Medley. A "cool" concert memory for Zachary was the finale where his older brother was playing in the WSHS orchestra, he and his twin brother were in the WSMS orchestra, and their dad was conducting. Zachary will be majoring in Statistics at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

Emlyn Polatty is a four-year orchestra member, serving at times as Assistant Principal Cellist in the Advanced Orchestra. This year, Emlyn is Co-Principal Cellist of the Advanced Orchestra. She began playing the cello in the fifth grade at White Station Elementary School, and went on to the orchestras at White Station Middle School. She played in the 2017 All-City Orchestra, in four All-West Tennessee Honors Orchestras (2017- 2020), and in the 2019 All-State Honors Orchestra. She was recognized as the most improved WSHS cellist in 2019. Emlyn enjoyed the moment at All-West when the cellos stood while performing *Irish Jig in Third Class*, with their instruments hooked around their necks. Card games, field trips to the Blues museum and Rock & Soul Museum, and an up-close and personal performance by the *Ceruti String Quartet* are some of her favorite orchestra memories. Her dramatic roles at WSHS included Lady Macbeth in *Macbeth* and Crimson Skull in *Cliffhanger: Beware the Blue Ghost*. Emlyn is also the President of the Thespian Society, Managing Editor of the *Scroll*, and a WSHS Outstanding Senior. Emlyn plans to attend Tulane University to study Psychology, and will be joining the university's orchestra.

Cristian Reyes is a three-year orchestra member, having transferred from Overton High School for his sophomore year. He started playing the violin in the fifth grade at Grahamwood Elementary School, and went on to the orchestras at White Station and Colonial Middle Schools. He played for two years with the Memphis Youth String Sinfonia, attended the 2015 Prizm summer camp, and took three years of private lessons at the Bellevue School of Performing Arts. Cristian enjoyed performing *Sleigh Ride* at the Murray State University string clinic in the fall of 2017. We played *Sleigh Ride* on one of our holiday concerts, too, and Cristian's sister got to perform the sleighbell part (with car keys) with her big brother. Cristian will be majoring in Psychology at La Sierra University, and plans to keep playing in the university's string orchestra and in a string quartet.

Ethan Shepherd is a four-year orchestra member, serving at times as Assistant Principal and Principal Double Bassist in both orchestras. He started playing the double bass in the fifth grade at Grahamwood Elementary School, and went on to the orchestras at White Station Middle School. He participated in the Stax Music Camp (2017-18) and the PRIZM Chamber Music Winter Program (2015-20). He also played double bass in the WSHS Jazz Band for several years. He enjoyed all of the field trips, especially the Band & Orchestra trip to Indiana. Ethan will be attending Indiana University to study finance and entrepreneurship and intends to continue playing the bass while in college.

Andrew Sullivan is a four-year orchestra member, serving for two years as Principal Violist of the Intermediate Orchestra. He started playing the viola in the fourth grade at Sea Isle Elementary, and continued playing in the orchestras in the CAPA program at Colonial Middle School. He also played for two years in the Memphis Youth String Sinfonia. The field trips for Concert Festival are something that Andrew fondly remembers. Andrew will be majoring in Biochemistry at Austin Peay State University.

Zoe Wolfe is a four-year orchestra member. She has served in Assistant Principal and Principal Violin roles in the Advanced Orchestra. This year, Zoe is our Co-Concertmaster. Zoe started playing the violin at the age of three in the University of Memphis's Suzuki program, studying with Ms. Erin Webb. She was in the strings class at Snowden Elementary, the orchestras at Maxine Smith STEAM Academy, and played in all four of the Memphis Youth Symphony Program's ensembles— String Ensemble, String Sinfonia, String Orchestra, and Youth Symphony. After leaving the Suzuki program, Zoe studied with Mr. Ray Cheng, and now studies with Ms. Barrie Cooper. She was in eight All-West Tennessee Honors Orchestras, and three All-State Orchestra. She also attended the 2017 Sewanee Summer

Music Festival, the 2018 String Crossings Summer Camp at Belmont University, and the Governor's School for the Performing Arts in 2019. Her awards and honors include the Memphis Youth Symphony Concerto Competition, first place at the J.D. Kelly Strings competition, and third place at the Beethoven Club's Young Artist competition. Her favorite performance was her Concerto performance with the MYS, playing Edouard Lalo's *Symphonie Espagnole*. Shostakovich's *Festive Overture* holds a special place in her heart at the first piece she played in a symphony. One of her favorite memories of orchestra was feeling the energy in the warm-up room before a performance. At WSHS, Zoe was also in the Garden Club, on the Robotics team, and Captain of the Cross-Country team. Zoe plans to keep playing in orchestra while in a pre-med track – studying either biology or economics – at the Ohio State University.

Lily Zeng is a four-year orchestra member, serving as Assistant Principal and Principal Violinist of the Advanced Orchestra. This year, Lily is our Co-Concertmaster. She started taking violin lessons with Mr. Andy Yu when she was six years old, and has studied with him since then. She played in all four of the Memphis Youth Symphony Program's ensembles– String Ensemble, String Sinfonia, String Orchestra, and Youth Symphony. She was a member of the All-West Tennessee Honors Orchestras 2017 and 2019, the 2019 All-State Tennessee Honors Orchestras, and the 2018 Governor's School for the Arts. Her most memorable performances include playing a wedding with her quartet, playing Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4 in a MYS side-by-side concert with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra, and playing for an elementary school honors program. During the Spring, 2020 lockdown, she was – by far - the most active responder to my *Teen Strings Tip Sheets* "bonus questions." Lily also volunteers in a music appreciation class for the Refugee Empowerment Program. Lily will be double majoring in Marketing and Economics at Trinity University.