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The Metropolitan Youth Orchestra of New York

Sunday, March 22, 2026

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created by Nassau Principal Orchestra member Samantha Yan.*

The Metropolitan Youth Orchestra of New York

Adelphi University Performing Arts Center

Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 3 PM



NASSAU STRING ORCHESTRA

Michelina Sobolewski, Music Director

Carnival Overture, Op. 92.....Antonín Dvořák
arr. Carrie Lane Gruselle

The Enchanted Garden,Maurice Ravel
from *Mother Goose Suite* arr. Michael Hopkins

Red Rhythmico.....Kirt Mosier
Alexandra Armoza and Emma Yuan, Violin
Tomas Flores and Alicia Ye, Cello

NASSAU CONCERT ORCHESTRA

Peggy Ho, Music Director

Light Cavalry OvertureFranz von Suppé

Symphony N^o 9, Op. 95,.....Antonín Dvořák
“from the New World” arr. Merle J. Isaac
I. Adagio—Allegro molto (abridged)

The Metropolitan Youth Orchestra of New York

Adelphi University Performing Arts Center

Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 7 PM



NASSAU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Catherine Birke, Music Director

Colonial Dance.....Florence Price

Violin Concerto N^o 3Camille Saint-Saëns
in B Minor, Op. 61

I. Allegro non troppo

Simon Bae, Violin

Winner of the 2024–2025 MYO Concerto and Vocal Competition

Themes from Leroy Anderson'sTraditional,
Irish Suite – Part 1 Leroy Anderson

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Emmett Collins, Bagpipes

NASSAU PRINCIPAL ORCHESTRA

Scott Stickley, Music Director

Overture toSamuel Coleridge-Taylor
The Song of Hiawatha, Op. 30, N^o 3

Symphony N^o 2 in C Minor,.....Gustav Mahler
"Resurrection"

I. Totenfeier

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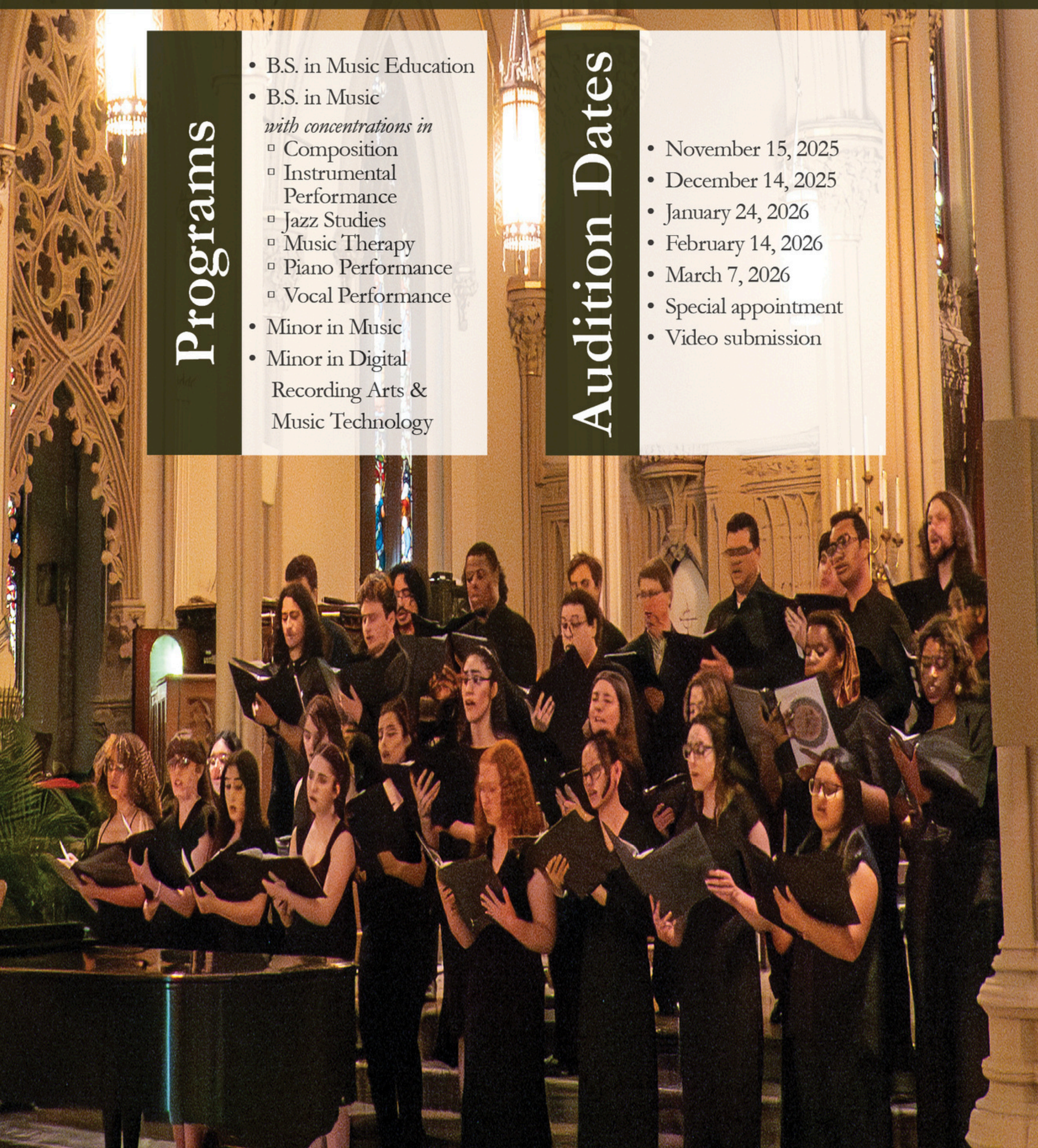
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- December 14, 2025
- January 24, 2026
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About the Soloist



Simon Bae



Simon Bae

Winner of the 2024–2025 MYO Concerto and Vocal Competition

Simon Bae is a violinist and freshman at Syosset High School who demonstrates a profound commitment to both orchestral and chamber music. Currently a student at The Mannes School of Music Pre-College program, Simon reached a significant milestone in 2025 as the winner of the MYO Division I Concerto and Vocal Competition. Since joining MYO in 2023, Simon has emerged as a natural leader. He has served as Concertmaster for several orchestras, including the Nassau Symphony Orchestra, the Nassau Concert Orchestra, and the H.B. Thompson Middle School Chamber Orchestra. He is also a consistent participant in NYSSMA, LISFA, and All-County festivals. An avid chamber musician, Simon has been performing at Lincoln Center's Daniel and Joanna S. Rose Studio as part of the Chamber Music Society's Young Ensembles program since 2024. His collaborative excellence also earned him the Outstanding Ensemble Award at the 2025 Pierrot Chamber Music Festival for a performance of Ravel. Beyond the concert hall, Simon is dedicated to community service, performing regularly with his ensemble at a senior center in Plainview, NY.

About the Music Directors



Catherine Birke



Catherine Birke

Catherine Birke (Nassau Symphony Orchestra) is an energetic and passionate conductor, violinist, and educator. She is the Music Director of the Music Advancement Program (MAP) at The Juilliard School and the Director of Orchestras at Herricks High School. At Herricks, she conducts over 200 students in four thriving orchestras and her ensembles consistently earn the highest rating of "Gold with Distinction" at the NYSSMA Major Evaluation Festival. Under her direction, the Herricks HS Chamber Orchestra has placed multiple times in the American String Teachers' Association (ASTA) National Orchestra Festival. Her small chamber ensembles consistently earn high honors as well, including annual participation in the Lincoln Center Chamber Music Society's (CMS) Young Musicians Program (YMP) competition. For six years, Ms. Birke served as the Director of Strings at the New York State Summer School of the Arts (NYSSSA) School of Orchestral Studies and she has also taught on faculty at Hofstra University. A sought-after guest conductor and violinist, Birke has conducted All State festivals across the country and performs regularly as the Concertmaster of the South Shore Symphony Orchestra. Ms. Birke holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Temple University, a Master of Music degree from the University of the Arts, and an Advanced Certificate in Music Theory from Berklee College of Music.

About the Music Directors



Peggy Ho



Peggy Ho

Peggy Ho (Nassau Concert Orchestra) began her musical training on clarinet, piano, and violin in grade school. She holds a Bachelor of Music in education and clarinet performance from Ithaca College, a Master of Arts in music history from LI University, a Master of Arts in conducting from Hofstra University, and Doctorate in music education from Teachers College, Columbia University. Her clarinet teachers include Naomi Drucker, Richard Faria, and Ayako Oshima Neidich. Having traveled extensively throughout the world, Dr. Ho has performed as principal clarinetist with the North American Elite Youth Orchestra, the Long Island Youth Orchestra, and performed with the Rome Music Festival. She has guest conducted regional and district orchestras throughout New York. Her interest in the expansion of the performance education programs to include portfolio and project based assessment have led her to share her thoughts as presenter at various music conferences, including the Winter NYSSMA Conference, Balanced Curriculum Mind Conference, NYSBDA Symposium. Dr. Ho is a featured educator in NYSSMA's DVD, "Music Views" and has been published in "School Music News." She is currently the Director of Bands at the Wheatley School in East Williston, NY.

About the Music Directors



Michelina Sobolewski



Michelina Sobolewski

Michelina Sobolewski (Nassau String Orchestra) earned her Bachelor of Music Education from the Crane School of Music, where she studied viola with Dr. Peter Bucknell and Dr. Shelly Tramposh. She went on to receive her Master's degree from Stony Brook University and Suzuki certification from the Hartt School of Music under Carrie Reuning-Hummel, one of the first Suzuki students in the United States. An active presence in the music education community, Mrs. Sobolewski has served as chairperson for the Nassau County Music Educators Association (NMEA), on the executive board of the Long Island String Festival Association (LISFA), and as a guest conductor for the Suffolk County Music Educators Association (SCMEA). She has also performed with the Sound Symphony Orchestra, the Crane Alumni Orchestra, and as a pit musician for the Manhasset School District. In addition, she has presented workshops on curriculum, mindfulness, and programming at NYSCAME and Balanced Mind Conferences. Alongside her work as a musician and educator, Mrs. Sobolewski is a certified yoga instructor for children and adults, integrating mindfulness and breathing techniques to enhance focus, well-being, and performance. She is currently an elementary orchestra teacher in the Herricks School District, where her ensembles perform regularly at the NYSSMA Major Organization Evaluation Festival and have consistently received "Gold with Distinction" ratings.

About the Music Directors



Scott Stickley



Scott Stickley

Scott Stickley (Nassau Principal Orchestra) is one of MYO's longest-tenured conductors. Since MYO's inception, Mr. Stickley has seen the organization become one of the largest youth orchestra and choir programs in the country. Highlights of Maestro Stickley's tenure include the Carnegie Hall premiere of Jennifer Higdon's Cold Mountain Suite in May 2023, an audience-acclaimed tour of Italy in July 2022 featuring a performance at the Florence Youth Orchestra Festival; a performance at Jazz at Lincoln Center of the 2019 MYO award winning composition "On-Again, Off Again" by Juilliard graduate Jack Frerer, 2016 MYO Orchestra performance at the Granada International Festival of Music and Dance; and a 2014 Carnegie Hall world premiere of Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo's choral masterwork "To the East and To the West." Soloists featured with MYO under his direction include the New York Philharmonic principal clarinetist Stanley Drucker, Metropolitan Opera soprano Danielle de Niese, and international piano soloist Gilles Vonsattel. Scott Stickley teaches instrumental music for the Herricks Schools, has served as interim director for the Adelphi University orchestra, and guest conducted the orchestra at the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam. In 2024, he guest conducted the Music Advancement Program at The Juilliard School. The summer of 2025 found Maestro Stickley conducting the summer music program for the Sound Symphony Orchestra on Long Island. Hailing from Oregon, he holds degrees from the University of Oregon and the University of Michigan. He studied conducting at the Tanglewood Music Center and attended conducting seminars with Gustav Meier, Michael Tilson Thomas, and Roger Norrington.

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Sophia Chen, Herricks MS

Wilson Chen, Searingtown Elementary

Allie Chiu, Herricks MS

Elena Choe, Plainview-Old Bethpage MS

Mia Diiorio, Berner MS

Madeline Fang, Manhasset MS

Jorden Fox, Herricks MS

Angelia Huang, Village Elementary

Mateo Jalil, Grand Avenue MS

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Liz Kim, Adrian Block IS 25

Mary Elizabeth La Ferlita, Homeschool

Madelyn Lam, Jericho MS

Ashley Lee, Herricks MS

Gianna Lin, Lakeville Elementary

Kerrie Lin, Homeschool

Tejaswi Mantravadi, H.B. Mattlin MS

Andy Martinez, Herricks MS

Carolyn Ngai, Syosset HS

Agnes Park, Nathaniel Hawthorne MS 74

Benjamin Tam-Han, Center Street Elementary

Linoa Wang, Searingtown Elementary

Melanie Wang, South Woods MS

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Violin (continued)

Melody Xiao, Great Neck North HS

Victoria Xu, Great Neck South MS

Julian Yoo, South Woods MS

* * Emma Yuan, Jericho MS

Viola

Emilia Aningalan, Herricks MS

* Ryan Chung, Herricks MS

Zara Khan, Herricks MS

Lucas M. Lee, C.P. Weber MS

Chelsey Lin, H.B. Thompson MS

Daniel Moynihan, Shelter Rock Elementary

Rachel Nagai, Searingtown Elementary

Dhanvi Sharma, Herricks MS

Matthew Sohn, Great Neck South MS

Luke Tam-Han, Herricks MS

Cello

Aiden Chen, Syosset HS

Derek Chen, Searingtown Elementary

Emmaline Chung, Munsey Park Elementary

Connell Faver, Kellenberg Latin School

Tomas Flores, South Woods MS

Ariel Huang, Village Elementary

Caleb Ko, Jericho HS

Jocelyn Ko, Herricks MS

Cameron Lo, Herricks MS

Melody Shen, South Woods MS

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Cello (continued)

Jicheng Xie, Great Neck North HS

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Nathaniel Kaplan, Homeschool

Nichole Ki, Jericho MS

Ethan Kim, H.B. Mattlin MS

Kaitlyn Kistoo, Bethpage HS

Jasper Lam, Jericho MS

Jeemin Lee, H.B. Thompson MS

Cheryl Li, South Woods MS

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Chloe Lin, Garden City HS

Leanna Low, Jericho MS

Ava McClure, Garden City MS

Lucas McClure, Garden City HS

Hadley Nam, Great Neck South MS

Deleena Rak, Friends Academy

* * Samantha Shih, Manhasset MS

Nicholas Williams, Valley Stream North HS

Yvette Wong, Herricks HS

Anna Xiao, Great Neck South MS

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(Continued)

Violin (continued)

Christina Zhong, Syosset HS

Elisa Zhou, Townsend Harris HS

Viola

Sehaj Ahuja, Herricks MS

Louis Di Biasi, Herricks HS

Kasen Kiang, Herricks MS

*Dain Kim, Bethpage HS

Erin Kim, C.P. Weber MS

Madison Lee, Herricks MS

Olivia Pienkowski, Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. HS

Walter Velasquez, Uniondale HS

Cello

Kaitlyn Chan, H.B. Thompson MS

Isabella Chung, Manhasset HS

Austin Gao, H.B. Thompson MS

Ivan Hao, South Woods MS

Kyra Lew, Herricks HS

Emily Moynihan, Manhasset MS

*Asha Redito, Herricks MS

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Sophie Wang, Manhasset MS

Olivia Wong, Manhasset MS

Henry Wu, Grand Avenue MS

Thom Yau, South Woods MS

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Double Bass

*Janice Jiang, South Woods MS

Eshan Thopcherneni, Herricks HS

Allison Wong, Lynbrook South MS

Piccolo

Cassandra Oswanigam, Herricks MS

Flute

Tess Cheng, Roslyn HS

Jayden Lam, Herricks MS

April Long, Roslyn MS

Cassandra Oswanigam, Herricks MS

*Lena Wong, Herricks MS

Oboe

Clara Jo, Plainview-Old Bethpage MS

Ashling Liang, East Woods School

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Clarinet

Angela Guo, H.B. Thompson MS

Noah Kim, Jericho MS

*Amelia Ma, Herricks MS

Alan Zhu, Manhasset MS

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Bassoon

Nicholas Mitchell, South Side HS

Richard Blake, Guest Performer

Horn

Luke Di Biasi, Herricks MS

Jack Hsiao, Herricks MS

* Matthew Rams, Herricks HS

Audrey Su, Herricks MS

Trumpet

* Zayd Ashfer, Herricks HS

Riou Tatsumi, Great Neck South MS

Jeremy Thillainathan, Herricks HS

Trombone

* Adam Kassem, The Wheatley School

Jayden Yeo, Herricks MS

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Cocona Wang, Herricks MS

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Shiloh Yi, Great Neck South HS

Heejae Yoon, Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS

Elkan Zhang, Great Neck North HS

Freddy Zhang, Townsend Harris HS

Ronald Zhao, Roslyn HS

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Viola

*Ishaan Ahuja, Herricks HS
Esther Fisk, Great Neck South HS
Ivy Huang, Syosset HS
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Wendy Lai, Syosset HS
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Cello

Maxwell Bamba, Locust Valley HS
Caden Cheung, Herricks HS
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Justin Koo, Island Trees HS
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*Grace Huiyul Roh, Syosset HS
Caeli Suen, Syosset HS

Double Bass

Jason Liu, Herricks HS
Shmuel Silver, G.W. Hewlett HS
*Alyssa Tse, Syosset HS

NASSAU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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Piccolo

Leah Lotito, Garden City HS

Flute

Jayden Chan, Manhasset MS

Eleanor Ko, Herricks HS

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Cory Yuen, Herricks HS

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Viola

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Chivonne Cheung, North Shore HS

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Cello

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Aisling Hassett, Paul D. Schreiber HS

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Double Bass

*Eva Gargiulo, Sacred Heart Academy +

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Piccolo

Skylar Kiang, Herricks HS

Flute

Regina Choi, Herricks HS

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English Horn

William Pereira, Manhasset HS +

Clarinet

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Andy Ryoo, Jericho HS

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Bass Clarinet

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Bassoon

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Horn

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Trombone

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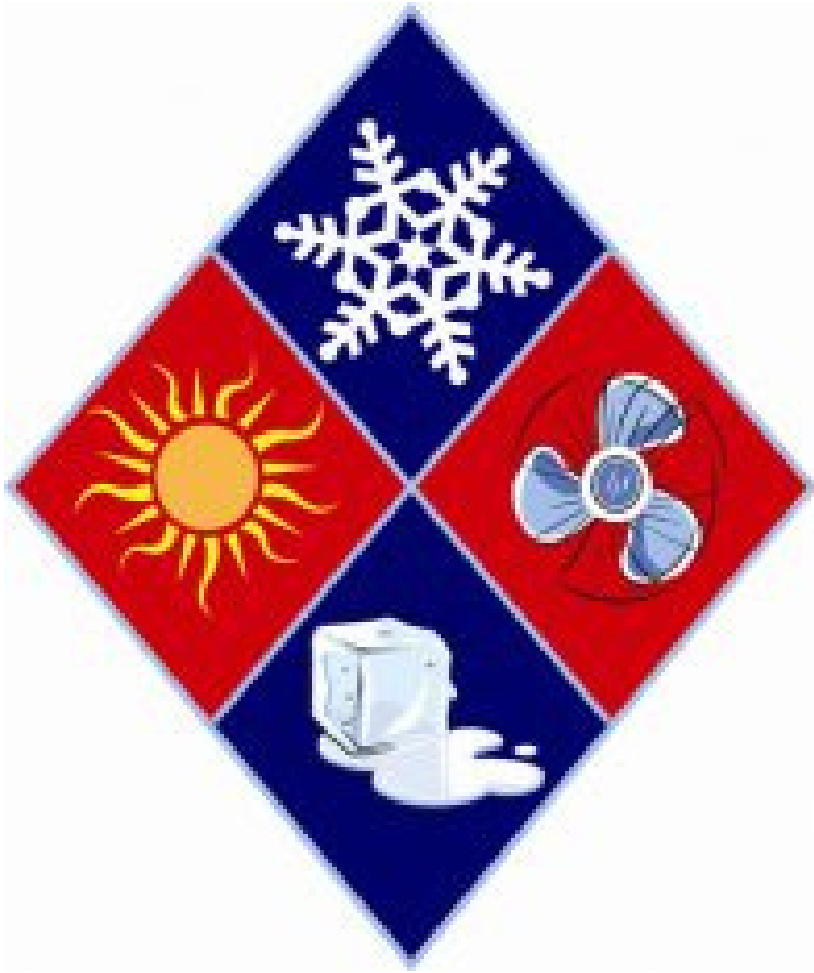
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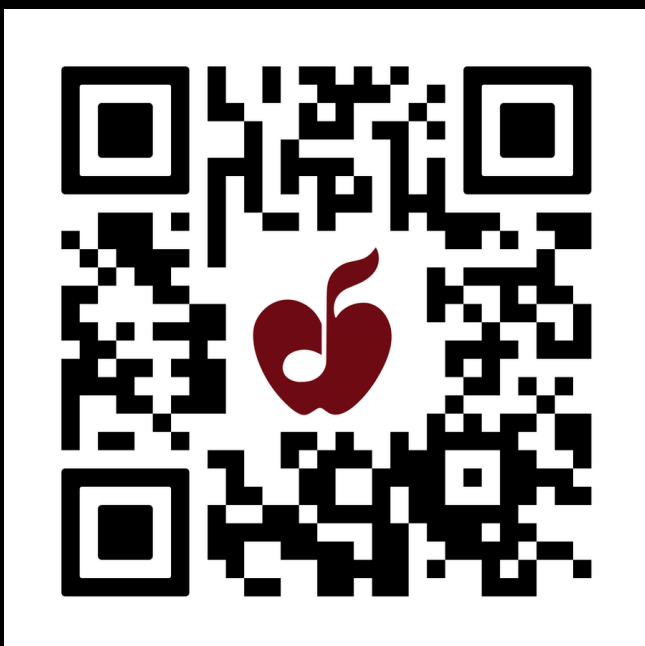
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