



# FALL CONCERT

Thursday, October 8, 2026

7:00 PM

DA Lawrence Dubow Theater



Brian Griffin - Director of Orchestras  
Courtney Chrestensen - Associate  
Director of Orchestras  
Ted Shistle - Director of Bands

# ORCHESTRA RECOGNITION

The Douglas Anderson Orchestra Program has earned local, state, and national recognition. In addition to performing at the Florida Music Educators Conference in Tampa, the 2012 DA Chamber Orchestra is the only string orchestra from Florida to be invited to perform at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago in its 80-year history. In March 2020 the DA Chamber Orchestra placed second in the country at the National String Teacher's Association competition. In January 2024 the DA Symphony Orchestra was invited to perform at the Florida Music Educators Conference in Tampa, Florida. In 2026 the DA Symphony Orchestra is the only high school symphony invited to perform at the prestigious Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago.

## ORCHESTRAS

The program consists of three string orchestras, ranging from a training-level ensemble through an advanced Chamber Orchestra, which regularly performs standard orchestral literature. In addition to these orchestras, students of the DA Symphony Orchestra, which may include winds, percussion, and keyboard, perform during special events throughout the year.

## ACADEMICS AT DA

Recognized as a National Model School by the U.S. Department of Education, DA students' performance on AP tests, as well as scores on college-entrance exams have earned DA recognition as consistently being ranked in the top 1% of all high schools in the nation.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The DA Orchestra graduates 15 – 20 students each year. Since 2009 these graduates have averaged over \$2 million, each year, in scholarship offers to leading colleges and conservatories. Orchestra graduates have attended top in-state universities UF, FSU, UCF, USF, UNF, UWF, JU, Rollins, and Stetson, as well as many out of state schools including Notre Dame, Yale, Georgia Southern, University of South Carolina, Northwestern, University of Wisconsin, Cleveland Institute of Music, and others.

## **Brian Griffin - Director of Orchestras**



Brian Griffin is a conductor, string pedagogue, and violinist. He has dedicated his career to the expansion and development of string programs in public schools. As Director of Orchestras at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, he has developed an innovative orchestra curriculum consisting of four orchestras, a cello choir and double bass ensemble, as well as string chamber music and string pedagogy courses. He also taught strings in the Spartanburg (SC) District 7 Orchestra Program and at Landon Middle School of the Arts and Academics.

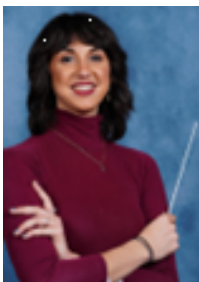
The Orchestra Program at DA has earned recognition through performing at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, Florida MEA Conference, and the ASTA National Orchestra Festival. The DA Orchestras also contributed to the DA Music Department's GRAMMY National Signature School designation as the top music department in the nation in 2010, 2012, and 2016.

Mr. Griffin earned the Bachelor of Science in Education degree from the University of Alabama, where he studied violin with Patrick Rafferty. He also studied violin with Rachel Huang, Paul Statsky, and Jerrie Lucktenberg. He is an active performer, playing violin throughout Northeast Florida.

Mr. Griffin has served on the Executive Board for the Florida Orchestra Association as an All-State Orchestra Coordinator, Music Committee Chair, District 17 Chair, and as Ethics Chair. He has served as a clinician, adjudicator, and session presenter for the Florida Orchestra Association. In recent years, he has conducted All-State Orchestras in South Carolina and Georgia as well as numerous regional orchestras in Florida, Texas and Kentucky.

Mr. Griffin enjoys camping and being out on the water in his Ski Nautique with his sons and his wife Windy.

## **Courtney Chrestensen - Associate Director of Orchestras**



Courtney Chrestensen, known as "Ms. C," is a seasoned performer and music educator dedicated to inspiring young musicians. As the Associate Director of Orchestras at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, she combines rigorous performance practice with a student-centered approach, developing innovative programs since 2019. In addition to her role at Douglas Anderson, she serves as the Artistic Director for the Golden Isles Youth Orchestra summer programs and assists the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras, all while maintaining an active teaching studio. Her commitment to

music education extends to community involvement, serving as the Florida Orchestra Association District Chair and a member of its Adjudication Committee. Courtney holds dual Bachelor's degrees in Music Performance and Music Education from Jacksonville University and has enhanced her expertise through prestigious workshops such as Juilliard's Starling DeLay Violin Symposium and Carnegie Hall's Music Educators Workshops. A dedicated performer, she frequently plays with the Jacksonville University Orchestra and freelances throughout Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia, including collaborations with the rock band Foreigner. Outside of music, she enjoys attending live shows, trying new foods, and reading.



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*Your grit, grace, and beauty  
inspire us every day.  
We are so proud of you.*

Love, Mom & Dad



Tobyn, We're so proud of you and all your achievements. You're amazing!!  
We can't wait to see what the future holds as you move on to the next  
phase in this journey called life.

Keep shining!!  
Love Mom, Dad, Lani, and Nylah

# Program

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## Repertory Orchestra

Courtney Chrestensen, Director

Sleepers Wake

J.S. Bach  
arr. Soon Hee Newbold

Geometric Dances

- I. Square Dance
- II. Round Dance
- III. Triangle Dance

Richard Meyer

## Camerata Orchestra

Brian Griffin and Courtney Chrestensen, Directors

Symphony No. 104 "London", 1<sup>st</sup> movement

Franz Joseph Haydn  
arr. Robert D. McCashin

Psalm and Fugue

Alan Hovhaness

## Repertory & Camerata Orchestras

Courtney Chrestensen, Director

Rosin Eating Zombies from Outer Space

Richard Meyer

Waltz from Masquerade Suite

Aram Khachaturian  
arr. Lynne Latham

## Chamber Orchestra

Brian Griffin, Director

Suite for String Orchestra  
I. Moderato

Leos Janacek

Adagio for Strings, op. 11

Samuel Barber

## Symphony Orchestra

Brian Griffin and Ted Shistle, Directors

Bravado

Gala Flagello

Flower Duet from "Lakme"

Leo Delibes  
arr. Richard Meyer

Pique Dame Overture

Franz von Suppe

# Musicians

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## Repertory Orchestra

### Violin

Stephanie Acosta  
Elizabeth Avera  
Reagan Bowen  
Payden Dubbuisson  
Ella Fahrnkopf

Jariah Gatlin  
Malachi Johnson  
Leilani Josserand

### Viola

Isaac Moeller

### Cello

Bailey Alicea  
Jahking Chaney  
Zooey Farris

### Double Bass

Jala Daniel  
Christopher Standish

## Camerata Orchestra

### Violin

Thomas Anderson  
Jasmine Barreras  
Katie Bradlee  
Ella Crabtree  
Aline Da Silva  
Gabriela Faltine Romero  
Morgan Harran  
Marcell Johnson  
Eve Latasiewicz  
Jose Ortiz  
Daphne Perez  
Gatenby Raley-Blade  
Lilyth Rosario  
Cecilia Schultz  
McKenna Simpson  
Giuseppe Trinca  
Michael Walton

### Viola

Ariana Bueso Hernandez  
Milo Devenburg  
Xander Hewitt-Rozensky  
Vickie Miller  
Maverick Monroe  
Violet Thigpen  
Janiya Walker  
Daniel Wallace  
Ariel Wells

### Cello

Leilani Cruz  
Saraya Harris  
Vivian Huckey  
Liv Lagle  
Charlotte Maynard  
Aaron McGill  
Olivia Moeller  
Galaxy Jane Platten  
Julianna Rector  
DeAngelo Singleton

### Double Bass

Ari Cooper  
Gabriella Mayifuila  
Julia McCreary  
Ruari Sullivan  
James Sylvester

## Chamber - Symphony Orchestra

### Violin 1

Leila Warren, Concertmaster  
Olive Arnold  
Zoe Autry  
Clara Barnes  
Janelys Crespo  
Angie Gedroit  
Sophia Ivec  
Fiona Redmond  
Marirosa Rodriguez-Romero  
Kinsey Spencer  
Detrick Thomas

### Violin 2

C'ana Chappell-Bilbro, Principal  
Alani Austin  
Nia Clincy  
Van Damato  
Isabella Eidenire  
Karina Ivonnet  
Laurel Piercey  
Lucy Pomeroy  
Neev Saxena  
Milana Shulga

### Cello

Tobyn Sherman, Principal  
Jacob Griffin  
Wyatt Seaman  
Garrett DeGruchy  
Tiana London  
Tristan Watzlawik-Roemer

### Viola

Jerome Samuel, Principal  
N'diyah Bolte  
Brendan Lane  
Kennedy Matthews  
Grayshlean Penalvert-Escalera  
Genala Riddick  
Landon Speicher

### Double Bass

Graham Guiler, Principal  
Mark Crawford  
Kercy Fonthus  
Ronan Redmond

# Winds, Brass, Percussion - Symphony Orchestra

## Flute

Adeline Baird  
Ian Davis  
Katie Goodman  
Claire Hellman

## Bassoon

Samantha Cooke  
Marshall Hill  
Aspen Richardson

## Trombone

Ean Bricknell  
Yapotta Miller  
Lux Wichterman

## Oboe

Finley Gomez  
Ares Lovequist  
Grayson Paton

## Horn

Kay Cross  
Vir Ghose  
Major Ward  
Daniel Winkler

## Tuba

Cohen Oliver

## Percussion

Dakari Butts  
Gus Griffith  
Dash Howell  
Lukas Hurrell  
Samuel Steen

## Clarinet

Adi Bennett  
Olivia Bonner  
Reba Gould  
Holland Makris

## Trumpet

Saraya Howard  
JP Masias  
Asa Van Pelt

## Piano

Joshua Ong

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### STRING CHAMBER RECITAL

Tuesday, November 17  
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Hendricks Avenue Baptists Church  
4001 Hendricks Avenue  
There is no charge for admission.



### DA ORCHESTRA WINTER CONCERT

Thursday, December 10  
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Dubow Theater  
Tickets: \$15 Adult/\$10 Student, Child

### EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, February 13, 2027  
6:30 - 10:00 PM

Jacksonville Center for the Performing Arts  
Tickets available in November via the Douglas  
Anderson School of the Arts Website





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**Congrats,  
C'ana!**  
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*We love you!*  
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Love, Dad, Mom, Nana,  
Mac, Jess, Kenley,  
Jasmine, and Forrest  
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*Leila*

*Congratulations on your  
Senior year at DASOTA*

*We are proud of you!  
Mom, Dad  
and the brothers*



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Fiona and Ronan,  
We are always so very proud of you both and keep up the  
hard work!

Love, Chris and Dawn O'Connor



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but cannot remain silent.*

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*As you reach this  
milestone, know that your  
journey has filled our  
hearts with pride*

*Your determination and  
spirit have set you apart*

*Congratulations on your  
senior year!*

*Mom-Dad-Izzy*

## **JEROME SAMUEL JR**

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Bravo, Ari, on a wonderful performance! We are very proud of you! Keep doing what you love- being creative in music and playing the double bass!

Love, Mom, Dad, Alana, and Sadie

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Congratulations Maverick on your first DA Orchestra concert!

We are so proud of you!

Mom and Dad

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Bravo, Liv!

We're so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Grace, & Sean

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Congratulations, Elizabeth Avera, on starting at Douglas Anderson!

Mommy and Daddy are proud of you.

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