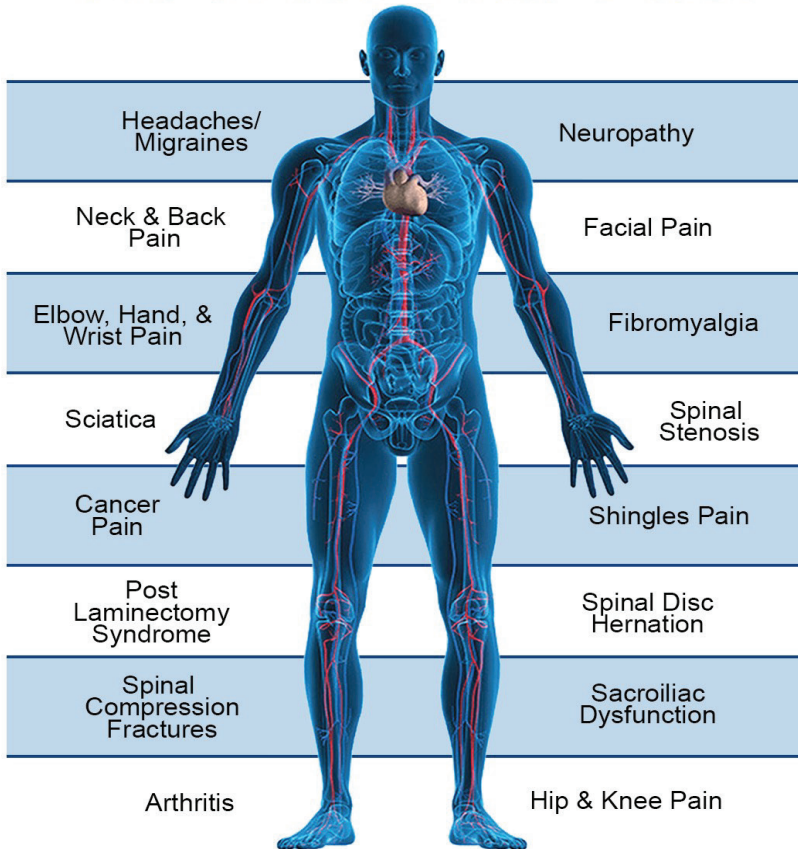




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Tuesday, April 14 7 - 9:30 PM  
STRING CHAMBER RECITAL

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# About Our Program



## 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 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 71-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.

## 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 4% 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.



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## Featuring the DA String Pedagogy Class

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### Brian Griffin - Orchestra Director

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.

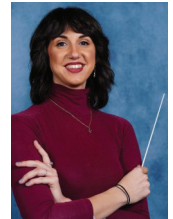
Mr. Griffin earned the Bachelor of Science in Education degree from the University of Alabama, where he studied violin with Patrick Rafferty. He also studied violin with Rachel Huang, Paul Statsky, and Jerrie Lucktenberg. He is an active performer, playing violin throughout Northeast Florida.

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 Florida, Texas and Kentucky.

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

### Courtney Chrestensen Associate Orchestra Director

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.



# PROGRAM

## Repertory Orchestra Courtney Chrestensen, Director

Rondo Alla Turca

W.A. Mozart

arr. Larry Clark

The Lord of the Dance

Ronan Hardiman

arr. Larry Moore

## Repertory and Camerata (combined) Courtney Chrestensen, Director

Andante Festivo

Jean Sibelius

## Camerata Orchestra Courtney Chrestensen and Brian Griffin, Directors

Themes from "The Nutcracker"

Tchaikovsky

arr. James "Red" McLeod

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### **Chamber Orchestra** **Brian Griffin, Director**

Meditation on an Old Bohemian Choral for Strings, op. 35  
Josef Suk

Visions and Miracles Christopher Theofanidis

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### **Symphony Orchestra**

**Brian Griffin, Director**

The Italian Girl in Algiers Gioachino Rossini

**Ted Shistle, Director**

Symphony No. 9 in e minor, "From the New World"  
Antonin Dvorak

II. Largo

IV. Allegro con fuoco



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## Repertory Orchestra

### Violin

Reagan Bowen  
Payden Dubbuisson  
A'mya Huerta  
Marcell Johnson  
Jose Ortiz  
Cecilia Schultz  
McKenna Simpson  
Giuseppe Trinca

### Viola

Vickie Miller  
Daniel Wallace  
Ariel Wells

### Cello

Bailey Alicea  
Leilani Cruz

Zooley Farris  
Saraya Harris

**Double Bass**  
Julia McCreary

### 1812 Percussion

Eric Atkinson  
Ella Finley  
Isaiah Newland  
Zaviera Wolf



## Camerata Orchestra

### Violin

Olive Arnold  
Zoe Autry  
Jasmine Barreras  
Katherine Bradlee  
Nia Clincy  
Janelys Crespo  
Aline Da Silva  
Van Damato  
Giada Fasci  
Lilyth Rosario  
Morgan Harran  
Karina Ivonnet  
Gatenby Raley-Blade  
Genesis Smith

### Viola

Naomi Devenburg  
Xander Hewitt-  
Rozensky  
Brendan Lane  
Grayshlean Penalvert-  
Escalera  
Genala Riddick  
Janiya Walker  
Maegan Wilkerson

### Cello

Hayden Bethea  
Vivian Hucky  
Galaxy Jane Platten  
Wyatt Seaman  
Isabella Smith  
Adeline Snow

### Double Bass

Mark Crawford  
Jala Daniel  
Gabiella Mayifuila  
Ronan Redmond  
James Sylvester

## Chamber - Symphony Orchestra

### Violin

Alani Austin  
Clara Barnes  
Carson Canning  
C'Ana Chappel-  
Billbro+  
Izabella Eidenire  
Trisha Escobal  
Angelina Gedroit  
Sophia Ivec+  
Isabella Perez  
Lucy Pomeroy  
Fiona Redmond  
Neev Saxena

Milana Shulga  
Kinsey Spencer  
Detrick Thomas  
Leila Warren+

### Viola

N'diyah Bolte  
Gabiella Clowers  
JJ Samuel+  
Landon Speicher

### Cello

Ayden Broughton  
Jake Griffin  
Tiana London  
Josh Mayrand  
Tobyn Sherman

### Double Bass

Jayla Epting  
Kercy Fonthus  
Graham Guiler

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## Symphony Orchestra Winds, Brass, Percussion

### Flute

Bee Brackin  
Ian Davis+  
Ana Egorova+  
Kaitlyn Goodman  
Claire Hellman  
Xander Oliver  
Julianne Seaman

### Clarinet

Reba Gould+  
Ashton Kane  
Elise Maneja+  
Elizabeth McCarthy  
Kayden Sanders

### Horn

Alex Cisler  
Kay Cross  
Vir Ghose+  
Daniel Winkler

### Oboe

Finley Gomez+  
Ares Lovequist  
Addison Slater

### Bassoon

Marshall Hill  
Aspen Richardson

### Trumpet

Jack Andersen+  
Erik Links+  
Saraya Howard

### Trombone

Ean Bricknell+  
Dylan Knight  
Yapotta Miller  
Lux Wichterman  
Lily Yarbrough+

### Tuba

Cohen Oliver

### Timpani

Samuel Steen

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