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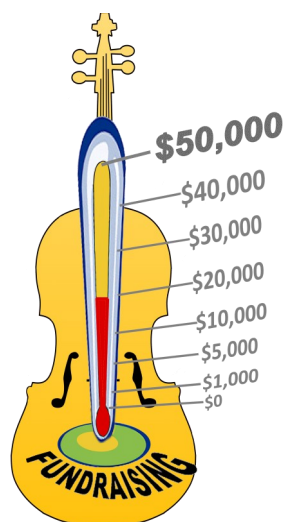
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Winter Concert

Thursday, December 12, 2024

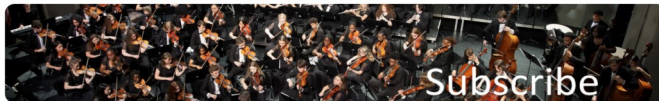
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Upcoming Events

Monday, December 16 5:00 PM

Side by Side with Lavilla and Chet's Creek Students
Lavilla SOTA

Saturday, February 1, 2025 6:00 PM

Extravaganza

Moran Theatre in the Jacksonville Center for the
Performing Arts

March 13, 2025 7:00 PM

Senior Recital

Location: TBD

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 7:00 PM

String Chamber Recital

Location: TBD

Thursday, April 24, 2025 7:00 PM

Spring Concert

Location: DA DuBow Theater

Thursday, May 15 7:00 PM

Concerto Concert

Location: DA DuBow Theater

2024-25

ORCHESTRA

DOUGLAS ANDERSON

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DUAL/DOUBLE
ACTUARIAL SCIENCE
COMPUTER SCIENCE

SKATING
VISUAL ART
VOLLEYBALL

VIOLIST - 10TH GRADER
KAILEY BELLAMY
MAY 18, 2011

Featuring the DA String Pedagogy Class

The String Pedagogy class is unique to the DA Orchestra Department and is the only such class offered to high school students in the nation. Students attending this class learn to play, and teach the violin, viola, cello, and double bass. Field experiences, provide them with opportunities to apply teaching strategies to elementary and middle school students within our community.

Recently string pedagogy students began instructing preschoolers at Little Friends Preschool!

The DA orchestra looks forward to seeing these budding musicians becoming a part of their program in the future.



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.

"Jackie, I am so proud of you and love being your sister and your friend. Love- Stephanie"



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Symphony Orchestra Winds, Brass, Percussion

Flute

Kaia Raley-Blade+
Nora Keagy
Ana Egorova

Oboe

Emma Druggan+
Richard Wilson
Ares Lovequist

English Horn

Richard Wilson

Bassoon

Samantha Cooke+
Aspen Richardson
Mariah Maloney
Marshall Hill

Contrabassoon

Marshall Hill

Clarinet

Elise Maneja
Kayden Sanders
Emma Moody

Bass Clarinet

Spencer Carnochan

Horn

Aiden Bower+
Alex Cisler
Kaycie Cross
Vir Ghose

Cornet/Trumpet

Devin Reale+
Erik Links+
Jack Andersen
Saraya Howard

Trombone

Danilo Quilaton
Ean Bricknell+
Lily Yarbrough
Cristian Vasquez

Tuba

Donovan Brown+
Cristian Vasquez+

Percussion

Gabriel Jennings
Theodis Willis
Zaviera Wolf
Aiden Dubberly
Erik Atkinson

Piano

Vitaliy Fedchenko

+ Denotes All-State
Band



Morgan,
Believe in yourself.
Be amazing today.
Anything is possible.
Never give up.
Love you infinitely, T & G



Morgan,
You continue to make us
proud, and we love you so
much!
Love, Mom & Dad



Repertory Orchestra

Violin

Jasmine Barreras
Nia Clincy
Aline Da Silva
Xavier Hewitt-
Rozensky
A'mya Huerta
Marcell Johnson
Genesis Smith
Alex Torres

Viola

Alani Austin
Grace Lampkin
Ariel Wells

Cello

Zooley Farris
Adeline Snow
Daniel Wallace

Double Bass

Jala Daniel
Rex Franklin

Percussion

Eric Atkinson
Gabe Jennings
TJ Willis
Zavi Wolf



Camerata Orchestra

Violin

Alani Austin*
Clara Barnes*
Sophia Burney
Carson Canning*
Izabella Eidenire*
Giada Fasci
Michael Frock
Ravi Ghose*
Morgan Harran
Karina Ivonnet
Lydia Jackson*
Jose Ortiz
Neev Saxena*
Milana Shulga*

Viola

Kailey Bellamy
Aiden Gould*
Mandela Kenyi
Brendan Lane*
Grayshlean Penalvert-
Escalera
Genala Riddick
Landon Speicher*
Chris Thomas
Janiya Walker
Maegan Wilkerson*

Cello

Hayden Bethea
Tristan Devault*
Tiana London*
Galaxy Jane Platten
Isabella Smith

Double Bass

Jayla Epting*
Gabiella Mayifuila

* Denotes Symphony
Orchestra

Chamber - Symphony Orchestra

Violin

Trisha Isabelle
Escobal
Rex Franklin
Angelina Gedroit
Jacqueline Hagen
Sophia Ivec +
Jovan Micic
Michael Mollison +
Isabella Perez
Lucy Pomeroy
Fiona Redmond +
Kinsey Spencer
Jordan Talley
Deiloy Thomas

Viola

Detrick Thomas
Kynneddy White
Mihajla Wickham
Justin Berger +
N'diyah Bolte +
Gabrielle Clowers
Jerome Samuel Jr +

Cello

Ayden Broughton
Leo Franklin
Chloe Kolenc
Joshua Mayrand
Tobyn Sherman
Harley Stanford

Double Bass

Josiah Adams
Kercy Fonthus
Graham Guiler +

Piano

Deriel Rodriguez-
Torres

+ Denotes All-State
Orchestra

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 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 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

The Wexford Carol arr. Anne McGinty
edited by Shirley Strohm Mullins

Sinfonietta for String Orchestra Robert Washburn
I. Moderato

Orpheus in the Underworld Jacques Offenbach
Finale arr. Sandra Dackow

BASS ENSEMBLE

Paul Strasshoffer, Director

Dindirin Dindirin arr. David Heyes
Blues City David Burndrett

Bass 1	Bass 2	Bass 3	Bass 4
Graham Guiler	Josiah Adams	Jayla Epting	Jala Daniel
	Gariella Mayifuila	Kercy Fonthus	

CAMERATA ORCHESTRA

Brian Griffin, Director

Allegro Barbaro Bela Bartok
arr. Bob Lipton

Silent Night Traditional
Arr. Steve Sample

God Rest ye Merry Gentleman arr. Chip Davis
adapted by Robert Longfield

Megan Herrman, Director
Clara Barnes, Violin

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PROGRAM

CELLO CHOIR

Benjamin Fryxell, Director

The Erlking Franz Schubert
arr. Andrew Levin

Cello 1	Cello 2	Cello 3
Leo Franklin	Ayden Broughton	Tristan DeVault
Chloe Kolenc	Josh Mayrand	Galaxy Jane Platten
Tobyn Sherman	Harley Stanford	

Cello 4	Cello 5
Hayden Bethea	Zooey Farris
Tiana London	Adeline Snow
	Daniel Wallace

Intermission

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Brian Griffin, Director

Orchestral Suite No. 3 Johann Sebastian Bach
Air

Sinfonia No. 8 in D Major Felix Mendelssohn
IV. Allegro Molto

Sleigh Ride Leroy Anderson
arr. Samuel Applebaum

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Fugue in g minor "The Little" Johann Sebastian Bach
arr. Lucien Cailliet

Benjamin Gerrard, Director

Symphonie Fantastique, op.14 Hector Berlioz
IV. March to the Scaffold

Brian Griffin, Director