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Honor Orchestra
Recording Concert

Monday, September 25, 2023

7:00 PM



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CONCERT ETIQUETTE

Please help us continue Rockwall Independent School District's long-standing tradition of proper concert etiquette.

This is a formal concert & the behavior of our audience & students should reflect that of a professional venue. Please refrain from talking during the performance & only leave and return to your seats between selections.

Applause is the appropriate form of expressing appreciation and should occur at the end of each selection when the conductor's hands are lowered.

Please turn off all cell phones & remove small children who may be crying or speaking loudly.

We thank you for supporting our students & we hope you have a wonderful musical experience this evening.





Rockwall High School
Varsity Chamber Orchestra
presents

TMEA Honor Orchestra Recording Concert

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Serenade for Strings, Op. 242

I. Marcia

Carl Reinecke

Alleluia and Fugue

Alan Hovhaness

Serenade for Strings, Op. 48

IV. Finale

P.I. Tchaikovsky

ROCKWALL HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Hannah Smith



Head Orchestra Director

Mrs. Smith has been the Head Orchestra Director for Rockwall High School since 2020. Prior to her appointment at Rockwall High School, Mrs. Smith spent one year as the Assistant Orchestra Director at Rockwall-Heath High School. Before moving to Texas in 2019, Mrs. Smith was the Head Director of Orchestras and AP Music Theory at Overland High School in Colorado. The OHS orchestra program was on the verge of extinction when Mrs. Smith first began her tenure, but during her five years at OHS, the program more than quadrupled in size. The orchestras received consistent superior ratings at festivals, and her students became a fixture of Colorado All State Orchestra. Mrs. Smith is passionate about string music education and feels incredibly fortunate to get to share her love of music with students every single day.

Mrs. Smith holds a Master of Music degree with an emphasis in conducting from Colorado State University and a Bachelor of Music Education degree, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Mrs. Smith's primary instrument is violin, and she has been teaching private lessons since 2007. She is an active member of the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) and the Texas Orchestra Directors Association (TODA), and she was previously on the board of directors for Colorado's chapter of the American String Teachers Association (ASTA). In her spare time, Mrs. Smith enjoys hiking, running, cooking, and being outside. She also enjoys spending time with her husband Cody and two dogs.

Jackson Hocott



Assistant Orchestra Director

Mr. Hocott is currently the Assistant Orchestra Director at Rockwall High School, as well as, the orchestra teacher at Dobbs and Hartman Elementary Schools in Rockwall ISD. Before coming to Rockwall, he served as the Orchestra Director at Martin Middle School in Austin ISD.

Mr. Hocott graduated with a Masters of Music at the Center for Music and Human Learning from the University of Texas at Austin, and also has worked as a freelance bass player and private lesson instructor in the Austin/Round Rock area. He has previously worked with organizations like the Youth Orchestras of San Antonio, Austin Youth Symphony, and the University of Texas String Project, as well as, playing in the bass section of the Victoria Symphony and Round Rock Symphony. Mr. Hocott holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Arts and Philosophy from Vanderbilt University and has performed in various bluegrass and jazz ensembles all around Nashville and South Texas.

In his free time, he likes to spend time traveling, hiking, fishing, or staying home with his wife, daughter, and two cats.



Varsity Chamber Orchestra

Violin

Carly Braaten
David Chacko
Tristan Emmerson
Preston Hunter
Bella Lopez
Roman Patrick
Adele Roorda
Jonathan Sun
Sydney Wilson
Kate Winegeart

Viola

Olivia Beaty
Adam Chalambaga
Irene Katsanis
Amanda Massey
Lucy Rice

Cello

Contessa Barron
Leah Rocha
Connor Torres
Braden Woolley

Bass

Brenna Napier



Rockwall-Heath High School
Varsity Orchestra
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String Sinfonia No. 1 in C Major

I. Allegro

Felix Mendelssohn

Irish Tune from County Derry

Percy Grainger

Serenade for Strings No. 1

I. Maestoso Alla Marcia

II. Un Poco Piu Lento

III. Allegro Vivo

IV. Andante Sostenuto

V. Maestoso Alla Marcia

Robert Volkmann

ROCKWALL-HEATH HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Christopher Bell

Head Orchestra Director



Mr. Bell is the Head Orchestra Director at Rockwall-Heath High School, teaching 5 Orchestra classes at RHHS. After completing his Bachelor's Degree at Howard Payne University in Music Education (and fulfilling the requirements for a Bachelor's Degree in Piano Pedagogy & Accompanying), he began his teaching career in Rockwall ISD and has been in Rockwall ISD since the Fall of 2011 serving and teaching the Orchestra Program for multiple campuses. Mr. Bell has worked with the Rockwall-Heath Orchestras for the duration of his time in Rockwall ISD and continues to challenge and develop students' musicianship with groups earning sweepstakes at UIL Contests.

His primary musical background includes piano, violin, and voice. He enjoys performing whenever possible and is passionate about music education for strings. Mr. Bell is an active member of TMEA and TODA. Mr. Bell has been thrilled to be a teacher in Rockwall ISD with the Orchestra program, and is so excited and privileged to have the opportunity to continue working with the amazing fine arts students in Rockwall ISD.

Zoe Rheus

Assistant Orchestra Director



Ms. Rheus is the Assistant Orchestra Director at Rockwall-Heath High School. In addition to the Rockwall-Heath Orchestras, Ms. Rheus teaches 6th grade beginning orchestra at Linda Lyon Elementary and Amy Parks-Heath Elementary.

Ms. Rheus studied viola and music education at Austin College, and holds both a Bachelor of Arts in Music and a Master of Arts in Teaching. While at Austin College, she played viola in the Sherman Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Dan Dominick, the Austin College Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Ricky Duhaime, and performed with the Austin College Student String Quartet. Ms. Rheus is a member of TMEA, TODA, and the American Viola Society. She has been teaching violin and viola privately since 2015, and enjoys working with students of all ages, from elementary to adult beginners.



Varsity Orchestra

1st Violin

Adeline Berg
Cindy Godula
Grant Jordan
Brandon Mendoza
Aidan Schiefer
Ella Westergard

Viola

Cale Bragg
Calvin Huntley
Callen Ramey
Zachary Sanders
Cora Wiley

2nd Violin

Pablo Badillo
Elijah Beard
Katherine Cervantes
Daniel Di Benedetto
Madison Doyle
Taylor Hignight
Tamnhu Ngo
Evelyn Rodriguez
David Vega

Cello

Zane Haffener
Sean Linscott
Liam McCoy
Milo McCoy
Jack Menges
Ian Schiefer
Nathan Tran

Bass

Dominick Herrera
Marco Longoria

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