

ROCKWALL HIGH SCHOOL

**2024
PRE-UIL ORCHESTRA
CONCERT**

February 5, 2024

6:30 PM Varsity Full Orchestra

7:00 PM Concert & String Orchestras

7:30 PM JV Orchestra

8:00 PM Varsity Chamber Orchestra

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CONCERT

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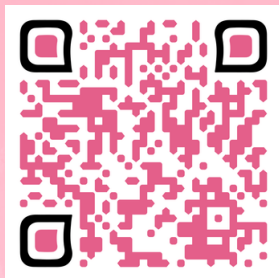
This is a formal concert & the behavior of our audience & students should reflect that of a professional venue. Please refrain from talking during the performance & only leave and return to your seats between selections.

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. No flash photography or video during the concert.

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All-Region Orchestra Members

2023-2024 TMEA Region 3 High School Orchestra Members

Violin

Preston Hunter
Jonathan Sun
Roman Patrick
Adele Roorda
Tristan Emmerson
Nadeem Jamalabadi
Carly Braaten
David Chacko
Kate Winegeart
Audrey Thompson
Ariyah Jones
Tien Nguyen

Violin, cont.

Bella Lopez
Sydney Wilson
Tesia Smithey

Viola

Olivia Beaty - Rank 1
Amanda Massey
Irene Katsanis

Cello

Connor Torres - Rank 1
Leah Rocha
Grace Miller



2024

Upcoming Events

12
FEB

Valentine's Day Orchestra Social

RHS Orchestra Room - *Candy Donations Needed!*

23
FEB

Dallas Symphony Orchestra Field Trip

Saint-Saëns Organ Symphony

26
FEB

Spring Trip Rehearsal and Meeting

REQUIRED for all Spring Trip participants
Rehearsal - 4:00-5:30 PM in Orchestra Room
Meeting - 7:00 PM in Choir Room

5/6
MAR

UIL Orchestra Performances

Specified Performance Times to be determined.
Garland High School

8-10
MAR

Spring Orchestra Trip

San Antonio, TX

23
MAR

UIL Solo & Ensemble

North Garland High School

3
APR

Northside String Festival Concert

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ROCKWALL HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Hannah Smith

Head Orchestra Director



Hannah Smith has been the Head Orchestra Director at Rockwall High School since 2020. During Mrs. Smith's time at Rockwall High School, her students have earned consistent Sweepstakes awards at UIL Concert & Sight Reading Evaluations for both String Orchestra and Full Orchestra, and the Varsity Orchestra has performed at the National Orchestra Festival, sponsored by the American String Teachers Association (ASTA). Mrs. Smith also currently serves as the High School Orchestra Coordinator for TMEA Region 3. 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 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 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.

ROCKWALL HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Brandon Downs



Director of Bands

Brandon Downs has been Director of Bands at Rockwall High School since July of 2016. In his time at Rockwall, the marching band has received all first division ratings, qualified as a finalist at the prestigious Duncanville Marching Invitational, and qualified for the UIL State Marching Band Contest. Rockwall's concert bands have also flourished during Mr. Downs's time at RHS. The Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band have each earned superior ratings at UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest in 2017 and 2018, earning the sweepstakes award, with Concert Band receiving superior ratings on stage in 2018. Rockwall High School's Jazz I, under the direction of Mr. Jarrod Beard, was named the Invited Jazz Band for the 2018 Texas Music Educators Association Clinic and Convention.

Prior to joining the staff at Rockwall High School, Downs was Director of Bands at R.L. Turner High School in Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD. During the year Mr. Downs spent at Turner, the Lion Band earned their first sweepstakes award since 2012. Before going to R.L. Turner, Mr. Downs spent the first 11 years of his career in Mesquite ISD with the last 9 of those being as the associate director at North Mesquite High School, where he helped to grow the program from 120 students to over 325 students.

Mr. Downs is a native of Paris, TX and an alumnus of Paris High School. He graduated from Texas A&M University-Commerce in 2004. While at Texas A&M Commerce, Mr. Downs had the privilege of studying Horn with Michael Morrow of the Dallas Opera Orchestra and Dallas Winds, and conducting with Dr. Bradley Kent, Director of UIL Music.

Mr. Downs is an active member of the Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Music Adjudicators Association, and Texas Bandmasters Association.



Rockwall High School
ORANGE WAVE BAND

ROCKWALL HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Pre-UIL Concert

Hannah Smith, Director
Jackson Hocott, Assistant Director

Varsity Full Orchestra

The Planets

Gustav Holst

I. Mars, The Bringer of War

Variations on an Original Theme, Op. 36

Edward Elgar

IX. Nimrod

Hoe-Down from *Rodeo*

Aaron Copland

Jonathan Sun, violin solo

Concert & String Orchestras

Follow the Drinking Gourd

Traditional, arr. Gruselle

Jupiter

Gustav Holst, arr. Monday

Deerpath Triptych

William Hofeldt

III. The Hunt



ROCKWALL HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Pre-UIL Concert

Hannah Smith, Director
Jackson Hocott, Assistant Director

Junior Varsity Orchestra

Symphony No. 16 in C Major Joseph Haydn, arr. Dackow
III. Finale

Fantasia on an Original Theme Joseph Phillips
Daniel Fulbright, viola solo


Arlington Sketches Elliot Del Borgo

Varsity Chamber Orchestra

Serenade for Strings P.I. Tchaikovsky
IV. Finale

Snow Falling in Autumn Chris Pilsner
Preston Hunter, violin solo; Leah Rocha, cello solo

Strange Humors John Mackey
Roman Patrick, violin solo; Jack Tarpley, djembe





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Eva King
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Ayleen Soto
Emma Vega
London Winters
Ella Wormsbaker
Bazil Yousfi

Viola

Julianna Ward

Cello

Sebastian Garcia
Gordon Holland
Amaey Kallae
Sofia Smithey
Braydon Stovall
Matthew West

Bass

Sarah Riggs
Aidan Salo

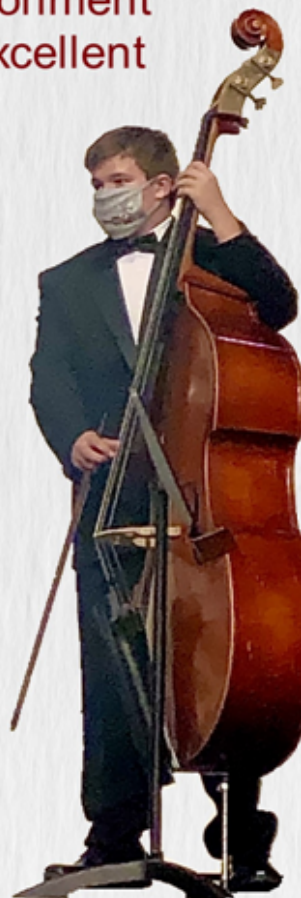


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STRING ORCHESTRA



Violin

Katelynn Burkart
Leonardo Capella
Tabitha Cook
Anastin Crowe
Shyla Giddings
Marcellis Hamilton
Daniel Hernandez
Lexie Jordan
Elise Kelly
Allison Lucas
Grecia Rocha
Ainsley Schmitz
London Stahl
Jake Weber

Viola

Alis Bujorean
Riley Ellis
Gabriel Martinez

Cello

Kristina Borg
Elijah Joseph
Gavin Ojeda
Ciara Wallace

Bass

Drew Bazile
Lauren Samford



BRAVO, RHS ORCHESTRA FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

"We're so grateful for the outstanding orchestra program in the R.I.S.D. It has been a wonderful help for our orchestra to grow along with the district's and we enjoy having students playing with us in worship on Sunday mornings and special events throughout the year. Our students comment that the constant stream of new music at church has helped their sight reading tremendously and spurred them along in their musicianship as they seek scholarship opportunities in college and beyond. It's a great community. Whether you're a student, family member, or just someone who plays an instrument and appreciates the arts, we would love to have you come and join us."

**Trent Blackley - Minister of Music and Worship
First Baptist Church Rockwall**



Rehearsals: Wednesday evenings, 8:10 - 9:00
For more info: trent@firstrockwall.org

JUNIOR VARSITY ORCHESTRA

Violin

Bailee Allen
Makenzi Burns
Gianna Cerulli
Emily De Leon
Madyson Ellis
Harper Fish
Sebastian Garcia
Nico Patrick
Carly Russell
Mia Scott
Amari Singleton
Audrey Thompson
Adon Vo
Rhoswyn Wallace

Viola

Claire Bonnar
Lillie Bonner
Belicia Carrillo
Daniel Fulbright
Phoebe Ishmael
Tyler Pople
Andrew Yeo

Cello

Kaley Cock
Lola Cook
Isabel Hall
Avery Heinz
Sharlie Mecham
Grace Miller
Arden Somerville
Rachel Wells

Bass

Shannon Limerick
Allyson Nedrud
Ashley Rivera Olivas

VARSITY ORCHESTRA



Violin

Carly Braaten*
Katelyn Bui
David Chacko*
Vea Amor Diaz
Tristan Emmerson*
Preston Hunter*
Nadeem Jamalabadi
Ariyah Jones
Bella Lopez*
Graci Mohan
Tien Nguyen
Autumn Park
Roman Patrick*
Ava Potter
Jack Rice
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Viola

Olivia Beaty*
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Lucy Rice*

Cello

Contessa Barron*
Bradley Binns
Haylee Blanco
Chloe Charbonneau
Toluwani Oni
Leah Rocha*
Mathias Tolleson
Connor Torres*
Johnny West
Braden Woolley*

Bass

Abigail Braden
Brenna Napier*

**Denotes membership in Varsity Chamber Orchestra*

WIND

ENSEMBLE

Flute

Angel Diaz-Romanos
Brooklyn Dodd
Jaelynn Gussie (Piccolo)
Madison Shoemaker
Joshua Tripon

Oboe

Lizzie Burau
Jaemin Griswold

Bassoon

Ryder Duncan
Landon Sulc

Clarinet

Parker Borton
Ben Fisher
Ryleigh Ford
Adam Grempe
Hannah Hartgrove
Allison McCabe
Aldo Sostenes

Bass Clarinet

Matthew Heath
Jacob Osborne

Horn

Noah Bennett
Adelyn Daigle
Daniel Ghebremeskel
Jaken Powell

Trumpet

Andrew Aulbaugh
Peyton Cunningham
Carter deMerville
Christopher Fowler
Paige Fuqua
John LaGrange
Alejandro Martinez

Trombone

Caleb Collins
Pierce Cunningham
Burke Felfe
Jackson Fluck (Bass)
Tyler Getz
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Euphonium

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