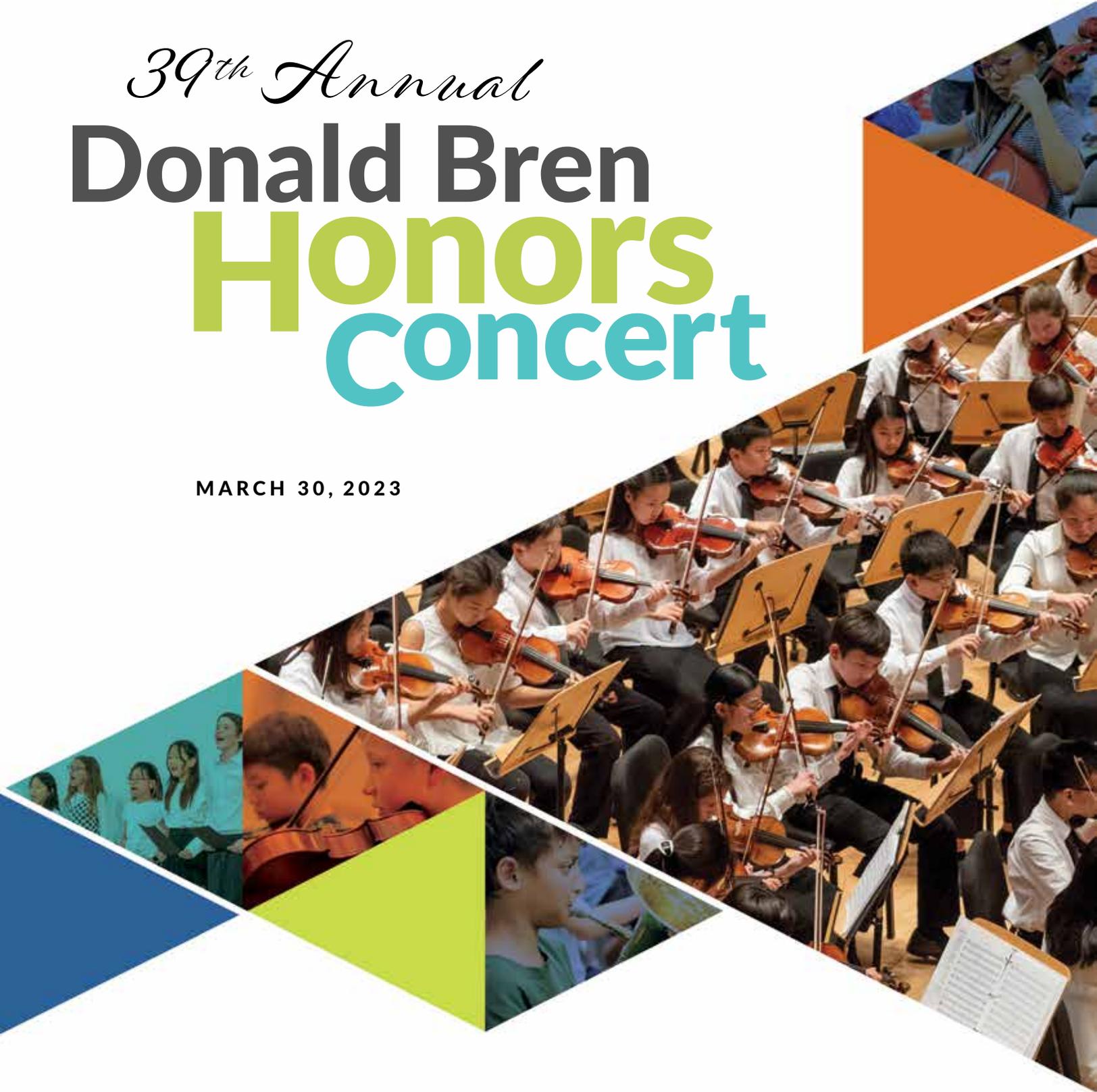


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IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

39th Annual
Donald Bren
Honors
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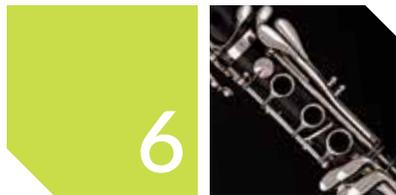
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Welcome

DEAR IUSD FAMILIES,

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary, the Irvine Unified School District continues to reflect on the “US” at the center of IUSD that has enabled our school district to provide the highest quality educational experience we can envision for generations of students. This collective “US” includes our visionary Board of Education and District leadership team, our talented teachers and support staff, our active parent volunteers and engaged students, and passionate partners like Mr. Donald Bren and the Irvine Company.

On behalf of the IUSD Board of Education and our school district, including our dedicated music educators, we are proud to continue this tradition of excellence as we present the 39th Annual Donald Bren Honors Concert at the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall. The Bren Honors Concert is a signature event for the District and is a reflection of IUSD’s commitment to music and the arts.

This annual concert, featuring more than 620 outstanding IUSD music students, is the result of months of planning and practice by both students and our music educators. The Bren Honors Concert is also made possible by the generosity of the Irvine Company, which has committed to contribute nearly \$50 million over 20 years through the Excellence in Education Enrichment Fund to ensure that every student in grades four through six receives instruction from highly qualified teachers in art, science and music.

As a result of this extraordinary commitment, more than 125,000 children have had their educational experiences enhanced by specialist teachers, who often provide our young students with their first exposure to robust art, science and music education, fostering a life-long love of learning. The Excellence in Education Enrichment Fund has become a cornerstone of IUSD’s instructional program, and it has made a lasting impact on the lives of thousands of current and former students. The students performing are the embodiment of this extraordinary commitment.

A special thank you to the Irvine Public Schools Foundation (IPSF) for setting the stage with their commitment to primary music education. Each year, IPSF works to support IUSD in providing students with access to music education beginning in pre-kindergarten. Their support of IUSD’s efforts helps promote collaboration and communication skills, creativity and self-expression, and improved academic skills for our youngest students. This support is in addition to IPSF’s innovative music rental program, which offers parents a less expensive alternative to purchasing a new instrument that may only be used for a short time. This program has raised more than \$1 million to support IUSD’s music education.

Finally, I must also thank our incredible parents, who support the arts in our schools and nurture their children’s talents and passion at home. Your engagement and support play an essential role in helping us to fulfill our promise to provide every IUSD student with the highest quality educational experience we can envision.

Congratulations to each of our student musicians. It is our hope that, in addition to furthering their music education, they have also gained valuable lessons in the rigorous preparation for this performance and in collaboration with other students and educators.

Sincerely,



Terry L. Walker
Superintendent of Schools
Irvine Unified School District



A GIFT OF MUSIC

WHAT YOU'RE HEARING TONIGHT IS MORE THAN INSPIRING MUSIC.

It is the sound of student achievement.

Music instruction sharpens concentration. It hones discipline. And it improves the ability to analyze and work collaboratively.

It leads to future success in the workplace – and in life.

That's why Irvine Company partners with the Irvine Unified School District to provide music education to all students in grades 4-6.

For the 17th straight year, Irvine Company and the Donald Bren Foundation have been proud to financially support the district's Excellence in Education Enrichment Fund.

This year's annual contribution was increased to \$4 million in celebration of the district's 50th anniversary, increasing the 20 year commitment to nearly \$50 million.

This helps keep the programs running and gives us all another gift.

The gift of music.





OUR SHARED COMMITMENT

Irvine Company and the Donald Bren Foundation created the Excellence in Education Enrichment Fund in 2006, making a 20 year, nearly \$50 million commitment to help provide art, music and science teachers to every fourth-through sixth-grader in the Irvine Unified School District. Already, the fund has allowed more than 125,000 children to nurture their passion for the arts and sciences.



 **IRVINE COMPANY**
Since 1864



Concert Program

ELEMENTARY HONOR WINDS

- ▶ **Shepherd's Hey** Marci Seminario, Conductor
- ▶ **At Twilight** Marci Seminario, Conductor
- ▶ **African Alleluia** (Wana Baraka) Kenyan Folk Song | Arranged by John O'Reilly | Hee Jeong Przytulski, Conductor
- ▶ **Thrill Ride** Arranged by Brian Balmages | Hee Jeong Przytulski, Conductor

ELEMENTARY HONOR CHORUS

- ▶ **Ikan Kekek** Traditional Malay | Arranged by Yu Hang Tan | Miguel Chicas, Conductor | Accompanied by Young Kim
- ▶ **Koowu** Composed by Maryam Khoury | Miguel Chicas, Conductor
- ▶ **Lovely Day** Composed by Bill Withers and Skip Scarborough | Arranged by Robert T. Gibson
 Ebun Agboola, Conductor | Accompanied by Young Kim

ELEMENTARY HONOR ORCHESTRA

- ▶ **Appalachian Festival** Composed by Chris Thomas | Elizabeth Rohrs, Conductor
- ▶ **O Mio Babbino Caro** Composed by Giacomo Puccini | Arranged by Sandra Dackow | Casey Causey, Conductor
- ▶ **Symphony No. 15 Finale** Composed by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart | Arranged by Sandra Dackow | Casey Causey, Conductor

MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR CHORUS

- ▶ **"Gloria" from Lord Nelson Mass** Composed by Franz Joseph Haydn | Arranged by Russell Robinson
- ▶ **Over the Sea to Skye** Scottish Folk Song | Arranged by Douglas E. Wagner | Lyrics by Harold Boulton
- ▶ **Verde Mar de Navegar** Composed by Lourenço Barbosa "Capiba" | Arranged by Duda
 Adrian Rangel-Sanchez, Conductor | Director of Choirs, Portola High School | Accompanied by Malila Hollow

MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ORCHESTRA

- ▶ **The Sleeping Beauty** (Waltz from the Ballet) Composed by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky | Arranged by Merle J. Isaac
- ▶ **Bacchanale from "Samson and Delilah"** Composed by Camille Saint-Saëns | Arranged by Merle J. Isaac
 Ben Case, Conductor | Instrumental Music Director, Northwood High School and 2023 California Teacher of the Year

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR CHORUS

- ▶ **Sing Out Your Joy** Composed by Victor C. Johnson | Lyrics by Victor C. Johnson
- ▶ **Verleih uns Frieden** Composed by Felix Mendelssohn | Edited by John Rutter | Lyrics by Martin Luther
- ▶ **Measure Me, Sky!*** *West Coast Premiere | Composed by Elaine Hagenberg | Lyrics by Leonora Speyer
 Brandon Elliott, Conductor | Professor of Music, Moorpark College & Artistic Director, Choral Arts Initiative | Accompanied by Jill Brenner

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ORCHESTRA

- ▶ **Sinfonia VII in D minor - I. Allegro** Composed by Felix Mendelssohn
- ▶ **Karelia Suite - III. March** Composed by Jean Sibelius
 Jeff Held, Conductor | Assistant Dean and Music Director of the Concordia University Orchestras

FINALE

- ▶ **The Battle Hymn of the Republic** Composed by William Steffe | Arranged by Peter J. Wilhousky | Lyrics by Julia Ward Howe
 Jeff Held, Conductor | Assistant Dean and Music Director of the Concordia University Orchestras



Conductor Biographies



Ebun Agboola

ELEMENTARY CHORUS

Ebun Agboola is a graduate of California State University Fullerton with a Bachelor's Degree in Music and a Master's Degree in Elementary Curriculum and Instruction from California State University Long Beach. Ms. Agboola currently teaches 4–6th grade vocal music in the Irvine Unified School District. She has been teaching for eight years and received the Teacher of Promise Award in 2019.

Ms. Agboola has had the privilege of singing in many choirs at the professional level and has performed at many venues in Southern California, including the Hollywood Bowl and the Honda Center. She's also had the privilege of performing at Carnegie Hall in New York.

Ms. Agboola went to Westpark Elementary, Plaza Vista School and Irvine High School so Irvine has a very special place in her heart. As a graduate of the Irvine Unified School District, she is excited to be teaching in her hometown and continuing the excellence in music education and the inspiration and skills that inspired her.

Ms. Agboola's favorite activities are singing obnoxiously in her car, playing cello and electric bass.



Ben Case

MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Ben Case is very passionate about using creativity to better understand the world around him. He has shared this philosophy for going-on 17 years as Instrumental Music Director of the seven-time Grammy Signature School Award-winning music program at Northwood High School in Irvine, CA, where he also serves as Arts Department Chair.

Case is proud of helping foster an instrumental music program rooted in inclusion. Through its 16 ensembles, students engage in comprehensive music experiences that promote a sense of belonging and "family." Even with the national recognitions, it is the connections with his students, the "a-ha!" moments when beginners first make a sound, performing a piece his students didn't think possible, or getting a card from a student saying, "Thank you for believing in me," that are the feathers in the cap he is so fortunate to wear.

When not teaching, he enjoys culinary excursions with his wonderfully supportive wife, and sharing puns and building Lego with his two children. Case earned his Master of Music Degree in Instrumental Conducting, Bachelor of Music Degree in Saxophone Performance and Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music Education from Cal State Fullerton, and is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia as well as the Pi Kappa Lambda music honors society.

He was recently recognized as a 2023 California Teacher of the Year, a 2023 Orange County Teacher of the Year, and the Irvine Unified School District High School Teacher of the Year, and was a Grammy Music Educator Award semifinalist in 2016.





Conductor Biographies

Casey Causey

ELEMENTARY ORCHESTRA

Casey Causey has been the orchestra director at Plaza Vista and Vista Verde Schools since 2013 where he teaches grades 4–8.

Mr. Causey graduated magna cum laude from the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music at California State University Long Beach, where he earned a Bachelor of Music degree in music education with a concentration in strings. While at the Cole Conservatory he was the recipient of the prestigious Music Education Award in 2011, he received a yearly academic scholarship, and was a yearly dean's list member. Mr. Causey is a string coach at the elementary, middle and high school level throughout Orange County and has adjudicated auditions for the Southern California School Board and Orchestra Association (SCSBOA) at the elementary level and has also served as a string coach for SCSBOA. Mr. Causey was an audition adjudicator for the California Orchestra Directors Association All State Orchestra at the Middle School level and served as guest conductor for the Orange Unified School District Honors Concert in 2020 and 2023.

Mr. Causey has been teaching the intermediate orchestra classes for the IPSF Summer Enrichment Academy since 2011. Mr. Causey is also a master teacher for Cal State Long Beach and University of California, Irvine.

Mr. Causey received his Master's in Orchestral Conducting at Messiah University where he studied with Dr. Timothy Dixon.

Casey is a proud husband to his wife Alexandra and father of their two children, Donovan and Charlotte.



Miguel Chicas

ELEMENTARY CHORUS

Miguel Chicas is a graduate of the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music (BCCM) with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education and a Bachelor's in Vocal Performance. Here, he studied under the direction of Dr. Jonathan Talberg, choral director of the Bob Cole Chamber Choir. In 2016, they won the champion title of "Choir of the World" from the Eisteddfodd Choral Festival.

Mr. Chicas is a choir director in the Irvine Unified School District, teaching vocal music at Beacon Park School, Eastshore School, and Turtle Rock School. Mr. Chicas supports the Visual and Performing Arts Department as an Educational Technology Mentor. Through this position, he has the opportunity to explore digital music and enjoys finding creative ways to include technology in the music classroom.

In 2022, Mr. Chicas received the California Choral Directors Association, Early Career Choral Director of the year award. Additionally, he received the 2020 IUSD Elementary Teacher of Promise Award. Currently, he performs as a guest conductor and tenor soloist throughout Orange and Los Angeles Counties, where he has worked with the Donald Bren Elementary Honor Choir and Grammy Award Nominee Josh Groban in his Stages tour, Stages: Summer tour and An Intimate Evening with Josh Groban. Recently, he performed in The Who's Peter Townsend's rock opera, Quadrophenia starring Alfie Boe, Billy Idol and Peter Townsend.





Conductor Biographies



Brandon Elliott

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

Dr. Brandon Elliott enjoys an expansive career as a conductor-educator, musician, arts leader and consultant. He is the founding Artistic and Executive Director of Choral Arts Initiative, a professional chorus nationally recognized as a champion of new music, having premiered 90 works in 10 seasons. Through this ensemble, he has received the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP)/Chorus America Award for Adventurous Programming and the Louis Botto Award for Innovative Action and Entrepreneurial Zeal.

Equally passionate about teaching, training and mentoring musicians, Brandon is the Director of Choral and Vocal Activities at Moorpark College. He conducts three ensembles and oversees program area courses, such as opera workshop, applied voice and vocal techniques. He also teaches special topics such as Introduction to Music Business and Introduction to Music Education. He regularly serves as an adjudicator, clinician, preparatory conductor, guest conductor and guest speaker for festivals, competitions and local K-12 programs. As a vocal musician, he has sung with various professional and contracted choruses and teaches voice students in classical, musical theater and pop genres, with current and former students performing on Broadway, recording projects, and numerous stages across the country. His commitment to music education was recognized by the Recording Academy as a 2022 GRAMMY Music Educator Award semifinalist.

Passionate about giving back to the community, he volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for Ventura County, and serves as an Arts Commissioner for the City of Moorpark. As an IUSD alumnus, he is deeply honored to serve as a guest conductor for the Honors Concert.



Jeff Held

HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Dr. Jeff Held is the founding music director of the Concordia Wind Orchestra, Concordia Symphony Orchestra and Concordia Sinfonietta at Concordia University, Irvine. These ensembles perform professional repertoire, partner with renowned soloists, engage in significant domestic and international tours, perform annually at Segerstrom Concert Hall and appear on Concordia's annual made-for-TV broadcast that airs on PBS stations across the U.S., recorded at Concordia's exceptional orchestra recording facilities.

In the past decade, he has been a key administrator in the emergence of Concordia's reputation as an outstanding arts university, and has been Assistant Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences since 2015. During his tenure, the number of music majors has doubled, one of the finest music learning facilities in Southern California has been constructed and talented students have been recruited with competitive scholarship offers.

Dr. Held received the Doctor of Musical Arts in Music Education from Boston University, a Master's Degree in Instrumental Pedagogy from the American Band College at Southern Oregon University and an undergraduate degree in music from Valparaiso University. In addition, he completed the Lutheran Teaching Colloquy from Concordia University, Irvine.





Conductor Biographies

Hee Jeong Przytulski

ELEMENTARY BAND

Mrs. Przytulski has been in the Irvine Unified School District since 1999. She received degrees from the University of California, Irvine (B.M., 1997), California State University, Long Beach (Credential, 2000) and California State University, Fullerton (M.M., 2004).

She was honored as the Orange County Music and Arts Administrators (OCMAA) 2012 Elementary Instrumental Music Teacher of the Year and one of OCMAA Outstanding Arts Educators in 2013 and 2022. She is also the 2014 Irvine Unified School District Visual and Performing Arts Teacher of the Year. She was a winner of the 2007 Orange County Music and Arts Administrators grant for instrumental music and received several grants from IPSF. As a performer, she has participated in several festivals and has performed in numerous orchestras throughout the west.

Currently, she continues teaching and performing while maintaining a successful private clarinet studio. Her students have placed in the Southwestern Youth Music Festival and also have been selected to participate in groups such as the Pacific Symphony Youth Ensembles, Orange County Youth Symphony Orchestra, All Southern and All State Honor groups and the National High School Honor Orchestra.

She is a member of the Orange County Clarinet Consort, which was invited to perform at the International Clarinet Festival in Assisi, Italy, Orlando and Denver. She is married to a composer/saxophonist, Roger Przytulski and is a proud mom of Adam and Mason. She is an avid Lego fan and enjoys building them with her family.



Adrian Rangel-Sanchez

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUS

Adrian Rangel-Sanchez is the Director of the Vocal Music program at Portola High School where he directs five choral ensembles and directs for the musical theater program. He received his B.A. in Music Education and Teaching Credential from CSU Fullerton. An Irvine native, he attended Turtle Rock Elementary, Vista Verde School, and graduated from University High School. He was a high school member of the IUSD High School Honor Chorus in 2010 and 2011, and began accompanying for the concert in 2016. He is excited to make his conducting debut at the IUSD Honors Concert!

In addition to teaching, he also sings with the Pacific Chorale, has sung in choruses with the LA Philharmonic and Pacific Symphony and with artists such as John Williams and Andrea Bocelli. He is highly active as a pianist and music director in the musical theater realm, and has directed, conducted and played in over 30 musicals at both the professional and educational levels. In his spare time, Mr. Rangel enjoys traveling, hiking, cooking, baking and generally enjoying life. As an educator, he hopes to inspire creativity and confidence in his students and believes that music has the power to bring people together in a way that nothing else can!





Conductor Biographies



Elizabeth Rohrs

ELEMENTARY ORCHESTRA

Elizabeth Rohrs holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music and a teaching credential from Cal State Fullerton, where she received the Yamaha scholarship in music and the Orange County Young Artist award. Recently, she was awarded "Outstanding Elementary Educator" by the Southern California Band and Orchestra Association. She has over 20 years of experience as a music educator, performer and recording artist. Elizabeth also performs as a professional violinist and teaches privately.

Elizabeth has served as string coach to many orchestras including the Southern California Band and Orchestra Association Honor Groups, Orange County Youth Symphony and many junior high and high schools groups across Orange County. She has led multiple ensembles to superior festival ratings. Elizabeth worked full time as a high school director and junior high music director in Los Angeles, where she brought music education to many schools without a performing program and helped start an after school arts program.

Currently, Elizabeth is an elementary string educator in the Irvine Unified School District, teaching over 500 students across 10 orchestras at Stone Creek Elementary, Stonegate Elementary and Cadence Park School. When not teaching or performing, Elizabeth likes to read, garden and spend time with her two children, John and Katherine.



Marci Seminario

ELEMENTARY BAND

Marci Seminario holds Bachelor's Degrees in Music Education and Clarinet Performance from the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music at California State University Long Beach. Under the direction of John Carnahan, Marci has traveled to various places around the world playing clarinet in the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music Wind Symphony.

Throughout her musical endeavors, Marci has had the opportunity to perform with various artists such as the world famous Andrea Bocelli at the Dolby Theater.

Mrs. Seminario also has four years of experience working with students from across the globe at the Disneyland Resort, where she worked as a stage manager for student performances and taught music courses in the park as part of the Guest Talent Program and Youth Education Series.

Mrs. Seminario is a winds educator in the Irvine Unified School District teaching students at five elementary schools, including Alderwood, Deerfield, Loma Ridge, Northwood and Santiago Hills.

Mrs. Seminario is currently completing her Master's Degree in Education Administration at Concordia University.

When Mrs. Seminario is not teaching, she enjoys spending time with her husband Anibal and their daughter Amelia.





IUSD Student Performers

ELEMENTARY HONOR WINDS

Flute

Sarah Feigenbaum **WP** •
 Lyric Huang **SH**
 Mason Yuchan Jeong **SH**
 Amy Park **SP**
 Seoyeon Yun **CY**
 Anning Zhang **BW**
 Satie Kim **SH**
 Max Li **CY**
 Gia Kwak **SH**
 April Zhang **SP**

Meghana Wuppalapati **DF**
 Kate Jung **CV**

Clarinet

Daniel Chung **CV** •
 Kara Chan **LR**
 George Chuan **ES**
 Hayoon Lee **CA**
 Penelope Pan **UP**
 Jihu Lee **TR**
 Ava Kwon **BP**

Ethan Wang **SH**
 Stella Kim **BW**
 Brad You **CY**
 Daniel Ahn **VV**
 Jaden Hong **SH**
 Yoojin Ma **EW**
 Annabel Yu **BP**
 Erin Heck **CV**
 Hannah Ng **LR**
 Annie Zhang **TR**

Alto Saxophone

James Park **CV** •
 Jonathan Li **NW**
 Yuto Yamamoto **UP**
 Benjamin Mong **CV**
 Eric Yang **SH**
 Sky Tosheng **BW**
 Lily B'far **DF**
 Simrah Karim **DF**
 Nathan Lee **SH**
 Jay Homma **BP**

Trumpet

Tony Lee **SH** •
 Jacob Jung **IVA**
 Alex Lee **CA**
 Yuhwan Shin **EW**
 Jacob Kim **SH**
 Brandon Yoon **VV**
 Soham Shah **DF**
 Mateo Favela **AW**

Trombone

Nathan Sung **SH** •
 Joshua Oh **ES**
 Barron Castle **ES**
 Christina Wodarz **TR**
 Joshua Choi **CY**
 Parisa Banava **LR**

ELEMENTARY HONOR CHORUS

Arianna Akbari **VV**
 Ava Attar **VV**
 Louise Maddison Bautista **PS**
 Maria Black **ES**
 Elizabeth Chan **ES**
 Ethan Chang **CA**
 Lydia Chang **BW**
 Harper Choi **VV**
 Marin Chung **WP**
 Kenzie Collins **SB**
 Emma Daie **CY**
 Ava Dominguez **WB**
 Jasmine Emerson **VV**
 Jiwoo Eom **CY**
 Avery Fullove **TR**
 Ritvik Garg **SH**

Ariana Goel **CA**
 Jonah Gabriel Gonzales **SB**
 Dominic Gourley **BP**
 Shresta Guddeti **CV**
 Caleb Gutierrez **UP**
 Dylan Haferling **OC**
 Casey Hecht **SG**
 Hannah Hwang **CV**
 Seungjoon Im **CY**
 Silvia Ji **CP**
 Chakrika Kandepe **ES**
 Olivia Kang **SG**
 Lucy Kensrue **CV**
 Charis Kim **CY**
 Abigail Ko **ES**
 Kanna Kobayashi **PV**

Misaki Kojima **SH**
 Devang Krishnankutty **CP**
 Luke Larson **MP**
 Camilla Lau **WB**
 Iris Lee **BW**
 Lia Lee **SG**
 Alice Li **SG**
 Bella Liu **VV**
 Bella Magana **OC**
 Camryn Mai **SH**
 Kaden Mallari **CP**
 Saki Matsumura **OC**
 Catalina Mendivil **BC**
 Aashi Mittal **SH**
 Sydney Murry **VV**
 Ahsa Nariman **CV**

Ginger Nguyen **SP**
 Alekhya Nittala **BP**
 Srilekhy Nittala **BP**
 Jacob Noh **TR**
 Naisha Panjwani **SH**
 Rohan Patel **CV**
 Aanya Paymaster **BW**
 Kaden Pham **LR**
 Klara Pietakova **CY**
 Khadija Pooya **CY**
 Niknaz Hashemi Pour **VV**
 Avani Prasad **DF**
 Isha Prashant **WP**
 Wynona Prawira **CY**
 Neha Ramesh **DF**
 Mishka Rangji **AW**

Amav Vijaya Kumar Rao **TR**
 Purvi Reddy **EW**
 Chloe Reilly **AW**
 Adaya Rodas **SB**
 Leanna Rohde **VV**
 Hayeon Ryu **SH**
 Gorang Saini **TR**
 Jingzi Sanmu **IVA**
 Camille Servan **ES**
 Ali Shaaban **CY**
 Trisha Shah **WP**
 Maya Shankar **BW**
 Ridhi Sreenivas **DF**
 Chinmayee Srinivasan **SB**
 Mia Su **BW**
 Elinor Sy **ES**

Mia Szeto **VV**
 Audrey Ta **CY**
 Brayden Takeno **SC**
 Andrew Taveras **OC**
 Avani Trichinapally **PS**
 Angeline Tseng **LR**
 Deetya Velidandla **PS**
 Riya Vollala **CY**
 Regina Wang **GT**
 Eshana Warrior **VV**
 Daisy Wei **SH**
 Max Yan **CY**
 Michael Yang **OC**
 Angela Zou **SG**

ELEMENTARY HONOR ORCHESTRA

Violin I

Lily Marie Young **LR** •
 Emmalyn Kim **SG**
 Lauren Park **IVA**
 Noel Jung **CV**
 Junseo (Bona) Lee **SB**
 Anna Shung **WB**
 Victoria Shung **WB**
 Brandon Shen-Xu **TR**
 William Lin **SH**
 Annie Eun Kwak **ES**
 Claire Hahn **CV**
 Chloé Bogosh **CV**
 Jamie Zhou **BP**
 Yuwon Lim **TR**
 Abigail Chung **WP**
 Winston Ryea **EW**

Mason Przytulski **ES**
 Anna Chen **SG**
 Elsa Ye **CV**

Violin II

Eric Shin **BW** •
 Derek Guan **BW**
 Zeen Zhou **EW**
 Peter Chen **IVA**
 Wesley Tsai **CY**
 Nathan Lee **CV**
 Jaeyee Jeong **SG**
 Ellen Kim **SG**
 Olivia Letian Wang **SH**
 Ryan Kong **TR**
 Kaitlyn Sung **EW**
 Annie Chih **SG**

Bowen Li **TR**
 Rachel Hong **OC**
 Ivan Zhang **SH**
 Allison Liu **SH**
 Joanna Kang **BW**
 Ethan Wang **PS**
 Owen Lo **SH**
 Oliver Hsiao **SH**

Violin III

Yuzuki Quoit-Minematsu **IVA** •
 Allen Chen **VV**
 Lupita Manzano **PV**
 Jasper Sun **CD**
 Miya Lin **CV**

Viola

Pyron Tan **CV** •
 William Lin **TR**
 Hudson Shung **WB**
 Uthara Iyer **PV**
 Jamie Isabelle I. Reyes **CY**
 Megan Wang **ES**
 Jad Albandakji **PV**
 Danielle Hahn **IVA**
 Anish Pashikanti **SH**
 Priya Campbell **LR**
 Joshua Lee **AW**
 Kaito Gota **WB**
 Shauna Lee **UP**
 Aiden Lee **SH**
 Nika Oi **PV**

Cello

Woojin Justin Oh **BC** •
 Ereny Yosef **WB**
 Jayden Eubin Lee **SP**
 Anastasia Joy Catanus **DF**
 Ryan Yeh **CV**
 Brandon Park **IVA**
 Ben Yang **VV**
 Seojun Baek **SH**
 Annabelle S. Chantana **BW**
 Amy Song **BW**
 Kaitlyn Lee **BP**
 Noah Im **BW**
 Duhan Li **TR**
 Emma Chen **SH**
 Abigail Yoo **TR**
 Ayane Matsuzaki **CP**

Kaitlyn Hong **CY**
 Yoyo Liu **CV**
 Matthew Yang **CV**
 Jeeho Park **PS**
 Amber Tse **SG**
 Abigail Jo **LR**
 Tabitha Tio **PV**
 Aiden Han **PS**
 Seoyeon Park **OC**

Double Bass

Benedikt Kunrath **VV** •

SCHOOL LEGEND

AW – Alderwood
BP – Beacon Park
BC – Bonita Canyon
BW – Brywood
CA – Cadence Park
CV – Canyon View
CP – College Park
CD – Culverdale
CY – Cypress Village

DF – Deerfield
ES – Eastshore
EW – Eastwood
GT – Greentree
IHS – Irvine HS
IVA – IUSD Virtual Academy
JT – Jeffrey Trail MS
LS – Lakeside MS
LR – Loma Ridge

MP – Meadow Park
NHS – Northwood HS
NW – Northwood
OC – Oak Creek
PV – Plaza Vista
PHS – Portola HS
PS – Portola Springs
RSJ – Rancho San Joaquin MS
SH – Santiago Hills

SV – Sierra Vista MS
SP – Solis Park
SL – South Lake
SB – Springbrook
SC – Stone Creek
SG – Stonegate
TR – Turtle Rock
UHS – University HS
UP – University Park

V – Venado MS
VV – Vista Verde
WP – Westpark
WHS – Woodbridge HS
WB – Woodbury

• **Concert Master**
 • **Principal**



IUSD Student Performers



MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR CHORUS

Jolie S. Aguilar **JT**
 Jordyn Allam **LS**
 Rien Anand **V**
 Mia Anderson **LS**
 Sophia Arnold **VV**
 Charlotte Baker **JT**
 Kayla Chan **LS**
 Josh Chang **PV**
 Lillian Chehade **JT**
 Jeshwin R. Chettiar **V**
 Saranya Chigurupati **JT**

Xiaohan Chu **SV**
 Zixuan Cui **SV**
 Jacob Dinh **V**
 Christian Doan **LS**
 Lahari Dongre **V**
 Phil Duan **LS**
 Rylan Flanigan **JT**
 Sara Ford **SL**
 Eva Georgy **V**
 Saurish Gore **V**
 Arsh Gupta **SV**

Kaelyn Han **JT**
 Thomas Hikida **SV**
 Nathalie Hong **JT**
 Benjamin Jung **SV**
 Aria Kamat **JT**
 Vibha Kasula **LS**
 Sonia Khot **SV**
 Joanne Kim **JT**
 Shaalini Krishnan **SV**
 Anish Kumar **JT**
 Riya Kunatham **SV**

Genevieve Lackna **JT**
 Lily Larsen **BP**
 Eunsae Lee **LS**
 Brooke Li **SV**
 Madeline Lister **PV**
 Joanna Liu **JT**
 Ella Marshall **VV**
 Moksha Mettu **SV**
 Ava Moori **RSJ**
 Cameron Mousavi **BP**
 Abhishek Murugan **BP**

Veer Patel **V**
 Nidhi Peethala **JT**
 Anantya Pentapati **JT**
 Sophia Grace Perry **JT**
 Gabriella Grace Quijano **JT**
 Jenni Rui **SV**
 Ammar Salim **V**
 Pritha Sankar **JT**
 Camryn Schjei **SL**
 Dayla Schneider **V**
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 Lakshmi Suresh **LS**
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 Zayna Waqas **SV**
 Peggy Wei **SV**
 Sydney Wertman **RSJ**
 David Weston **VV**
 Queenie Xia **SV**
 Yiyang Zhang **RSJ**

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Flute

Kaya Baird **PV** •
 Lucia Yu **RSJ**
 Peyton Ferrero **LS**
 Nono Shibuya **PV**
 Jia Kim **JT**
 Sol Yoon **BP**
 Jocelyn Huang **RSJ**
 Sonia Kalantarian **LS**

Oboe

Henry Lin **SV**

Clarinet

Doyoon Lee **SV** •
 Andrew Lee **SV**
 Jenna Hong **JT**
 Vera Sy **V**
 Annabelle Tang **RSJ**
 Eric Choi **BP**

Bass Clarinet

Gerett Mationg **LS**

Alto Saxophone

Brandon Chien **SV** •
 Xichen Chen **SV**
 Lake Muther **RSJ**
 Jonathan Tsou **SV**
 Henry Wiechmann **SV**
 Renaldo Chang **LS**

Tenor Saxophone

Michael Mao **SV**

Baritone Saxophone

Neil Dedhia **V**
 Elijah Perez **SV**

Trumpet

Alvin Chung **SV** •
 Clara Cho **SV**
 Leon Chung **SV**
 Selin Haytuglu **RSJ**
 Ryan Choi **RSJ**

Horn

Rico Xu **VV**
 Keen Dang **SV**

Trombone

Hiro Murakami **PV** •
 Jeffrey Shim **JT**
 Gwyneth Renger **RSJ**
 Allison Liu **SV**

Tuba

Michael Exley **SV**
 Yuna Kwon **JT**

Percussion

Ella Hyunjee Choi **LS** •
 Addie Case **SV**
 Amanda Muther **RSJ**
 Ellie Yen **JT**

Violin I

Yeonjoo Oh **RSJ** •
 Danny Yoo **RSJ**
 Maxwell Lee **VV**
 Claire Kim **LS**
 Vaed Kamat **RSJ**
 Yoomin Lim **RSJ**
 Hannah Nguyen **SV**
 John Karam **RSJ**
 Alicia Wu **RSJ**
 Aileen Shin **CA**

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Violin II

Sylvie Kim **JT** •
 Luke Chen **SV**
 Grace Chun **SV**
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 Gianna Kim **VV**
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 Haoqi Wang **RSJ**
 Aurelian Shen **LS**
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 Sophia Huynh **SV**
 Kevin Li **SV**

Viola

Jiwon Chung **SV** •
 Miono Quoit-Minematsu **SV**
 Daniel Zhu **RSJ**
 Olivia Guo **SL**
 Shloke Kamat **RSJ**
 Ian Jung **SV**
 Jasmine Shao **SV**
 Ayaka Kobayashi **PV**
 Karlyna Chokry **BP**
 Andy Choi **SV**
 Ethan Kwak **JT**
 Ben Sriprapundh **SV**
 Neo Li **V**
 Alexander Kong **RSJ**

Cello

Alex Hwang **SV** •
 Isaac Shung **JT**
 Aidan Chew **SV**
 Aidan Chien **SV**
 Tara Pham **LS**
 Anne Takagi **V**
 Adam Przytulski **LS**
 Henry Hong **SV**
 Julian Lai **JT**
 Angel Li **JT**
 Kexin Cai **RSJ**
 Kevin Lew **JT**
 Tara Lee **SV**
 Aria Yeh **JT**

Aimee Pan **JT**
 Rena Oh **JT**

Bass

Hayden Moore **JT** •
 Adonis Jaison **LS**
 Kelly Seefeldt **SV**
 Shana Riazzi Esfahani **PV**



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 Cinee Hong UHS
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 Izzy Klein UHS
 Aditi Kurup NHS
 Jennifer Kwon UHS
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 Raaga Mahesh IHS
 Pao Morales Concepcion PHS
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 Sree Pochampally NHS
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 Shefali Sinha PHS

Sreenidhi Srinivasan IHS
 Genevieve Velarde IHS
 Atlas-Michiko Velazquez NHS
 Ashlynn Weidenbenner IHS
 Nanami Yamakawa NHS
 Sophia Yang NHS
 Avi Zhang PHS

Alto

Sofia Carmolinga PHS
 Chloe Chau PHS
 Lauren Choi UHS
 Leyna Doan NHS
 Lauren Doan NHS
 Noelle Escalante NHS
 Sydney Hoang NHS
 Maya Iyengar NHS
 Caitlyn Liao UHS
 Esther Liu PHS

Yuki Matsumura NHS
 Sienna Patel UHS
 Annie Qu UHS
 Khushi Rajesh IHS
 Kaitlyn Ramon NHS
 Clarissa Roman PHS
 Eli Ruminson PHS
 Eshita Santosh IHS
 Chloe Schiffman UHS
 Katrina Soto UHS
 Naksha Srinivasan IHS
 Victoria Sun NHS
 Kylie Thongsrinoon IHS
 Rio Tsutsuda NHS
 Sriya Vollala IHS
 Juel Wettstein PHS

Tenor

JT Armstrong IHS
 Mahat Chandra PHS
 Minal Chunduru IHS
 Corynn Crabb NHS
 Aryan Dahiya PHS
 Shohan Dey IHS
 Matthew Dorfman UHS
 Elizabeth Forbes NHS
 Diptodhee Goswami PHS
 Jeff Hwang PHS
 Aryan Jamshidian NHS
 Claudia Kahana UHS
 Maddox Kreil IHS
 Ryan Kuei IHS
 Brandon Lee PHS
 June Lee NHS
 Kody Lin PHS
 Kori Martinez PHS

Mohit Nair PHS
 Hannah Norman UHS
 Kapil Ramasubramanian PHS
 Sashan Umashankar PHS
 Hanna Wei NHS

Bass

Julian Aguilar PHS
 Arjun Bhatnagar NHS
 Ryan Chang IHS
 Cheuk Hei Adrian Chow PHS
 Maddox Feemster UHS
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 Seth Holder NHS
 Vibhas Ippil UHS
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Flute I

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Flute II

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Piccolo/Flute II

Derek Zhang IHS

Oboe I

Jonathan Kang NHS

Oboe II

Brandyn Chen PHS

Bassoon I

Alydn Chen PHS

Bassoon II

Miriam G. Greenstein UHS
 Michelle Lavender NHS

Clarinet I

Erikas (Erik) Zarskus UHS
 Allen Weng IHS

Clarinet II

Kenneth Rhee NHS
 Yumin Park NHS

Trumpet I

Kai Mow NHS
 So Takagi IHS

Trumpet II

Brendan Birozy NHS
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Trumpet III

Paul B. Vu UHS
 Sarah Matsuura PHS

Horn I

Yiyu (Ella) Huang UHS

Horn II

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Horn III

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 Grace Cho PHS

Horn IV

Daniella Pierce NHS
 Nico Frederick IHS

Trombone I

Dylan Z. Soong UHS

Trombone II

Eli Rapp IHS
 Olle Theonnes NHS

Trombone III

Julia Chubb NHS

Tuba

Brendan Yip NHS
 John D. McPhie UHS

Percussion I

Zachary Lundquist IHS

Percussion II

Michelle Fan UHS

Percussion III

Ken Yasuda PHS

Percussion IV

Audrey Lee NHS

Harp

Naomi Gesk UHS

Violin I

Jayden Yeung PHS
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 Vivian Lu PHS
 Kevin Lin NHS
 Om Kamat UHS
 Yuna Noh NHS
 Koda Virgil IHS
 Michelle Lu PHS
 Jeffrey Lin NHS
 Jacob Liu UHS
 Elizabeth Klein NHS
 Victor Kim IHS

Violin II

Aniyah Shen UHS
 Shani Lin NHS
 Elena Miyamoto NHS
 Sari Nakajima IHS
 Emma De Filippo PHS
 Jay Yoo UHS
 Claire Chow NHS
 Annabell Luo NHS
 Danielle Romulo IHS
 Jeremy Chae PHS

Jocelyn Tsai UHS
 Allen Wen NHS
 Peyton Hui NHS
 Sean Yeh IHS
 Lawrence Mi PHS
 Miyako Kato UHS
 Ryan Goh NHS
 Alex Brown NHS
 Jack Qiu PHS

Viola

Erik Petrovich IHS
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 Laleh Turner NHS
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 Isaac Sada NHS
 Manny Zhou NHS
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 Talia Nguyen UHS
 Jayden Chao PHS
 Elizabeth Han NHS
 Grace An NHS

Cello

Oooju Robinson NHS
 Annabelle Wu IHS

Nathan Dishon UHS
 Stephanie Zeng NHS
 Kyle Hwang PHS
 Zara B'Far NHS
 Victoria Yang IHS
 Elizabeth Choi UHS
 Ethan Chen NHS
 Kayleen Kim PHS
 Charlotte Ma NHS
 Amy Lantz UHS
 Yufei Chen NHS
 Ian Jun PHS

Bass

Paul Gong NHS
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 Jesper Nguyen PHS
 Cosette Oh UHS
 Tim Zhao NHS
 David Gima NHS
 Soleil De Jesus IHS
 Lionel Liu PHS
 Francis Lung UHS
 Sawyer Ferrell NHS

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