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Illinois State University
Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts
School of Music

Illinois State University String Project Spring Concert



Dr. Benjamin de Kock, *Master Teacher*
Dr. Cora Swenson Lee, *Master Teacher*
Dr. Katherine Lewis, *Director and Master Teacher*

Center for the Performing Arts
May 4, 2024
Saturday Morning
11:00 a.m.

This is the two hundred and eighth program of the 2023-2024 season.

Program

Please silence all electronic devices for the duration of the concert. Thank you.

Dolce Class

Twinkle Variations and Theme

Mississippi Stop Stop
Down Wiggle Up Wiggle
Ice Cream Shhh Cone
Pineapple Strawberry
Mississippi is a River
Theme

G Major Scale

D Major Scale

Blake Bowers, Joe Brackmann, Brandon Campos, Tejas Dhanani,
Daniel Haan, Brody Macias, Chona Noble, Laura Vélez, *conductors*

Allegro Class

Defender of Time

Rob Grice

Ender Loya, *conductor*

The Ash Grove

Traditional
arr. Michael Hopkins

Carlos Leon Castro, *conductor*

Deep Sea Fandango

Deborah Baker Monday

Ender Loya, *conductor*

Vivace Class

Habanera

Georges Bizet
arr. Robert S. Frost

Brian Hershey, *conductor*

Avatar

Doug Spata

Daniel Haan, *conductor*

Dragon Dances

Soon Hee Newbold

Gibson Swalley, *conductor*

Presentations

Practice-A-Thon Winners

Special Thanks and Announcements

Graduating Teachers

Sinfonia Class

Symphony No. 16 Finale

F. Joseph Haydn
Arr. Sandra Dackow

Wood Splitter Fanfare

Brian Balmages

Cello Ole!

Richard Meyer

Oluwagbenga Ajila, *conductor*

Combined Classes

Golden Grove

Brian Balmages

Chona Noble, *conductor*

Dolce**Master Teacher**

Dr. Benjamin de Kock

Teaching Assistants

Blake Bowers
 Joe Brackmann
 Brandon Campos
 Tejas Dhanani
 Daniel Haan
 Brody Macias
 Chona Noble
 Laura Vélez

Violin

Andaluz Bersett
 Samuel Hodel
 Kaden Lopez
 Celine Nkrumah-Boateng
 Nora Rakstad
 Vaylen Shah
 Aaditha Simon
 Arabella Truttmann
 Aariv Tej Varikuti

Viola

Katherina Walsh
 Blake Williams

Cello

Dylan Blessent
 Anthony Buenrostro
 Alina Garcia
 Alexandria Heredia
 Mabel King
 Joy E Kudari
 Owen Meador
 Otto Nuesken
 Benjamin J Owen
 Reverie Rogal

Bass

Simon Boerger
 Micah Evans
 Zaya Prevo
 Rafael A Ramos

Allegro**Master Teacher**

Dr. Cora Swenson Lee

Teaching Assistants

Oluwagbenga Ajila
 Kahauri Brown Givens
 Carlos Leon Castro
 Ender Loya
 Sergio Ravelo Chaparro
 Lexi Rocha

Violin

Elieen Chung
 MacKenzie Fleming
 Amelia Matheny
 Nadya McGriff
 Silvia Miller
 Ricky Morgan
 Madison Murphy
 Stella Murphy
 Elijah Sanborn
 Kylie Schumacher
 Ava Thompson
 Maximus Welsh

Viola

Nathan Guernsey
 Kennedy Harcharik

Cello

Caleb Chupp
 Sean Dong
 Annabelle Lin
 AJ Reddington
 Jaden Schumacher
 Maddox Sitton
 Jacob Tepen
 Abram Thompson

Bass

Lilian Welsh

Vivace**Master Teacher**

Dr. Cora Swenson Lee

Teaching Assistants

Daniel Haan
 Brian Hershey
 Gibby Swalley

Violin

Delanie Casperson
 Evangeline Helmig
 Ava Kossler
 Violet Miller
 Azaria Rogal

Aibhilin Braionna Sujin

Sophia Torres
 Eliot Verner

Viola

Clara Davis

Cello

Vienna Boonsuk
 Audrey Lorelei
 Dominguez
 Valentina Gonzalez
 Jiada Herrarte
 Braxton Iliff-Murphy
 Emmet Moyer
 Allison Ramos

Sinfonia**Master Teacher**

Dr. Katherine Lewis

Teaching Assistants

Oluwagbenga Ajila
 Chona Noble
 Aaron Wolz

Violin

Anika Boggess
 Evelyn Ehrich
 Jiovani Herrarte
 Eliya Kim *
 Junwoo Kim
 Lakkiah McDougald
 Julia Min
 Jaiv Patel
 Olivia Prescott
 Aaron Torres

Viola

Charlotte Bainter
 Elliott Franklin

Cello

Olivia Dooley
 Emma Eagle
 Liya Getache
 Joel Adarsh Gummalla
 Audrey Kirchner
 Lilly Webb
 Luke Woods

Bass

Santiago Ramirez
 Vivian Verner

*Indicates Concertmaster

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External funding helps our program to provide tuition scholarships, instrument loans, teacher enrichment opportunities, and much more.

To make your online, tax-deductible contribution, go to:

<https://giving.illinoisstate.edu/fund/isu-string-project/>

or contact Dr. Lewis

About the ISU String Project...

The Illinois State University String Project began in 2001 with the support of the College of Fine Arts, the School of Music, and a major grant from the American String Teachers Association. ISU's String Project is one of many programs modeled after the University of South Carolina-Columbia String Project, founded in 1974. There are currently forty String Project programs across the United States; ISU's String Project is the only one in Illinois. String Project is dedicated to providing low-cost instruction on stringed instruments to children in the community while providing hands-on teacher training for the college assistants who work in the program. The ISU String Project was named the "2013 String Project of the Year" by the American String Teachers Association. Our students come from over thirty area grade and middle schools, representing seven school districts.

Upcoming Events...

Summer Lessons:

Available through ISU Community School for the Arts

Two 6-week sessions

<https://finearts.illinoisstate.edu/events-activities/community-school/>

Make Music Normal: All program community performance

Saturday, June 29th, time TBA

String Project Summer Camp (entering 4th-8th grade)

Monday, July 29th – Friday, August 2nd, 2024

8:30 AM – Noon

REDBIRD Summer Philharmonic (entering 9th-12th grade)

Monday, July 29th – Friday, August 2nd, 2024

5:30 PM – 8 PM

String Project Fall Classes – Tentative Dates

Returning Classes resume the week of September 9th

New Dolce Class begins the week of September 16th

Sinfonia Auditions: Friday, September 6th



INFO NIGHT for new students: September 11th 6:30 PM



Illinois State University

REDBIRD

Summer Philharmonic



**A summer camp for
advanced high school
and college violin, viola,
cello, and bass students.**

**The cost of the 5-day
camp is \$160 per student.**

Limited partial scholarships are available; please contact program
director for more information.

Each day will feature an immersion
into string orchestra literature, as
well as masterclasses and workshops
with ISU faculty members.



**July 29 - August 2, 2024
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Final performance on August 2,
2024 at 7:30 pm**

**Center for the Performing Arts
Concert Hall**

E-mail us @

**StringProject@IllinoisState.edu
with any questions**

If you need a special accommodation to participate in this program, please contact us with sufficient time to arrange the accommodation.

String Project Summer Camp

Illinois State University

July 29- August 2, 2024
8:30 a.m. - NOON

A summer camp for violin, viola, cello, and bass students who will be entering 4th - 8th grade.

Students should have at least one year of playing experience.

The cost of the 5-day day camp is \$170 per student.

Students need to bring their own instruments;

Music and snacks will be provided.

Limited scholarships are available; please inquire.

Each day will feature lessons and chamber music coaching by ISU faculty members and college assistants, as well as orchestra and musicianship activities.

**Please register
on or before
July 1st.**



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