



January 14, 2026 Winter Concert

Thompson Valley High School

the **NORTHERN
COLORADO
YOUTH
ORCHESTRA**



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THE APPRENTICE ENSEMBLE

Mabel Creek Overture

William G. Harbinson

When Lightning Strikes

Alan Lee Silva

Voyager

Soon Hee Newbold

MUSICIANS

VIOLIN I:

Maverick Ovrebo**
Andrew Hanson
Sophie Rummel

VIOLIN II:

Sydney Lareau*
Coralie Bromley

VIOLA:

Liv Worthley*
Elsie Arns
Leila Shackelford
Theo Watson

CELLO:

Lauren Gibbons*
Paula Dixon
Sheri Hetchler
Tesla Person

DOUBLE BASS:

Lucy Lee*
Liam Ortiz

*Denotes Principal
** Denotes Concert Master

THE CONCERT ENSEMBLE

Winter Solstice

Todd Parrish

The Odyssey

Soon Hee Newbold

Fantasia on an Original Theme

Joseph Philips

Woodsplitter Fanfare

Brian Balmages

MUSICIANS

VIOLIN I:

Rhonda Yan**
Léo Amsellem
Alysha Celli
Ishaan Krishnan
Lillian Moore
Autumn Whitaker
Iris Zhou

VIOLIN II:

Johnny Lovato*
Manon Amsellem
Ryland Armstrong
Micah Banks
Andrew Hanson
Sophie Rummel

CELLO:

Jonah Welker*
Kate Dumitrescu
Heath Eccleston
Lauren Gibbons
Rowan Jeffords

VIOLA:

Keaton Bau*
Hayden Call

DOUBLE BASS:

Lucy Lee*

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THE CONCERT QUARTET

Gigue from Suite

Michel Rondeau: Allegro

MUSICIANS

VIOLIN I:

Autumn Whitaker

VIOLIN II:

Ishaan Krishnan

VIOLA:

Hayden Call

CELLO:

Rowan Jeffords



THE CHAMBER QUARTET

Quartet #1

Dimitri Shostakovich

I. Moderato

II. Moderato

MUSICIANS

VIOLIN I:

Elsa Andersen

VIOLIN II:

Alexander Warren

VIOLA:

Elias Everitt

CELLO:

Annika Everitt



THE CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

Eine Kleine Nachtmusik

I Allegro

IV Rondo

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Suite for Strings

I Moderato

III Andante con moto

IV Presto

V Adagio

Leoš Janáček *Moderato*

Winter (L'inverno)

from The Four Seasons, Op. 8, No. 4

I. Allegro non molto

Shivering, frozen, amid sharp, stinging winds; stamping one's feet; teeth chattering in the cold.

II. Largo

Resting contentedly beside the fire while rain softly falls outside.

III. Allegro

Walking carefully on ice, slipping and falling; then running swiftly as the ice breaks and winter winds rage once more.

Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741)

Soloists:

Elsa Andersen, violin

Elias Everitt, viola

Sophia Long, cello

Herbie Crisman, harpsichord

MUSICIANS

VIOLIN I:

Elsa Andersen**
Isaiah Furuiye
Nicole Gallego
Charlinn Lawler
Cora Malinski
Aishani Nimbalkar
Kenneth (JT) Perry
Micah Scherman

VIOLIN II:

Alexander Warren*
Charlotte Hanson
Foster Hoover
Xavier Jones
Takoda Malinski
Matthew Norris
Samantha Perrotto
Cole Perry

VIOLA:

Elias Everitt*
Herbert Crisman
Mika Dixon
Addison Oullette

CELLO:

Sophia Long*
Alexander Brinn
Annika Everitt
Theodore Hoover
Lydia Jiang
Gerald Lawler
Clara Mullins
Jasper Prows
James Russell

DOUBLE BASS:

Willa Payne*
Robert Call
Oliver Gibbons
Daniel Hahm
Elias Hill
Willem Steneck

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DANIEL F. SMITH

Daniel F. Smith is the Founder and Artistic Director of The Northern Colorado Youth Orchestra, an organization he established in 2020 in response to the challenges facing music education during the COVID-19 pandemic. Under his visionary leadership, NoCoYO has grown from three socially distanced string ensembles to a nationally recognized program serving over 120 students annually.

The organization now includes multiple large ensembles, including The Apprentice Ensemble, The Concert Ensemble, The Symphony Orchestra, and a chamber music program.

Mr. Smith's achievements with NoCoYO have garnered national attention. In 2022, the Chamber Orchestra was selected to perform at the American String Teachers Association (ASTA) National Orchestra Festival, placing third in the nation. In 2024, the orchestra performed at Carnegie Hall, premiering *Interstellar Dreams* by Colorado composer Chris Pilsner. NoCoYO is currently preparing for its debut at Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles in 2026. In recognition of his work, Mr. Smith was honored as the ASTA String Teacher of the Year in 2021.

A dedicated educator and conductor, Mr. Smith also serves as Director of Orchestras at Loveland High School and Lucile Erwin Middle School, where he oversees a comprehensive program of sixteen ensembles spanning grades six through twelve. His orchestras consistently receive superior ratings at regional and state festivals, and the Loveland High School Chamber Orchestra has qualified for the ASTA State Festival every year under his direction.

Mr. Smith holds degrees in Music Performance and Music Education from Colorado State University. He served for sixteen years as Principal Bassist with the 101st Army Band and has maintained a successful private studio, The Arco / Pizzicato Music Studio, for over two decades. His professional affiliations and collaborations extend throughout Colorado, where he remains an active performer, clinician, and advocate for youth in the arts.

Through his work with NoCoYO and the broader musical community, Mr. Smith continues to champion the mission of Inspiring Harmony for Tomorrow, creating transformative musical experiences that nurture young artists and strengthen the future of classical music.



JOSHUA GREINER

Joshua Greiner is a Fort Collins native and Poudre School District alumni, attending Olander, Blevins, and Rocky Mountain High School. Growing up in Fort Collins, he learned a love for the outdoors through mountain biking, hiking, camping, skiing, and playing disc golf. Joshua started learning the Cello at Blevins Middle School and has been in love with all things Orchestra and music ever since.

He earned his Bachelors in Music Education and Cello Performance/Pedagogy and a Masters in Music from Colorado State University. Mr. Greiner has experience teaching students across Northern Colorado, from beginners to advanced, in state-recognized ensembles. In addition to teaching, Mr. Greiner has performed with his quartet throughout Northern Colorado.

This year is Mr. Greiner's fifth year teaching Orchestra at Preston Middle School, starting in August of 2020. Mr. Greiner's goal is to provide as many opportunities for students to grow as individual players, as leaders, and together as an Orchestra. Mr. Greiner is excited to provide the opportunity for string players in Northern Colorado to participate in a youth orchestra and can't wait to see where NoCoYO goes in the next few years.

DIRECTORS



CATHY VERBYLA

With a passion for pedagogy and conducting above all else, Cathy has been an educator for band, choir, orchestra, and theatre in Colorado for the last eight years. She has made it her life's work to build foundational musical experiences for young students so that they can make their own voices heard within the performing arts.

Hailing from the small town of Benton, Pennsylvania, Cathy earned her Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Mansfield University of Pennsylvania in 2013 and her Master's degree in French Horn Performance from the University of Northern Colorado in 2016. Alongside teaching, she has built a career in horn performance around the country and Europe playing principal horn in Spain, Italy, France, and the Czech Republic with various orchestras. She even attended the 2012 Olympic Games in London, England with the Spirit and Pride of Pennsylvania Marching Band. (In Colorado, Cathy has performed with the Longmont Symphony, Boulder Symphony, Colorado Chamber Orchestra and a handful of other groups. Cathy is also an avid pianist having been a choir accompanist since the age of 10, and continues to play for musical pits around the Northern Colorado area. Presently, she regularly plays horn with the Fort Collins Wind Symphony, and the Loveland Opera theater.

Cathy currently teaches orchestra and theatre at Ridgeline Middle School, and next year she will be teaching instrumental music at the newly opened Ridgeline Middle School in Windsor. When she is not teaching, Cathy enjoys exploring Colorado's open roads on her bike, stand-up comedy shows, memes, and pretending she understands what she's hearing while listening to all things meteorology and extreme weather.



BARBARA THIEM

Barbara Thiem is an internationally acclaimed cellist who combines teaching cello and coaching chamber music with her active schedule of solo, concerto, and chamber music performances in Europe and the United States. She is a founding member of the Mendelssohn Trio that regularly performs in the United States, Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, with an appearance at the International Mendelssohn Festival in Berlin. Her prolific performance schedule

includes 20–30 concerts each year across Europe, the U.S., Canada, and South America, including many guest artist appearances at the International Draeseke Conference in Coburg, Germany.

In addition to concertizing, Thiem has recorded for many radio stations and has produced several CDs. She has published translations of Gerhard Mantel's *Cello Technique* and Ernst Mendelssohn Bartholdy's *From New York to San Francisco*, both from Indiana University Press, as well as a number of articles on good postural and practicing habits, which appeared in the *American String Teacher Association Journal* and the *American Suzuki Journal*. As an active clinician, lecturer, and adjudicator, Thiem has been a guest at the Encontro Orquestra de Cordas da UnB, the Pan American Cello Festival, and at prominent national association conferences.

Thiem recently retired from teaching and performing within the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance at Colorado State University, where she taught cello and chamber music, led a course in cello pedagogy, and taught in the Pre-College Chamber Music Program. The Mendelssohn Trio is in residence at the University, and Thiem has also participated in research within CSU's renowned music therapy area. Previous teaching appointments include the University of Wyoming, Indiana University, Lamont School of Music, University of Colorado, University of Texas, and Iowa State University. She has often administered the International Summer Academy of Schloss Ort, Austria.

Thiem holds an M.M. in cello performance from Indiana University, where she was assistant to Janos Starker and was awarded the coveted Performer's Certificate, as well as degrees from Staatliche Hochschule für Musik in Cologne, Germany, where she studied with avant-garde cellist Siegfried Palm. She is a 'Best Teacher' award winner at Colorado State University and a 'Teacher of the Year' nominee for the College of Liberal Arts.



2026 YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

Open to Colorado High School Students Grade 9-12

Saturday, March 14th, 2026

King of Glory Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO

INSTRUMENTS

Piano Strings Woodwinds Brass Percussion

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February 14th, 2026



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and Hanson: Symphony No. 2, "The Romantic"

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