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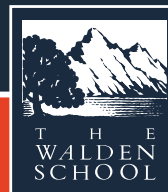
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Christopher Hisey **Principal Orchestra Conductor**

Music Director and Alumnus of the Greater Connecticut Youth Orchestras (GCTYO), Christopher James Hisey has conducted concerts throughout the United States, Europe, Mexico, and China with such notable musicians as Sir James Galway, Tim Janis, Jackie Evancho, James Dunham, Chris Finckel, and Deborah Wong. In addition to his duties with GCTYO, Maestro Hisey serves as Music Director of the American Chamber Orchestra and was recently named Music Director of the Mendelssohn Choir of Connecticut. He is also Chairman of the Performing Arts Department at Greens Farms Academy in Westport where he has worked for over 20 years. He holds a bachelor's degree in Viola Performance from the Eastman School of Music and master's degree in Conducting from Bowling Green State University.

Hafez Taghavi **Philharmonic Orchestra Conductor**

Hafez Taghavi is an orchestral violinist, teacher, and chamber musician who has performed at the Kennedy Center and other U.S. and international concert halls. He earned a Bachelor of Music degree in violin performance from Western Connecticut State University and a Master of Music degree from Purchase College. As a student, he received extensive chamber music coaching from the Manhattan String Quartet. In addition to classical music, Mr. Taghavi loves to play in other genres. He has performed with the band Lez Zeppelin, country recording artist Ashton Shepherd, and Moroccan folk singer Saida Fikri. He can also be heard on the soundtrack of the documentary, Enquiring Minds, and on a trailer for the critically acclaimed computer game, World of Warcraft. Mr. Taghavi is currently Director of Orchestra and Chamber Music at the Canterbury School in CT, serves as an artist faculty member at the Interharmony International Music Festival in Italy, maintains a private studio in Danbury, and is a member of the Lotus Chamber Music Collective and the Deming Quartet.

Britney Alcine **Virtuosi Orchestra Conductor**

Britney Alcine has had a passion for conducting and music education since the age of sixteen. Currently a doctoral student studying Instrumental Conducting at The Hartt School in Hartford, CT, Ms. Alcine conducts the Hartt Symphony Orchestra and Foot in the Door new music ensemble. She has also conducted the Southern and Western Region High School Orchestras in Connecticut. Ms. Alcine holds a

Master of Music in Orchestral Conducting from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Rutgers University.

Peyton Johnson **Virtuosi Brass Conductor**

Trumpeter Peyton Johnson has enjoyed a varied career as a solo performer, chamber musician, and orchestral musician, as well as an active educator in the public school and private studio realms. He completed his undergraduate studies with a double major in Trumpet Performance and Music Teaching and Learning at the Eastman School of Music and went on to receive a Master of Music degree in Trumpet Performance from The Hartt School in Hartford, CT, studying with Professor Phil Snedecor. At the Hartt School, he performed with the Hartt Wind Ensemble and Orchestra and has been a featured soloist with the Hartt Brass Ensemble. Since completing his Master's degree, he has been active in the area, teaching, performing musicals, and working with brass quintets and the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra.

Aimee Toner **Virtuosi Woodwinds Conductor**

Aimee Toner is dedicated to relationship-building through music-making and expanding the scope and accessibility of the musical arts. Aimee is the Flute Faculty at the University of Connecticut (UConn) and additionally teaches at the Rhode Island Philharmonic School and for Arts for Learning Connecticut (AFLCT). She serves on the Artist Roster for the Lyric Chamber Music Society of New York and is a Haynes Young Artist. She received a Master's of Music in Flute Performance with a concentration in Music in Education from the New England Conservatory after she graduated from Barnard College of Columbia University (Phi Beta Kappa), where she majored in Ethnomusicology and Economics.

Gjorgj Kroqi **Sinfonia Orchestra Conductor**

Gjorgj Kroqi started playing cello at the age of six. He earned his degree in cello performance and teaching from the "Academy of Fine Arts" in Tirana (Albania). In Connecticut, Mr. Kroqi maintains an active performance schedule with local symphonies. He is the orchestra director at Roger Ludlowe Middle School in Fairfield, the cello teacher at The Taft School in Watertown, and he teaches privately. He previously served as Music Director, Chamber Orchestra Conductor and Cello Coach of the Greater Waterbury Youth Symphony. Mr. Kroqi joined GCTYO in 2018 as a String Coach, then taught Bravura Orchestra for 2 years before becoming conductor of Sinfonia Orchestra.

Carrie Mascaro **String Orchestra Conductor**

Carrie Mascaro returns to the GCTYO family as String Orchestra Conductor, a position she previously held from 2001 to 2009. She then served as Symphony

Orchestra Conductor (now Philharmonic) from 2009 to 2018. Ms. Mascaro is an exceptional educator who is deeply committed to music education and who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this position. She earned a Bachelor of Music in Viola Performance and Education and a Masters in Viola Performance, both from Ithaca College, as well as an Educational Leadership degree from Southern Connecticut University. Ms. Mascaro was selected to be a Conducting Fellow at the prestigious Bard Conductor's Institute while studying under Harold Farberman, Apo Hsu, Eduardo Navega, Mark Gibson and Gianmaria Griglio. Ms. Mascaro has guest conducted the Civic Orchestra of New Haven and Norwalk Youth Symphony and was invited to guest conduct at both the Eastern and Southern CMEA Region Festivals. As an active freelance violist, she has played in many of the area symphonies such as Bridgeport, Norwalk, Waterbury, Ridgefield, and Wallingford, as well as performing string quartet recitals with the Fairfield Quartet. Ms. Mascaro is currently the Director of Orchestras at Staples High School. She is an active participant in CMEA and maintains a private violin/viola teaching studio.

Jim Clark
Saxophone Orchestra Conductor

Jim Clark is a world-class saxophonist and multi-instrumentalist. He studied jazz, composition and theory at The Juilliard School of Music, and is an Associate Fellow at Yale University Davenport College. Mr. Clark is the first artist to be contracted to arrange, perform, and record horn sections (saxophones, flute, trumpet, flugelhorn) for Band-in-a-Box®, a long-established software product by PG Music Inc. that provides intelligent, musical auto-accompaniment for musicians. He is an award-winning composer, having scored soundtracks in a wide variety of styles for numerous clients, including CeCe Winans. Mr. Clark has an ongoing private teaching practice. Whether in the recording studio, performing in a local venue, or on stage at Carnegie Hall, his goal is the same – play from the heart with the highest level of musical excellence.

Brian Ente
Percussion Orchestra Conductor

Brian Ente, a GCTYO alumnus, is a musician and composer who studied at Ithaca College with Gordon Stout and Conrad Alexander. A Connecticut native, he is a former vice president of the state's chapter of the Percussive Arts Society, and works to improve the performance standards and education of percussion both in his local area of Bridgeport/Fairfield, and across the state, taking part as a composer and judge for the Western Region Music Festival on both the middle school and high school levels. Mr. Ente coaches the GCTYO Percussion Ensemble at weekly rehearsals and conducts at concerts. He also teaches at the Jim Royle Drum Studio, works with the KEYS organization in Bridgeport, and is an active performer.

Jim Royle
Steel Pan Orchestras Conductor

Mr. Royle is a native of Connecticut and former CT Chapter President of the Year for the Percussive Arts Society. He attended the University of Bridgeport as a percussion and education major under the direction of Howard Zwickler, Arthur Lipner, and Bill Finegan. He has also studied various aspects of percussion with world recognized masters such as Max Roach, Alan Dawson, Keith Copeland, Akira Tana, Norbert Goldberg, Vernal Fournier, and Pan Master Professor Philmore. Although Mr. Royle enjoys his own performance career, his love of music and the pleasure of passing this love onto future musicians are equally important to him. His studio, founded more than 35 years ago, is well known for turning out remarkable performers, many of whom become music educators. Mr. Royle debuted the GCTYO Steel Pan program in Spring 2021 with 8 students; there are now 3 Steel Pan Orchestras with 27 students participating.

Dr. Rex Cadwallader
Jazz Program Director/Jazz I Orchestra Conductor

Dr. Cadwallader is one of the most respected jazz instructors in the area. He also performs as a jazz pianist and composes music. Several of his compositions have been performed by Greater Connecticut Youth Orchestras. Currently Director of Bands at Greens Farms Academy in Westport, Dr. Cadwallader has served as Assistant Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Texas in Arlington and Associate Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Northern Colorado. He has taught at the Royal Academy of Music in London and Marlborough College in England, Southern Connecticut State University, and the Neighborhood Music School in New Haven. He received his Doctor of Arts Degree in Composition and Music Theory from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, and his Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music in Composition degrees from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Dr. Cadwallader's compositions for jazz band have been performed and recorded worldwide. With more than 100 compositions published in the U.S., Japan, and England, he is the recipient of awards from downbeat magazine, the NEA, and the NEH, as well as an Emmy winner for a score for public television.

Geoffrey Brookes
Jazz II Orchestra Conductor

Mr. Brookes has been conducting jazz at GCTYO since 2018 and has been directing both middle school and high school level jazz ensembles since 2006. He is passionate about teaching young musicians to develop their creativity through the jazz idiom. Mr. Brookes completed his undergraduate studies in music education at the University of Connecticut, receiving a BA in Music and a BS in Education. He earned an MA in conducting through the American Band College of Sam Houston State University in 2013. Mr. Brookes started his music education career in public schools in 2006 and was recently named Band Director at Weston High School.

Angelica Jara, String Coach

Angelica Jara is a violinist with a B.A in Music from Western Connecticut State University and a Masters from the University of Bridgeport. She started her teaching career at a charter school in Waterbury, CT, co-instructing 2nd-7th grade orchestra, which opened her eyes to the importance of differentiation and inclusion. That propelled her to shift her focus and pursue a teaching certificate through ARC (Alternative Teaching Certification). She then migrated to Wilton, CT, where she currently teaches middle and high school orchestra plus middle school general music. During her free time, Ms. Jara likes to join jams and hop in some Bluegrass bands performing in the CT and NY area.

Enkelejda Nani, String Coach

Ms. Nani was born in Fier, Albania, where she began studying cello. She subsequently studied at the conservatory in Tirana. She earned her degree in cello performance and teaching from the “Academy of Fine Arts” (Albania). Ms. Nani has performed with numerous chamber ensembles in Albania and was a member of the Opera Tirana Orchestra. She has also been a member of Wallingford Orchestra. She is currently the Cello and Bass Coach for the GCTYO Philharmonic and Virtuosi Orchestras, and she teaches privately.

Sarah Shreder, String Coach

Cellist Sarah Shreder has performed throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe, capturing audiences with her energy and passion. She currently performs with the Bridgeport, Ridgefield, and Wallingford Symphonies, and she is the professor of cello at the University of Bridgeport. Ms. Shreder has performed as a soloist and concertizes extensively in various chamber music settings. Ms. Shreder received a Bachelor degree in both Cello Performance and Fine Arts Management from the University of Illinois and a Master degree in Cello Performance from the University of Connecticut.

Thiago Sousa, Wind Coach

Brazilian flutist Thiago Sousa started his music studies at age 12. He graduated with honors from the Federal University of Goiás. Mr. Sousa received the prestigious Dorothy & Morris Grosser Award in Woodwind Performance and The Discimus ut Serviamus Award, both bestowed by The Aaron Copland School of Music. He has also won several concerto competitions on flute. Mr. Sousa continued his education in New York, earning a Master in Music from The Aaron Copland School of Music in New York under the tutelage of Keith Underwood. Additionally, he earned his Graduate Professional Diploma from the Hartt School of Music. Currently, Mr. Sousa is a band director at Roger Ludlowe Middle School in Fairfield.

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Juhee Lee	Steve Perrett	David Syzdek
Julia Asuma Levene	Salvatore Polletta	Audie Szymanski
Sharon Levin	Zachary Polson	Hafez Taghavi
Jill Levine	Morgan Pope	Jeremy Taylor
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Kristen Morace	Darwin Shen	Jennifer Winschel
Joshua Murphy	Sarah Shreder	Gregg Winters
Fiona Murray	Carl Shugart	Deborah Wong
Enkelejda Nani	Anna Skula	Jean Wriedt
Kate O'Brien	Rachel Sloane	Kristen Young
James Olden	Bruce Sloat	Kyung Yu
Michael Oosterhout	Sarah Smale	Barry Zhou

THE PROGRAM

CONCERT 1, 1:00 PM

Steel Pan Future Stars *Jim Royle, Conductor*

MO JAVA	Lao Davila
Pokemon	arr. Sarah Waters

Steel Pan Junior Stars *Jim Royle, Conductor*

The Hammer	arr. Brad Shores
Wanna Be Like You	arr. Brian Ente

Percussion Orchestra *Brian Ente, Conductor*

The British Grenadiers	Traditional
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Jazz II Orchestra *Geoffrey Brookes, Conductor*

Choose The Blues	Matt Morey
Ulterior Motive	Doug Beach

Virtuosi Woodwinds & Brass *Peyton Johnson & Aimee Toner, Conductors*

The Incredibles (From Walt Disney Pictures' <i>THE INCREDIBLES</i> - A Pixar Film)	Music by Michael Giacchino, arr. Paul Murtha
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Selections from <i>Black Panther</i>	Music by Ludwig Göransson, arr. Johnnie Vinson
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Virtuosi Strings *Britney Alcine, Conductor*

“Cumbia y Congo” from <i>Danzas de Panama</i>	William Grant Still
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Virtuosi Orchestra *Britney Alcine, Conductor*

“Habanera” from <i>Carmen</i>	Georges Bizet, arr. Richard Meyer
La Belle Hélène Overture	Jacques Offenbach, arr. Douglas Stroud

THE PROGRAM

CONCERT 2, 3:30 PM

Steel Pan All Stars *Jim Royle, Conductor*

Bacchanal Lady	David Rudder, arr. Ron Kerns & Shelly Irvine
Could You Be Loved	Bob Marley, arr. Kenneth Joseph
Imagine	John Lennon, arr. Liam Teague

Saxophone Orchestra *Jim Clark, Conductor*

Nola	Felix Arndt, arr. Jim Clark & Kenneth Abeling
“Morning Mood” from Peer Gynt, Op. 23	Edvard Grieg, arr. Jim Clark
The Lazy Song	Bruno Mars, arr. Jim Clark

Jazz I Orchestra *Rex Cadwallader, Conductor*

Recorda Me	Joe Henderson, arr. Kris Berg
St. Louis Blues	W.C. Handy, arr. John Denton
Here’s To Life	Artie Butler & Phyllis Molinary, arr. Mark Taylor
	<i>Victoria Pelton, Vocals</i>

My Foolish Heart	Ned Washington & Victor Young, arr. Dave Rivello
Povo	Freddie Hubbard, arr. Eric Morales

Philharmonic Orchestra *Hafez Taghavi, Conductor*

Symphony No. 40 in G minor, K. 550 <i>I. Molto Allegro</i>	W.A. Mozart
Colonial Dance	Florence Price
Egmont Overture, Op. 84	Ludwig van Beethoven

THE PROGRAM

CONCERT 3, 6:00 PM

String Orchestra

Carrie Mascaro, Conductor

Allegro in D for Strings from Antonio Vivaldi, arr. Steven Frackenhohl
Concerto for Two Trumpets

Fantasia for Strings Elliot A. Del Borgo
Mythos Soon Hee Newbold

Sinfonia Orchestra

Gjorgj Kroqi, Conductor

February: Carnival (from Four Seasons) Piotr Ilych Tchaikovsky, arr. Steven Brook
The Barber Of Seville (Overture) Gioachino Rossini,
arr. James "Red" McLeod

Adagio (from Symphony No. 2, Op. 27) Sergei Rachmaninoff,
arr. Robert Longfield

Danny Rocks (A Celtic Explosion) Traditional, arr. Bob Phillips

Principal Orchestra

Christopher Hisey, Conductor

Fugue in G minor "The Little" BWV 578 J.S. Bach,
arr. Daniel J. Leavitt

Orawa Wojciech Kilar

Finlandia Jean Sibelius

Danzon No. 2 Arturo Marquez

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the pieces on the program.*



A Message from Music Director Christopher Hisey

A lot has happened in the months since our last performance in November. Change, in its many forms, often leaves people feeling unsettled, vulnerable, and even scared. I want to affirm GCTYO's commitment to our students, our families, and our community. GCTYO has always been a place where people come together to make a positive difference in the lives of kids and families, celebrate accomplishments, and create meaningful experiences that have a positive impact on our broader community.

Music is a powerful thing. It is a language that can bridge the gap between people. It has the power to bring all of us together, no matter what language we speak, what race we are, or what our personal journey may be. Music teaches us that the creation of good and beauty in the world is important and has value far beyond that which divides or destroys.

I encourage all of you to lean into our community. Participate in social activities, volunteer to help on a Saturday morning, get involved in a fundraiser, serve on our board, or simply stop in on a Saturday morning and meet some of the other parents and families that are part of the amazing group of people that makes GCTYO so special. I promise you won't regret the time spent.

On behalf of our Teaching Artists, Board of Directors, and Executive Team, I welcome you to our Winter Concerts. We are excited to share with you all the wonderful progress our students have made. Sit back, relax and enjoy.

- Chris

<div data-bbox="1165 880 1449 1042" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Christopher James Hisey, Music Director</p> <p>Concerts at 7:30 pm at Norwalk Concert Hall at Norwalk City Hall 125 East Avenue Norwalk, CT 06851</p> <p>Tickets & Information at www.americanchamberorchestra.org Adults - \$25.00 Children & Students to age 18 - \$10.00</p>	<p><u>2024-2025 – Our 22nd Season!</u></p> <p><u>Saturday, October 19, 2024</u> Abduction from the Seraglio Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Impetus for Crystal Singing Bowls Dr. Edward Thompson Terry Eldh, Soloist Pyotr Tchaikovsky - Symphony No. 6</p> <p><u>Saturday, February 22, 2025</u> With the Mendelssohn Choir of Connecticut John Rutter's Requiem Antonin Dvorak's Te Deum And More!</p> <p><u>Saturday, April 25, 2025</u> Edward Elgar's Cello Concerto And More!</p> <p><u>Saturday, June 14, 2025</u> Winners of the Concerto Competition And More!</p>
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Steel Pan Orchestra Future Stars

Kellen Brown, Bridgeport	Mia Jimenez Mendez, Bridgeport
Reece Denton, Milford	Jack Nelson, Stratford
Matthew Gallo-Gomez, Trumbull	Wyatt Nelson, Stratford
Joshua Harris, Bridgeport	Steeve Pierre, Bridgeport
Samuel Harris, Bridgeport	

Steel Pan Orchestra Junior Stars

Vyom Dhir, Trumbull	Nathali Reyes, Stratford
Walter Pineda Aldana, Bridgeport	Francielys Rivera, Bridgeport
Kaia Price, Fairfield	Benjamin Solano, Monroe
Kellan Price, Fairfield	Elijah Solano, Monroe
Sheimary Raices, Bridgeport	Isaiah Solano, Monroe

Steel Pan Orchestra All Stars

Ella Bienstock, Westport	Evan Nani, Easton
Alexander Cunningham, Fairfield	Rhys Rader, Stratford
Yohann Domingue, Bridgeport	Sohana Reed, Southport
Conor Glynn, Trumbull	Serenidy Rowe, Bridgeport

Percussion Orchestra

Shrey Bandari, Fairfield	Rhys Rader, Stratford
Aidan Cordell, Trumbull	Jorge Sena, Stamford
Kai Harris, Bridgeport	D'Angelo Sosa, Stratford
*Sarah Lacugna, Fairfield	Samuel Wallace, Orange

Saxophone Orchestra

Saxophone - Alto	Saxophone - Tenor
Bodhi Chiravuri, Bridgeport	§Daniel Planas, Stratford
Sumanyu Pinjala, Fairfield	§Christian Seoane, Weston
Ottmar Toledo Toral, Stamford	Gemma Panarese, Fairfield
Ivan Stepanov, Stamford	Enrique Arango, Stamford
Diego Bars, Trumbull	
	Saxophone - Baritone
	Francisco Espina, Stamford

Jazz II Orchestra

Clarinet	Piano
Luke Cordell, Trumbull	Joseph Yong, Southbury
Saxophone - Alto	Double Bass
Aidan Cordell, Trumbull	Gabriel Cobb, Stratford
Kaia Price, Fairfield	
Ivan Stepanov, Stamford	Bass guitar
Saxophone - Tenor	Jack Nelson, Stratford
Isaiah Solano, Monroe	Andrew Vongsouvanh, Middlebury
Saxophone - Baritone	Guitar
§Daniel Planas, Stratford	Wyatt Nelson, Stratford
	Aditya Tenneti, Manchester
Trumpet	Drums
Logan Reed, Southport	Sam Wallace, Orange
Benjamin Solano, Monroe	
Ray Villafior, Fairfield	Steel Pan
	Elijah Solano, Monroe

Jazz I Orchestra

Saxophone - Alto	Trombone
Sumanyu Pinjala, Fairfield	Kavan Patel, Weston
Ottmar Toledo Toral, Stamford	§Aiden El-Sahragty, Monroe
Diego Bars, Trumbull	
Saxophone - Tenor	Piano
§Christian Seoane, Weston	Nate Alphonso-Arnold, Fairfield
Gemma Panarese, Fairfield	Bass
Ricky Arango, Stamford	Julia Speretta, Fairfield
Saxophone - Baritone	Guitar
Francisco Espina, Stamford	Jeremiah Purdy, Monroe
Trumpet	Drums
Will Keenan, Orange	Kai Harris, Bridgeport
Matt Anderlot, Fairfield	Vocals
Quinn Ambrose, Weston	Victoria Pelton, Woodbridge
Ella Reed, Fairfield	

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String Orchestra

Violin I

Grace Chen, Fairfield –
Concertmaster
 Elise Angier, Shelton
 Kimberly Cabello, Stratford
 Vincent Cao, Fairfield
 Matthew Colon, Fairfield
 Beatrice Decker, Trumbull
 Valentina Estrada, East Haven
 Ryan Guida, Fairfield
 Rui Qi Hu, Orange
 Yuvan Jain, Trumbull
 Parnavi Madala, Trumbull
 Samuel Matis, Fairfield
 Broden Nelson, Stratford
 Neva Peltek, Monroe
 Chinmay Sivaraman, Weston
 Vedant Sivaraman, Weston
 Joshua Wade, Easton

Violin II

Nicole Cabello, Stratford –
Principal
 Gabrielle Ajayi, Southbury
 Ara Amorin, Hamden
 Violet Benedetto, Stratford
 Tejas Dugar, Trumbull
 Sebastián Ferreira, Bridgeport
 Lucas Guo, Bridgeport
 Austin Goulbourne, Trumbull
 Alana Hwang, Orange
 Abigail Lebrun, Orange
 Gianna Louis, Stratford
 Anya Patel, Orange
 Colin Purzycki, Easton
 Medha Sivaraman, Weston

Autumn Smalls, Bridgeport
 Liam Song, Fairfield
 Arissa Soung, Stratford
 Noelle Suzuki, Weston
 Thomas Terzi, Trumbull

Viola

Talia Majoros, Stratford –
Principal
 Dara Amorin, Hamden
 Benjamin Chacon, Fairfield
 Josh Hordon, Westport
 Ashley Zhang, Orange

Cello

Ellie Coleman, Fairfield –
Principal
 Luna Ambrosi, Fairfield
 Annaleigh Black, Hamden
 Kidus Berhe, Trumbull
 Sophia Camus, Trumbull
 Gavin Estabrooks, East Lyme
 Daniel Kim, Fairfield
 Neal Matmati, Monroe
 Ryan Soh, Easton
 Ezra Velez, Bridgeport
 Ian Villafor, Fairfield
 Victoria Wei, Fairfield

Bass

Joseph Na, Fairfield –
Principal

Sinfonia Orchestra

Violin I

Jay Cao, Fairfield –
Concertmaster
 Oliver Chen, Fairfield
 Graham Choi, Fairfield
 Kai Coffin, Fairfield
 Aarith D'costa, Fairfield
 Naima Estime, Trumbull
 Isabella Kim, Branford
 Ryan Oh, Wilton
 Sambit Sharma, Trumbull
 Erum Song, Fairfield
 Daniel Wilenski, Monroe

Violin II

Claire Nam, Shelton –
Principal
 Aman Berhe, Trumbull
 Sophia Contreras, Trumbull
 Alexander Cunningham, Fairfield
 Carolyn Donovan, Milford
 Isabella Gallo-Gomez, Trumbull
 Jake Jacob, Trumbull
 Savannah Lang, Bridgeport
 Manasvi Madala, Trumbull
 Liam Putnam, Milford
 Bryce Taylor, Newtown

Viola

Danielle Ajayi, Southbury –
Principal
 Daphne Altin-Fahey, Fairfield
 Declan McGuire, Fairfield
 Mateo Nwosu, Monroe
 Neelav Sengupta, Westport
 Miguel Sosa, Stratford

Cello

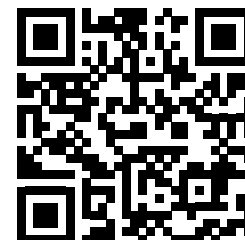
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Principal
 Maisie Campbell, Fairfield
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Nina Ghahremani, Westport

Mallory MacIlvain, Fairfield

Jamie Quispe, Stamford

Erin Song, Fairfield

Leanne Wong, Westport

Violin II

Olivia Churchill, Fairfield –

Principal

Liam Morris, Fairfield

Nilay Parmar, Orange

Riya Patel, Orange

Viola

Luke Shalhoub, Fairfield –

Principal

Edie McDonald, Fairfield

Cello

§Lyam Seguinot, Woodbury –

Principal

Matthew DeAndrade, Shelton

Audrey English, Fairfield

Adam Faunce, Fairfield

Giuliana Mallozzi, Trumbull

Evan Nani, Easton

Jonah Putnam, Milford

Bass

Gabriel Cobb, Stratford –

Principal

Flute

Anjali Bandari, Fairfield –

Principal

Mateo deCastro, Stratford

Averie Douglas, Stratford

Emily Fleahman, Trumbull

Kennedy James, Stratford

Emma Polletta, Stamford

Miles Protiva, Fairfield

Clarinet

Alexandra Lempert, Easton –

Principal

Emilio Barnes, Stratford

Emily Cho, Trumbull

Mina Huh, Orange

Isabel Mejia, Stamford

Giulia Rollo, Stratford

Bassoon

Luke Cordell, Trumbull –

Principal

Julia Capaz-Frankel, Wilton

French Horn

August Farouki, Fairfield –

Principal

Trumpet

Emily Barreto, Fairfield –

Principal

Quinn Ambrose, Weston

Harry Chase, Trumbull

Oliver Lanese, Stratford

Ella Reed, Fairfield

Logan Reed, Southport

Ray Villaflor, Fairfield

Jacob Yi, Stratford

Trombone

§Justin Jendrock, Westport –

Principal

Serenidy Rowe, Bridgeport

Percussion

Kai Harris, Bridgeport –

Principal

Aidan Cordell, Trumbull

D'Angelo Sosa, Stratford

Philharmonic Orchestra

Violin I

§Jayden Zhang, Fairfield –

Concertmaster

Tamanna Aravind, Bethel

§Christian Dopf, Fairfield

Meghan Elterich, Fairfield

§Zachary Feuer, Wilton

Felipe Fuentes, New Canaan

§Ali Hassan, Bridgeport

Irene Kim, Branford

En Qiao, Trumbull

Gabriel Rojas, Trumbull

§Katelyn Ta, Southport

Joseph Yong, Southbury

Rachel Yong, Southbury

Abigail Zhang, Westport

Violin II

Evan Lawrence, Fairfield –

Principal

Kelsi Fleischer, Milford

Camille Irby, Milford

Camryn Irby, Milford

Juana Levano, Stamford

§Sophia Li, Orange

Adrian Rebello, Westport

§SiYi Robifker, Monroe

Peyton Schleef, Weston

Susana Sebourne, Bridgeport

Sage Smith, Norwalk

Viola

Jasmine Cabello, Stratford –

Principal

§Nate Alphonso-Arnold, Fairfield

§Gianna Coppola, Milford

§Ethan Dong, Niantic

Eloise Healy, Fairfield

Zoey Horne, Milford

§Yebon Lee, Woodbridge

Laila Matmati, Monroe

Krystal Sakal, Monroe

Maddie Stiber, Westport

Cello

§Ellawood Pullen, Fairfield –

Principal

Henry Bailey-Gates, Fairfield

Andriana Elkins, Trumbull

Shaili Haria, Fairfield

Jaycee Lee, Woodbridge

Parker Lim, Fairfield

Sean Lu, Milford

Graidy McGuire, Old Saybrook

§Adrien Moyer, Bethany

Mauricio Quintana, Fairfield

Rhys Weismann, Westport

Flute

Ailyn Martinez-Ocampo, Stamford–

Principal

Sharai Guerra, Danbury

§Natalie Hartono, Westport

§Emily Iniguez, Stamford

Nika Stepanov, Stamford

Sarina Tian, Orange

Josue Ventura, Bridgeport

Oboe

§Kayla Song, Woodbridge –

Principal

§Grace Trusilo, Niantic

Clarinet

Daniela Carias, Stamford –

Principal

Payce deMarco, New Canaan

§Alexandria Johnson, Oxford

§Isaac Kim, Orange

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Sara Velasquez, Stamford

Percussion

Sam Wallace, Orange –

Principal

Shrey Bandari, Fairfield

Principal Orchestra

Violin I

§Marshall Franz, Trumbull –
Concertmaster
 §Josh Gibson, Bridgeport –
Assistant Concertmaster
 §Stephanie Jiang, Darien
 §Isabella Mariani, Westport
 Maria Stiber, Westport
 Landon Smith, Woodbridge
 Katerin Pineda, Bridgeport
 Isabelle Li, Weston
 §Anaya D'Souza, Fairfield
 §Victoria Pelton, Woodbridge
 Anya Mahajan, Woodbridge
 Gayathri Sarath, Wilton
 Eva Ortiz, Stratford

Violin II

§Luke Bergman, Salem –
Principal
 §Andrew Vongsouvanh, Middlebury
 Anne Codd, Trumbull
 Conor Glynn, Trumbull
 Brianna Qin, Darien
 §Mark Cassa, Fairfield
 Jessica Yu, Salem
 Michelle Yu, Salem
 Saanvi Chintapalli, Trumbull
 Vikram Kumar, Trumbull
 Duncan Kolb, Newtown
 Gabriella Gonzalez, Bridgeport
 Nathaniel Thomas, Fairfield
 Vaanya Dhir, Trumbull
 Grace English, Fairfield
 Kyleigh Higgins, Stratford

Viola

§Matthew Pan, Sandy Hook –
Principal
 §Hannah Kwok, Fairfield
 §Chloe Wong, Westport
 §Pranav Quarve, Fairfield
 §Noah Bailey, Fairfield
 Connor Oatis, Norwalk
 Khushi Haria, Fairfield
 Gabrielle Black, Hamden
 Gemma Byrne, Stratford
 Nathaniel Caballeros, Stamford

Cello

§Kyra Brown, New Milford –
Principal
 §Alexa Hodgson, Stamford
 Kyela McGuire, Old Saybrook
 §Jasper Gallas, Fairfield
 §Jingheng Lu, Westport
 Kazuho Yasuno, Orange
 Elias Kolb, Newtown
 Julia Plager, Fairfield
 §Julian Horst, East Lyme
 §Marcel Katz, Westport
 §Eliza Choi, Fairfield
 Sam Bruderman, Fairfield
 Liam Donovan, Fairfield
 Daniel Guerreiro, Fairfield
 Adam Plager, Fairfield

Bass

§David Dai, Fairfield –
Principal
 Shivani Anand, Monroe
 Julia Speretta, Fairfield

Flute

§Ryan Bereski, Milford –
Principal
 Julia Van Der Aue, Westport
 ‡Magnolia Stone, Larchmont, NY
 Sophia Vash, Fairfield

Piccolo

‡Magnolia Stone, Larchmont, NY

Oboe

§Vander Zimmerman, Farmington –
Principal
 §McKenzie Forte, Milford
 §Emma Greenhut, New Canaan
 Abigail Greenhut, New Canaan

Clarinet

§Matthew Colberg, Monroe –
Principal
 §Daniel Uhom, Fairfield
 §Gabriel Espada, Bridgeport
 Maddie Leventhal, Westport
 §Nathaly Barreto, Fairfield

Principal Orchestra (cont.)

Bassoon

§Evan Marshall, Fairfield –
Principal
 §Kaden Zimmerman, Farmington

French Horn

§Chip Chase, Trumbull –
Principal
 §Grace Malin, Trumbull
 §Aidan Gately, Fairfield

Trumpet

§Matthew Anderlot, Fairfield –
Principal
 William Keenan, Orange
 §Patricia Greene, Fairfield
 Ezra Dawson, Trumbull

Trombone

Kevin McGuire, Derby –
Principal
 §Chloe Chang, Orange
 §Raphael Cruz, Fairfield
 §Ella Flowers, Stratford

Bass Trombone


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Camille, whether you are on the stage, in the classroom or just having fun, you always shine bright. We hope you continue to find joy in your music and take all that you've learned along on all your future adventures.

With all our love and pride,
Mom, Dad and Camryn



Happy Senior Year Kevin!
Seeing your dedication to music and watching your talent grow has brought true joy to all our lives. Congratulations on all your wonderful music with GCTYO and your piano studies. We can't wait to see where your passion for music will bring you in the years ahead!
Love Mom, Dad and the fam



*Congratulations
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