



**FARGO MOORHEAD AREA
YOUTH SYMPHONIES**

FALL CONCERT

FEATURING

CONCERT STRINGS DIRECTED BY BRIAN COLE

ATTACCA STRINGS DIRECTED BY LINDSAY SCHWARTZ MILLER

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA DIRECTED BY BRAD LAMBRECHT

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2026
4:00 PM**

FESTIVAL CONCERT HALL AT NDSU



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About Us



The Fargo Moorhead Area Youth Symphonies was founded in 1967 to give musically talented students an opportunity to expand their musical experiences. FMAYS was designed as an addition to middle and high school music education programs in the community.

FMAYS consists of three orchestras: Concert Strings (grades 6-8), Attacca Strings (grades 9-12), and the Symphony Orchestra (grades 9-12). Encore Chamber is an additional opportunity for Symphony Orchestra members to participate in chamber music. Each year, an FMAYS' Founders Concerto Competition is held.

The orchestras rehearse weekly from September to April and put on 3-6 concerts throughout the school year. Every year, the Symphony Orchestra participates in a special side-by-side rehearsal and performance with the Fargo Moorhead Symphony Orchestra.

Auditions are required before each year of participation for all orchestras.

Mission Statement: FMAYS provides a rigorous orchestral experience which challenges dedicated youth to reach their full potential musically and personally and emerge as dynamic members of the community.

FMAYS is a 501 (c) 3 organization, and donations are tax deductible.

Concert Strings *Personnel*

directed by Brian Cole

Violin

Sarah An
Grace Byankuba
Ryan Chen
Ethan Choi
Cesar Jr. Cobarruvias
Oliver Mark Erickson
Chaitanya Gopi
Astrid Grunhovd
Laura Gu
Leo Hong
Hayul Jeong
Iris Kauffman
Julian Lang
Ethan Larson
Amy Leng
Chris Liu
Samuel Marino Garcia
Panahdokht Moghaddasi
Roberto Nino
Nargiza Samat
Joshua Wang
Olivia Whitefeather
Annie Yang*
Leo Yang
Winston Yu
Sunny Zhang

Viola

Vaani Bandi
Emmie Grant
Shawn Kong
Alice Reuter
Henry Saunders
Thalia Weber Selland
Windy Zhang

Cello

Jack Beseler Thompson
Chair Sponsor: Maxine Beseler
Elizabeth Botnen-Lanning
Chase Chang
Colin Chen
Logan Fischer
Blake Myers
Annette Pinnick
Luna Pow
Eloise Tackling
Andrew Toomey
Alex Zhao

Bass

Adelaide Hardy
Eli Peterson
Georgia Sunde



*denotes Concertmaster

Attacca Strings *Personnel*

directed by Lindsay Schwartz Miiller

Violin 1

Hannah Bronson

Jo Deyle**

Cinthia Lumo

Brady Rydell

Chair Sponsor: Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home

Oosten Selzler

Jack Sweeney

Ellie Wagner

Violin 2

Boston Borgmann

Madeleine Cobarruvias

Kai Freeman

Addison Havlicek

Cece Kubari

Paityn Lemley

Lauren Syverson

Ivy Zilmer*

**denotes Concertmaster

* denotes principal player

Viola

Reason Barton

Piper Frenzel

Aubrey Gruba

Isaac Gullickson

Zoey Hamilton

McKenzie Muck

Josephine Ronson

Emery Strobl*

Cello

Carter Anderson

Ceshanna Cobarruvias

Lauren Poehls

Madelyn Ray

Logan Scott

Khoen Smith*

Jackson Summers

Adeline Vernik

Bass

Timothy Kreps*

Pepper Maher

Briah Miranda

Amelia Pikalek

Program

Concert Strings

directed by Brian Cole

Hyperdrive

Ralph Ford

Koythu Pattu

Manjula Ramachandran & Cooper Ford

Queen of the Night Aria from *The Magic Flute*

W.A. Mozart
arr. Caryn Weigand Neidhold

Light the Candles!

Deborah Baker Monday

Attacca Strings

directed by Lindsay Schwartz Miiller

Danse Macabre

Camille Saint-Saens
arr. Carrie Lane Gruselle

solos: Jo Deyle and Emery Strobl

Intermezzo from *Cavalleria Rusticana*

Pietro Mascagni
arr. Katie O'Hara LaBrie

Serenade for string orchestra, Op. 20
i. Allegro piacevole

Edward Elgar

solo: Jo Deyle

Persephone's Revenge

Jeffrey S. Bishop

Program

Symphony Orchestra

directed by Brad Lambrecht

Overture to Candide

Leonard Bernstein

Han'Gul

Soon Hee Newbold

from the Noren Ellingson Memorial Library

Erling Linde Tuition Scholarship Presentation and Awards

Jane Linde Capistran

Polovtsian Dances from "Prince Igor"

Alexander Borodin

from the Noren Ellingson Memorial Library

Symphony Orchestra

directed by Brad Lambrecht

Personnel

Violin 1

Oliver Tackling**

Chair Sponsor: Popplers Music

Chinmay Gopi

Leonardo Yan

Mason Komanetz

Tony Leng

Jason Chen

Leah Erpelding

Violet Smith

Gabriella Wang

Helen Wu

Emma Bueng

Allison Choi

Chair Sponsor: Junghee Choi

Violin 2

Emily Erpelding*

Chair Sponsor: John Schulstad

August Chang

Cadence You

Blake Chang

Hannah Kim

Lewis Yan

Chelsea Erstad

Samuel Erdmann

Subina Samat

Connor Kessler

Sara Olson

Hayeon Choi

Viola

Setiya Hamidi*

Susie Vastag

Chair Sponsor: Steve and Sue Asp

Ellie Rossland

(Viola continued)

Luna Gasevic

Mia Heinrich

Avery Nelson

Brennan Novacek

Metta Ingersoll

Emily Gates

Cello

Zeah Park*

Isaac Rach

Sienna Lee

Evelyn Yang

Sarea Gu

Claire Beseler

Chair Sponsor: Maxine Beseler

Anna Zhang

Zevon Sappington

Rilo Simmons

Mattias Tackling

Henry Schneider

Bass

Charlee Hetzler*

Chair Sponsor: Chris Hetzler

Liya Tyson

Isaac Rheault

Terra Wiley

Flute

Lily Lemar*

Silas Rodriguez

Harlee Sundvall

Helen Guo

Oboe

Nyah Romaine*

Chair Sponsor: Philip McKenzie

Natasha Gitau

Clarinet

Olivia Stark*

Ashley Hsu

Nashatawn Tangpong

Abigail Stalboerger

Bassoon

Mac Campbell*

Chair Sponsor: Sue Estenson

Lucas Harvey

Anne Gitua

Horn

Conner Ronning*

Chair Sponsor: Sherry Linnerooth

Trumpet

Oliver Lemke*

Nathaniel Vastag

Narina Boonroueng

Trombone

Jacob Peterson*

Alivia Viland

Andrew Dai

Kevin Xia

Tuba

Owen Siders*

Percussion

Oleksandra Tarnavchyk*

Will Peterson

Ingrid Briggs

Piano

Macy Purdy

**denotes Concertmaster

* denotes principal player

Erling Linde Tuition Scholarship Recipients

About the Scholarship:

Erling Linde, father of conductor Jane Linde Capistran, was a longtime band director in Moorhead, MN and principal flutist of the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Orchestra for 32 years. He attended many FMAYS concerts, watching Jane and his grandchildren Madeline (violin) and Stuart (percussion) Capistran perform. Erling passed away in October of 2019, and his piccolo was donated to FMAYS, on loan for students' use.

One string student and one either wind, brass, or percussion student is selected each year and awarded a full year tuition scholarship. The music directors choose the scholarship recipients based on a student's dedication to FMAYS, their leadership, and musical skills.

Oliver Tackling



Oleksandra Tarnavchyk



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The Fargo Moorhead Area Youth Symphonies receives funding and support from the following organizations and foundations:



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FMAYS is a part of Giving Hearts Day for our second year!

What is Giving Hearts Day?

Founded in 2008, Giving Hearts Day is a 24-hour event for charities in North Dakota and northwest Minnesota. Each year, Giving Hearts Day provides a platform for charities to fund their missions through an ever-increasing community of donors, many of whom get to experience the joy of giving for the first time.

To be included in Giving Hearts Day, FMAYS must raise a minimum \$3000 match.

There is no limit to how many people or businesses can contribute to the match fund.

We must receive match funds between October 1, 2026 and January 26, 2027.

Are you interested in being a match donor?

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The future of orchestral music is in good hands

Bravo to all the young musicians! We are proud to cheer you on today and always as you grow in your musical journey.



FARGO-MOORHEAD
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

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A special thank you is extended to all the parents, grandparents and adults who support the growth of FMAYS' members through the funding of instruments, lessons, transportation, and offerings of encouragement. Specific thanks to those who have given their time to FMAYS by serving on the board of directors, assisting with performances and auditions, and a host of other talents that help to support our young people and FMAYS. In addition, we thank the following organizations and individuals:

- Fargo, Moorhead, West Fargo, and surrounding communities' school and private music instructors of FMAYS' members
- All of the area professionals who coach sectionals and chamber ensembles
- Eckroth Music for providing folders and pencils for our musicians
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Fargo-Moorhead Area Youth Symphonies

**Concerts
2026-2027**

**November 8, 3:00pm Center for the Arts at Valley City State University
Symphony Orchestra**

**December 6, 7:00pm First Presbyterian Church
Concert Strings**

**January 16, 7:30pm and January 17, 2:00pm NDSU Festival Concert Hall
Side-by-Side performances with the FMSO
Symphony Orchestra**

**February 7, 4:00pm First Presbyterian Church
Attacca Strings**

**March 7, 7:00pm NDSU Festival Concert Hall
Symphony Orchestra**

**April 11, 4:00pm MSUM Weld Hall
Concert Strings**

**April 18, 4:00pm NDSU Festival Concert Hall
Attacca Strings and Symphony Orchestra**