



# They Asked For It

Be sure to join us for our next concert, "They Asked For It",  
March 2nd at 7:30pm at Centennial High School!



## Thank You, David and Shelly!

The Meridian Symphony owes a debt of gratitude to our long-time president David Stolhand and his wife Shelly Hiner. Over two decades, the Symphony was ably led by David and Shelly, who together were largely responsible for keeping our orchestra functioning and growing. In addition to his role as president, David was a member of our Violin I section for 24 years, retiring last season. Shelly supported the orchestra in numerous ways, including organizing and running the front house at each concert.



During David's tenure, the Symphony grew to a 70-piece ensemble, established an annual Young Artists Competition, launched a Youth Symphony and celebrated its 30th anniversary season in 2019 with fanfare and special events. Much of David's work was behind-the-scenes, working with schools, officials and patrons to ensure the Symphony had needed support for its concerts and educational outreach. Shelly created and managed the Symphony's website, designed and printed

posters and concert programs, handled ticketing, organized events, and took on many other tasks that were critical to the Symphony's success but largely went unseen.

With their selfless dedication, these wonderful individuals truly have made a difference in our community. We will miss them and wish them the best in their future ventures.



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## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Jim Ogle, Conductor & Artistic Director

**A Christmas Overture** Nigel Hess  
(b. 1953)

**The Nutcracker Suite** Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky  
(1840-1893)  
*March*  
*Arabian Dance*  
*Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy*  
*Chinese Dance*  
*Russian Dance*

**Three Holiday Songs from Home Alone** John Williams  
(b. 1932)  
*Somewhere In My Memory*  
*Star of Bethlehem*  
*Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas*

**For the Beauty of the Earth** John Rutter  
(b. 1945)  
Heather Ray, Meridian High School Choir Director

**Hallelujah Chorus** George Frideric Handel  
**from Messiah** (1685-1759)

**Piano Concerto No. 8 K246** Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
(1756-1791)  
Darren Liu, Young Artist Competition Winner

**Minor Alterations** David Lovrien  
(b. 1963)

**Sleigh Ride** Leroy Anderson  
(1908-1975)

**The Bells of Christmas** arr. Bob Krogstad  
(b. 1950)

**A Christmas Festival** Leroy Anderson  
(1908-1975)

## Musicians

### Violin I

Jenny Iorga (17)  
Concertmaster  
Jonelle Darrow (2)  
Melody Mitchell (23)  
Rachel Hubler (22)  
Kim Moss (1)  
Dan Malan (12)  
Kayleigh Jack McGrath (5)  
Barbara Beck (33)  
James Montanus (on leave)

### Violin II

Savannah Byers\* (1)  
Cathy Durfey (23)  
Michelle Moore-Cuevas (29)  
Nell Dunivent-Hill (13)  
Melissa Reche (29)  
Matt Hansen (4)  
Sally Felton (25)  
Cassie McCrea  
Becky Schreppe (on leave)  
Nanette Jensen (19)  
(on leave)

### Viola

Diane Shelton\* (22)  
Maria Le (10)  
Richelle Greene (3)  
Bailey Wilson (4)  
Kathy Shaffer (8)  
Susan Pliler (29)

### Cello

Lorie Scherer\* (33)  
Elizabeth Swanson (1)  
Michal Yadlin (13)  
Dave Wynkoop (25)  
Terry Berger (16)  
Richard Bowring (21)  
Jonah Hadad (2)

Malia Backe (2)  
Aslen Whitmore  
Cera Riveland (on leave)  
Briana LeClaire (on leave)

### Bass

Ken Suchy\* (28)  
Mark Fisher (12)  
Scott Kim (7)  
Stephanie Kubert (3)

### Flute

Jennifer Rhees\* (15)  
Karla Brown (on leave) (18)  
Karlin Coolidge

### Piccolo

Falane Gerritsen (4)

### Oboe

Rachel Becker\* (2)  
Mary Kienzle (5)

### English Horn

Brianne Hurst

### Clarinet

Kevin Bolen\* (6)  
Jennifer Rudser (2)

### Bass Clarinet

Paul Darcy (28)

### Bassoon

Kevin Hall\* (15)  
Parker Sailor

### Horn

Steve Sherer\* (23)  
Rob Brings (2)  
Meredith Messinger (15)  
Jennifer Anderson (2)

### Trumpet

Erik Larson (2)  
Derek Ganong\*  
Dan Smith (on leave) (11)  
Cord Breuer

### Trombone

Matias Vidal-Russell\* (1)  
Mikyla Carpenter (5)

### Bass Trombone

Lee Roby (31)  
Chet Herbst

### Tuba

Spencer Hart  
BJ Mickels\* (on leave)

### Percussion

John Baldwin\* (3)  
DJ Conte (3)  
Kelley Smith (3)  
Bailey Wilson (4)  
Allen Ellis  
Micah Strasser

### Harp

Andelin Price  
Louise van der Eijk\*  
(on leave)

### Piano

Tawna Love\* (7)

( ) Years with the MSO

\* Principal



## Jim Ogle Conductor & Artistic Director

Now in his ninth season, Maestro Ogle has brought a new level of excitement to the Meridian Symphony, expanding the orchestra's repertoire and presenting concerts that are entertaining, inspiring and challenging. Jim served as Artistic

Director and Conductor of the Boise Philharmonic for 20 seasons, and upon his retirement in 2007 was named Conductor Emeritus. In July 2021, Jim retired from his position as Director of Development for the School of the Arts at Boise State University but remains active with the Music Department as a frequent guest conductor of the University Symphony Orchestra and Symphonic Winds Ensemble.

In 1972, Jim was a winner of the Malko International Conductor's Competition in Copenhagen, Denmark, and in 1974, won the North Carolina Symphony's first Young Conductor's Competition, where he served as Assistant and then Associate Conductor for 18 years. In 1980, he attended the prestigious Tanglewood Music Festival, summer home of the Boston Symphony, where he studied with Leonard Bernstein, Seiji Ozawa, Andre Previn and Sir Collin Davis.



## Jenny Iorga Concertmaster

Jenny Iorga, a native of Washington, holds a Bachelor's degree in Violin Performance from La Sierra University in Southern California where she studied with Lyndon Johnston Taylor, and a Master's degree in Violin Pedagogy from Boise State University studying with Craig Purdy.

She has been Concertmaster of the Meridian Symphony Orchestra since 2005 with a two year sabbatical to work on her Master's degree. Jenny has soloed with orchestras in Washington, California, and Idaho including the Meridian Symphony and the Boise State University Orchestras. She also teaches Suzuki violin lessons in her home studio to students ranging in age from 3 to 67 years old. When Jenny isn't teaching or performing, she loves walking, reading, sewing, cooking and spending time with her husband, Mike.



## Darren Liu Young Artist Soloist

Darren Liu, son of Bingwu Liu and Claire Wang, is ten years old and a fourth grader at Challenger School. He has been playing piano since he was six years old, taking lessons with Mrs. Suzy Clive for the past year since his family moved here from New York.

Darren has placed in several musical competitions including receiving 1st Prize in the Sonatina Competition Level 5 in 2022, winning a scholarship competition in 2023, and again winning 1st Prize in the Sonatina Competition Level 8 in 2023.

Tonight, Darren will be performing Mozart's Concerto No. 8 K246. This is what he says about the piece: "When I first heard this concerto by Mozart, I had a joyful feeling. The melody reminds me of springtime and happiness. I love how the orchestra and the piano have a conversation back and forth. My teacher said that Mozart is too easy for children, and too hard for adults. I don't know what this means, but I love playing this piece and I hope you like it."

When he's not busy making music, Darren enjoys math, history playing tennis, and reading.

## About Us

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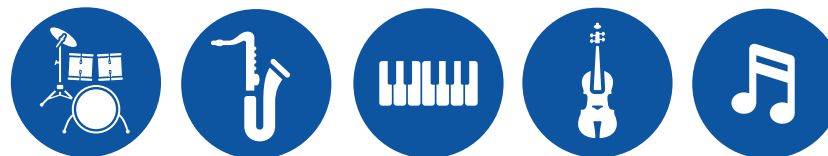
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