

## ~ Program ~

### MICDS Strings

French Folk Song  
Train Song  
D Major Scale in a Round  
Lightly Row  
Sound Story  
Twinkle Little Star Variations  
Oates and Peas and Beans

French Folk Song  
Unknown  
English Folk Song  
Unknown arr. Kovaluk  
English Folk Song  
American Folk Song

### MICDS Trio

The Swan  
*Anna Ko, viola*  
*Nolan Ma, cello*  
*Emmaus Tzeng, piano*

Camille Saint-Saëns

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra

Dragonhunter  
*Emmaus Tzeng, conductor*  
Courtly Dance and Procession  
Perfect  
*Wayne Kelley, soloist*

Richard Meyer

Brian Balmages  
Ed Sheeran

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra

Incognito  
Music of the Night  
*Grace Maher and Siva Ram, soloists*

Kathryn Griesinger  
Andrew Lloyd Webber

### Upper School Orchestra

Mission Impossible  
*Ava Janes, conductor*

Lalo Schifrin arr. Lavender

It Takes One to Tango  
*Ellie Chen, soloist*

Brian Balmages

Invicta  
*Emma Shao, soloist*

Soon Hee Newbold

Mambo from West Side Story  
*Adam Kopff, percussion*

Leonard Bernstein

Lion City

Soon Hee Newbold

### Awards

Leonard Bernstein Musicianship Award  
Director's Choice Award  
National Orchestra Award  
Recognition and Appreciation

### MICDS Festival Orchestra

Viva la Vida

Coldplay



**Please join us in the Hearth Room  
for a reception provided by the  
Parents Association Arts Boosters**

## ~ Musicians ~

### **MICDS Strings**

**Nicole Kovaluk, director**

Priyanka Gandhi, violin

Austin Jenkins, violin

Ria Natarajan, violin

Shayaan Raja, violin

Mariam Zaid, violin

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra**

**Jo Nardolillo, director**

**Erin Hamill, director**

Syeda Harvey, violin

Anna Ko, viola\*

Joey Lawson, violin\*

Nolan Ma, cello

Madison Smith, violin

Emmaus Tzeng, piano, cello,  
tambourine

Maria Wansong, violin\*

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra**

**Jo Nardolillo, director**

**Erin Hamill, director**

Mia Adams, violin

Connor Blake, violin

Isha Bogachenчу, violin

Rithvik Bogachenчу, violin

Kurosh Campos, bass

Forest Gong, cello

Christopher Kline, bass

Jackson Krahl, violin

Mia Krahl, violin\*

Bryce Kundel, violin\*

Grace Maher, violin

Trevor Martin, viola

Jonah Nacke, cello

Siva Ram, violin\*

Ananya Ravikumar, violin

Elinor Verdine, violin

Vishinsky White, viola

Ethan Zhou, violin

### **Upper School Orchestra**

**Jo Nardolillo, director**

**Erin Hamill, director**

Athreya Arvind, violin

Ava Casillas, viola

Ellie Chen, cello

Catherine Dawson, violin

Saivi Gadi, violin

Mikey Gutchewsky, bass

Arjav Jain, violin

Ava Janes, violin\*

Geoffray Lee, violin

Ella Lin, violin

Yash Malhotra, viola

Luke McGinness, violin

Hannah Morey, cello

Gabriel Sedighi, violin

Emma Shao, violin\*

Oscar Sun, cello

Isabelle Williams, violin\*

Vincent Zheng, violin

### **Special guest musicians:**

Joy Chen, rain stick

Erin Hamill, violin, viola, piano

Caleb Harris, cello

Adam Kopff, percussion

Nicole Kovaluk, violin, bass

Wayne Kelley, vocals and guitar

\* Concertmaster



## **Ellie Chen '26**

### *It Takes One to Tango*

Ellie Chen plays the cello, the piano and the flute. She has been practicing these instruments for eight, nine, and one year respectively. She explains, “My journey (strangely) started when I was six years old and saw a violin up close for the first time. It intrigued me, and I told my mother that I would definitely take violin lessons. The next day, to my surprise, I woke up to see a much, much bigger ‘violin’ sitting in my living room - and thus, my cello adventure

had begun. I quickly grew to love the instrument, and I am playing it to this day. I am and have been in a few ensembles, some of which are the Young People’s Concert Orchestra, the Young People’s Symphonic Orchestra, the Missouri Allstate Orchestra, and of course, our own MICDS orchestra! I am glad to be a part of this group, and I hope that many will come to love and be inspired by music, just as I did.”



## **Siva Ram '27**

### *Music of the Night*

Siva Ram is an accomplished soloist who captivates audiences with his stunning performances on the violin. His dedication and passion for the instrument are evident in every note he plays, transporting listeners to another world with his beautiful melodies. Siva’s unique style is captivating and his dedication is phenomenal. Siva’s interest started at the young age of 7, and his skill and interest grew exponentially from there. Siva Ram joined the MICDS orchestra group in

7th grade. He has also played for the Saint Louis Community Music School. With every performance, Siva Ram proves that he is not just a musician, but a true artist. Siva Ram’s talent and passion shine through, leaving a lasting impression on all those who have the pleasure of experiencing his music.

## **~ Featured Soloists ~**



## **Emma Shao '23**

### *Invicta*

Emma Shao has been in the MICDS orchestra program since her sophomore year. Over the last few years, she has enjoyed being a part of MICDS’ growing orchestra. Emma has been playing the violin for nine years and has participated in several orchestras outside of school. This includes the Young People’s Concert Orchestra (YPCO) for two years, the Young People’s Symphonic Orchestra (YPSO) for three years, and the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra (SLSYO) for one year. Emma

would like to thank Dr. Nardolillo, Ms. Hamill, and her classmates for making senior year orchestra a great experience.



## **Grace Maher '27**

### *Music of the Night*

While this is Grace Maher's first year playing violin at MICDS this is her eighth year playing the violin with much love for the instrument. Her favorite part is when playing in the orchestra, because you are able to hear all of the different parts come together into unison. Which is one of the best aspects, being part of creating music and hearing the final result. At home, if she is not playing the violin, she is wearing headphones listening to instrumentals on the violin with the volume cranked up. She feels so lucky to have this

opportunity, in life and at MICDS, to play the violin.

At MICDS, we seek to be respectful, mindful, and inclusive of the variety of people, cultures, and perspectives in our community. We strive to find the best ways to discuss and educate ourselves about the topics of cultural appropriation, cultural appreciation, and cultural exchange in the context of studying and performing music. In respecting the cultural context and origins of music performed by our ensembles, we follow current professional best-practice guidelines to promote authenticity and respectful elevation of all music.

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The faculty and staff of MICDS  
&  
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MARY INSTITUTE AND SAINT LOUIS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

presents



## Orchestra Spring Concert

Directed by  
Jo Nardolillo  
Erin Hamill  
Nicole Kovaluk

6:30 pm Tuesday May 2nd, 2023  
Brauer Auditorium