



QUAD CITY SYMPHONY YOUTH ENSEMBLES

WINTER CONCERTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026
DAVENPORT CENTRAL, PAC



LUTHER
COLLEGE®

music

IS FOR EVERYONE

All students of any major can audition for Luther's orchestral ensembles and earn scholarships for their musical talent.

Symphony Orchestra, the largest and oldest orchestral ensemble at Luther, with 70 members:

- Performs three full-length concerts and in the *Christmas at Luther* concert annually.
- Goes on tour every year.
- Regularly premieres new works.
- Performs a major choral/orchestral work biennially.
- Has a residency in Vienna every four years.

Philharmonia, a smaller auditioned ensemble for musicians with less experience, performs regularly on campus.



[LUTHER.EDU/MUSIC](https://luther.edu/music)



TABLE OF CONTENTS

[Welcome](#)

[Program](#)

[Prelude Strings Roster](#)

[Concert Orchestra Roster](#)

[Youth Philharmonic Orchestra
Roster](#)

[Youth Symphony Orchestra
Roster](#)

[QCSYE Concert Club](#)

[Representative Schools](#)

[Conductor Bios](#)

[QCSO Board of Trustees](#)

[QCSO Staff](#)



IOWA



School of Music

World-class faculty.
 State-of-the-art facilities you have to see (and hear) to believe.
 Endless performance and academic possibilities.
 All within an affordable public university
 in one of the best college towns in America.

Come see for yourself how we are

COMPOSING FUTURES...ONE MUSICIAN AT A TIME.



EMAIL
music@uiowa.edu

VISIT
music.uiowa.edu

PERFORMING ARTS AT IOWA

MUSIC

THEATRE ARTS

DANCE

HANCHER

PRODUCTION

[BACK TO THE TABLE OF CONTENTS](#)

WELCOME

from the **MUSIC DIRECTOR**

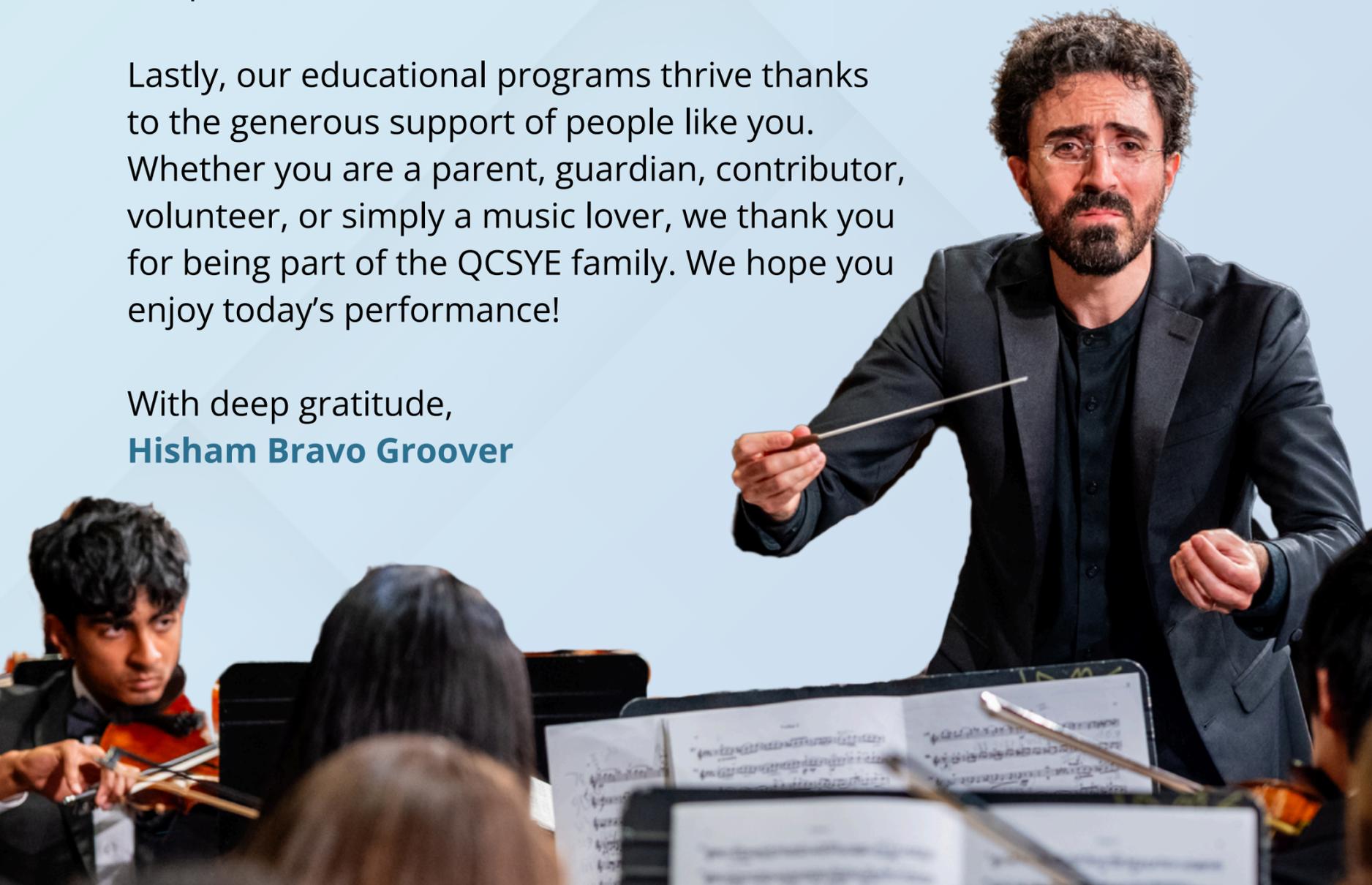
Dear Families and Friends of the QCSYE,

I am thrilled to welcome you to the 2025-2026 season, featuring our region's most passionate and enthusiastic young musicians! We begin the year with so much to celebrate--Prelude Strings has reached record enrollment, with 55 students playing in an advanced string ensemble for the very first time; Mr. Zack Morton has joined our artistic team, leading Concert Orchestra into its next exciting chapter; and the Youth Symphony Orchestra is preparing for an international performance tour to Spain and Portugal in June 2026.

As you've come to expect, our concerts showcase the incredible talent and dedication of our orchestras. As you sit back and enjoy this season's performances, I hope you'll take a moment to reflect on the immense time and effort these students have invested. Their willingness to be vulnerable and collaborate with one another is no easy task. Moreover, their commitment to practicing at home--so they arrive at each rehearsal having made meaningful progress--is a testament to their discipline and passion for music. Each note they play is backed by countless hours of work, and every moment shared on stage reflects their pursuit of growth. We are proud to support these young musicians as they continue to challenge themselves in the pursuit of musical excellence.

Lastly, our educational programs thrive thanks to the generous support of people like you. Whether you are a parent, guardian, contributor, volunteer, or simply a music lover, we thank you for being part of the QCSYE family. We hope you enjoy today's performance!

With deep gratitude,
Hisham Bravo Groover





CHOOSE YOUR PATH

MUSIC EDUCATION | MUSIC PERFORMANCE | MUSIC COMPOSITION



Hisham Bravo Groover
*Director of Orchestral
Activities*

Augustana ensembles offer student musicians the opportunity to broaden their understanding, skills and love of music, providing students with a high level of performance quality and in-depth exposure to music literature across a wide variety of genres and time periods. In addition to a deep musical tradition, Augustana offer competitive academic and music scholarship to students of any major.

For more information on music degrees, areas of study, scholarship audition dates, and scheduling a campus tour, please visit: www.augustana.edu

Augustana College

Augustana College Department of Music
639 38th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201-2296
309-794-7233

[BACK TO THE TABLE OF CONTENTS](#)

QUAD CITY SYMPHONY YOUTH ENSEMBLES
WINTER CONCERTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026, 3:00 PM
DAVENPORT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, PAC

PRELUDE STRINGS

ELIZABETH LUNDINE, *conductor*

DEBORAH BAKER MONDAY	Deep Sea Fandango
ROBERT W. SMITH	To Dance in the Fields of Glory
ROBERT LONGFIELD	Black Diamond

QCSYE TRUMPET QUINTET

KEVIN SELLS, coach

Katie Kanzaki, Jackson Windus, Ethan Petersen,
Azaliah Garcia, & Landon Carden

ERIK MORALES	X1
---------------------	----

INTERMISSION

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

HISHAM BRAVO GROOVER, *conductor*

DAVID HAYFORD, *Concerto Competition YSO Prize Winner*

GIOACCHINO ROSSINI	Concerto da Esperimento 1. Allegro
LUÍS DE FREITAS BRANCO	Suite Alentejana No. 2 I. Preludio II. Intermezzo III. Final

*financial aid and support by
The Henry J Trefz Estate, and the Marsha Pedersen
and Margaret Skinner Endowed Funds*

[BACK TO THE TABLE OF CONTENTS](#)



BUTLER UNIVERSITY MUSIC & MORE SCHOOL OF MUSIC

MORE.

**This simple word describes the opportunities you'll have at
Butler University's School of Music.**

Pursue your Passions

Our flexible curriculum allows you to double major, study abroad, participate in multiple ensembles, complete a major research project, and MORE.

Engage with the Community

Indianapolis is a vibrant musical and cultural city. Whether you teach private lessons through the Butler Community Arts School, attend a performance by the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, or gig at local venues, your education will reach far beyond campus.

Flexible degree options:

Music Education Composition
Performance Arts Administration
Jazz Studies Music minors
Double Majors outside of music

Ensembles open to ALL majors by audition:

Wind Ensemble Jazz Ensembles
Orchestra Marching Band
Choirs Pep Band

Scholarships for majors and non-majors!

Priority application deadline: Nov. 1
Auditions: January & February

BUTLER

JORDAN COLLEGE
of the ARTS

Click here to learn more or
schedule a visit!

QUAD CITY SYMPHONY YOUTH ENSEMBLES
WINTER CONCERTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026, 7:00 PM
DAVENPORT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, PAC

CONCERT ORCHESTRA

ZACK MORTON, *conductor*

ANTHONY HERNANDEZ, *wind specialist*

SHIRL JAE ATWELL

Esprit

PIOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY

Symphony No. 6, Second Movement

arr. Richard Meyer

PIOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY

Themes from March Slav

arr. Richard Meyer

YOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

HISHAM BRAVO GROOVER, *conductor*

SOON HEE NEWBOLD

Gravitas

GIOACCHINO ROSSINI

Overture to The Barber of Seville

arr. Merle J. Isaac

INTERMISSION

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

HISHAM BRAVO GROOVER, *conductor*

MAURICE RAVEL

Pavane pour une infante défunte

LUÍS DE FREITAS BRANCO

Suite Alentejana No. 2

I. Preludio

II. Intermezzo

III. Final

*financial aid and support by
The Henry J Trefz Estate, and the Marsha Pedersen
and Margaret Skinner Endowed Funds*

[BACK TO THE TABLE OF CONTENTS](#)

ABOUT THE QUAD CITY SYMPHONY YOUTH ENSEMBLES

The Quad City Symphony Youth Ensembles (QCSYE) consists of four school-year orchestras for musicians of all ability levels, ages 7 to 18. The program provides a rigorous and inspiring learning environment founded on musical excellence for string, woodwind, brass, and percussion musicians. Students develop valuable musical, social, and leadership skills which set them up for success in school and beyond. Financial aid is available so everyone can participate regardless of ability to pay.

2026-27 AUDITIONS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR

VIOLIN
VIOLA
CELLO
BASS

FLUTE
OBOE
CLARINET
BASSOON

HORN
TRUMPET
TROMBONE
TUBA

PERCUSSION
HARP

MATERIALS DUE

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION AT [QCSO.ORG](https://www.qcso.org)

FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE FOR ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL

PRELUDE STRINGS

VIOLIN

Brooke Billiet
Lily Blank
Meira Carlson
Sophia Dockery
Kallie Duncan
Avery Fuglseth
Addison Geistkemper
Sean Gould
Logan Hammes
Isaiah Harris
Ganza Jesse
Audriana Kannenberg
Purvik Karanam
Aahana Kumar
Subhadra Kunte
Aliya Lavicka
Haley McCarville
Evelyn Nelson
Samantha Nguyen
Vincent Park
Jasmine Rexroth
Olivia Smith
Naelea Speight
Meara Taylor
Christian Thompson
Lauren Tran
Pandora Williamson
Brianna Baluyut*
Shalini Chandupatla*
Kimberly Jackson*
Bethany Priaulx*
Jonathan Rice*

VIOLA

Jemma Chandler
Adelia Hoppe
Addie Hoste
Emmy Jackson
Sophie Johnson
Lucy Macario
Alise Pins
Kaia Smith
Miaoxian Zhou

CELLO

Clementine Alexander
Eleanor Boerema
Ethan DeKeyzer
Piper Glembine
Violet Lemke
Shianne Lohse
Olivia Moa
Charlotte Pelham
Vihaan Rastogi
Bradley Stein
Lagatha Villa
Autumn Wynn
Caleb Kindred*
Milla Wiechert*

BASS

Macky Burns
David Cox
Evelyn Plumb
Lydia Shamrell*

**denotes Prelude Strings Mentor*

CONCERT ORCHESTRA

FLUTE

Vihaan Aluri
Nyali Bernier
Emery Duncan
Anastasia McFarland
Olivia Smith

OBOE

Emily Anderson
Rebecca Ashitey
Ruby Budde
Isabelle Zabransky

CLARINET

Olivia Howard
Adalynne Johnston
Georgina Kelley
Olivia Painter

BASSOON

Harrison Pancrazio
Rowan Schutte

HORN

Vanessa Abrahams
Carson Nunn

TRUMPET

Zen Bishop
Oliver Lund

TROMBONE

Dawsyn Ceurvorst
Gwendolyn Zabransky

TUBA

Tanner McShane
Simon Smith

PERCUSSION

Chahana Katreddy
Denver Olson
Jacob Tobey

VIOLIN

Grayson Barr
Sofia Campos-
Sandoval
MacKenzie Caughey
Sahana Dinakaran
Cecillia Garcia
Macy Hankner
Oskar Hernandez
Agrima Kumar
Balarama Kunte
Magdalena Leveridge
Sebastian Martinez
Mylah Menes
Olivia Papik
Parker Renaud
Vera Smith
Rion Terry
Isaac Ward
Hailey Wilson
Yixian Zhou

VIOLA

Ben Carter
Ariana Ernst
Josiah Hoste
Kaolyn Mumme
Clara Neumeyer
Holden Ryan

CELLO

Lydia Haben
Henry Lappie
Anthony Macario
Le Bao Anh Nguyen
Ethan O'Brian
Lola Ragona
Claire Scranton
Iris Wang

BASS

Oakly Mack

YOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

FLUTE

Colette Enes
Elias Gomez
Ainsley Pondell
Mariska Rubemeyer

OBOE

Wisdom Dogbe
Russell Firsching
Jackson Weeks

CLARINET

Paisley Arnold
Eva Bancks

BASSOON

Ryan Coleman
Priya Kubalsky

HORN

Lydia Arnell-Liu
Robyn Carbonneau
Lucas Fuelling
Caleb Peterson

TRUMPET

Azaliah Garcia
Jude Reyes

TROMBONE

John Bancks
Maggie Dochterman

PERCUSSION

Cael Ceurvorst
Shal Shen

VIOLIN I

Shraddha Balaji
Eugene Chan
Birdie Engelkemier
Adrian Gillette
Howie Gisi
Karina Grande
Xavier Guldenzopf
Jessica Jangid
Merrell Mars
Gabriel Rohde
Finn Samuelson
Joseph Tavernier
Payton Terronez
Malcolm Uhde*

VIOLIN II

Liliana Aguilera Perez
Grace Bergeson
Genevieve Boom
Rukmini Chandupatla
Gwendolyn Dobmann
Amelia Duncan
Danica Hanson
Ella Jackson
Eva Kauther
Minju Kim
Kaylee McCreery
Olivia Robinson

VIOLA

Lily Elledge
Joy Kim
Thela Olson

CELLO

Ellie Bradshaw
Jonathan Carter
August Dagostino
Emily Elisondo
Rosalie Galindo
Aleighia Lopez
Bada Oh
Banseok Oh
Elizabeth Pessman
Lydia Petefish
Samantha Potter

BASS

Chloe Reiter

**denotes mentored by
QCSO Concertmaster,
Naha Greenholtz*

YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

FLUTE

Adalyn Anderson
Zolimar Garcia~
Crystal Hayford
Sani Lim
Lily Rantanen
Miranda Simison~

OBOE

Tivya Bernier
Anabella Kelley~
Chiara Paul
Ayame Stroh~

CLARINET

Oliver Harbke
Madilyn Ketelsen
Thela Olson~

BASSOON

Jacob Bice
David Hayford~
Chloe Martin

HORN

Linnea Arnell-Liu~
Jonathan Freadhoff

TRUMPET

Matthew Fedele
Katie Kanzaki~
Ethan Peterson

TROMBONE

Jacob Berry
Pacey Kane~

TUBA

Nick Rhodes
Cy Sammons~

PERCUSSION

Aliyah Fowler~
Bryce Gillespie

VIOLIN I

Kaushik Balaji
Brianna Baluyut~
Marissa Bradford
Nathan Chen*
Johann Deutmeyer~
Mira Gibbons~
Kimberly Jackson~
Sadie Morales~
Yoshinori Suzuki~
Claire Zaruba

VIOLIN II

Hannah Bancks
Eve Bentkowski
Mady Beyer
Elise Brock~
Janset Celik~
Shalini Chandupatla
Luke Ellis~
Noah Hlas~
Amrutya Kudigram
Sebastian Macario~
Haven O'Brian~
Alana Owen
Bethany Priaulx~
Jonathan Rice~
Ryan Squires~

VIOLA

Avalon Anderson~
Alexander Cox
Ethan Ignatius
Juha Kim~
Hani Lim
Evan Lino Montes
Natalie McBride
Natalie Sotelo-Lopez

CELLO

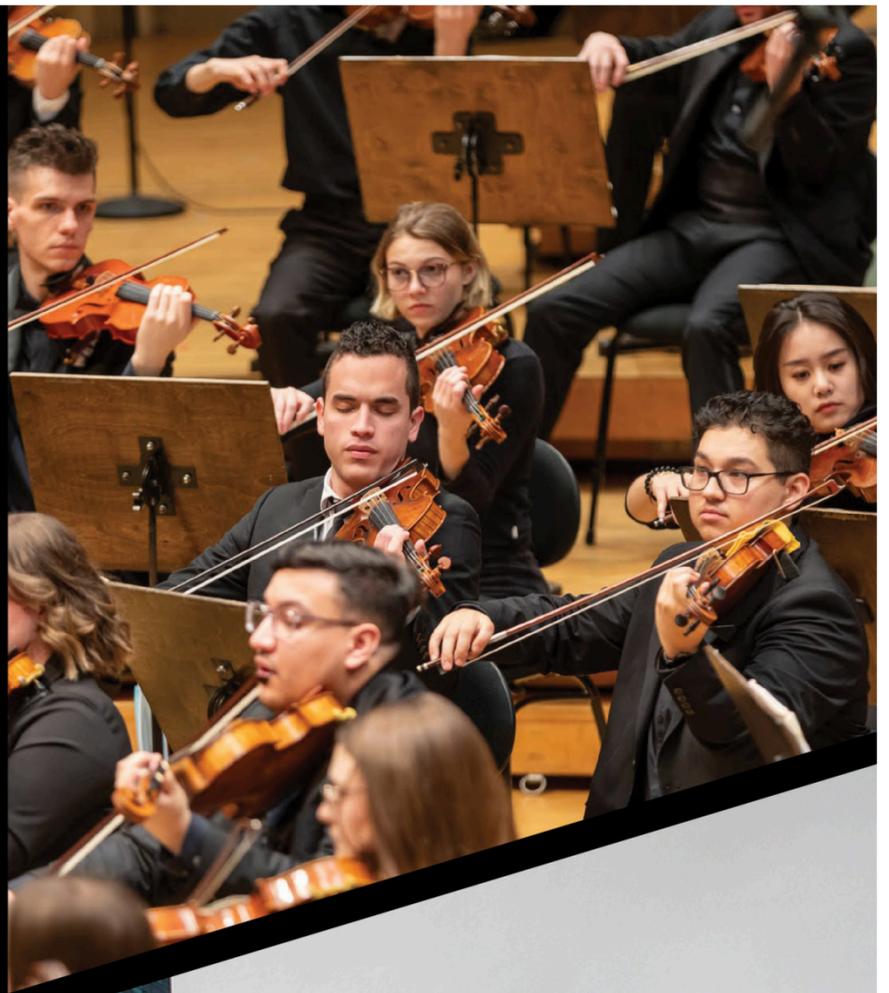
Kaija Anderson~
Jason Beukenhorst
Keira Cromwell
Benjamin Gillette~
Caleb Kindred~
Stephen Schwartz
Molly Smith~
Katharine Stolley
Titus Stout~
AJ Tobey
Milla Wiechert

BASS

Stella Lundh~
Lydia Shamrell~

**denotes mentored by
QCSO Concertmaster,
Naha Greenholtz*

*~denotes musicians
going on the 2026 YSO
Concert Tour to Spain
& Portugal June 13-22*



ALL BACKGROUNDS, ONE STAGE.

Study Performance, Music Education, Entertainment & Media Business, Music with Liberal Arts Studies and more!

APPLY TODAY | roosevelt.edu/quad-ensembles



ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY
CHICAGO COLLEGE
OF PERFORMING ARTS

QCSYE CONCERT CLUB

The QCSYE Concert Club is a group of YPO/YSO members who attend QCSO Masterworks and Up Close concerts together throughout the season.

(as of 01.30.26)

Adalyn Anderson

Kaushik Balaji

Shraddha Balaji

Eva Bancks

Hannah Bancks

John Bancks

Tivya Bernier

Mady Beyer

Jacob Bice

Genevieve Boom

Elise Brock

Rukmini Chandupatla

Shalini Chandupatla

Ryan Coleman

Gwendolyn Dobmann

Lily Elledge

Luke Ellis

Russell Firsching

Azaliah Garcia

Zolimar Garcia

Oliver Harbke

Crystal Hayford

David Hayford

Katie Kanzaki

Eva Kauther

Anabella Kelley

Priya Kubalsky

Sadie Morales

Haven O'Brian

Chiara Paul

Elizabeth Pessman

Samantha Potter

Bethany Prialux

Chloe Reiter

Jonathan Rice

Titus Stout

Ayame Stroh

Joseph Tavernier

AJ Tobey

Malcolm Uhde



IN
THE

Key
OF *We*

Lawrentians

are performers, educators, composers,
creators, and leaders. They are shaping
the future of music and the arts
in bold, unexpected ways.

WE ARE LAWRENCE.
NOT JUST LEARNING MUSIC,
REDEFINING IT.

lawrence.edu/conservatory



LAWRENCE
UNIVERSITY
APPLETON, WISCONSIN



SCHOOLS REPRESENTED

Bettendorf High School
Bettendorf Middle School
Bridgeview Elementary School
Cedar Rapids Washington High School
Central DeWitt Middle School
Cody Elementary
Coram Deo Academy
Creative Arts Academy
Danville School
Davenport Central High School
Davenport North High School
Davenport West High School
Edison Junior High
Edward White Elementary
Eisenhower Elementary
Geneseo High School
Geneseo Middle School
Glenview Middle School
Grant Wood Elementary
Harding Middle School
Harrison Elementary School
Herbert Hoover Elementary
Homeschool
Hopewell Elementary
Iowa City High School
Iowa City West High School
John Deere Middle School
Laurel Springs Academy
Mark Twain Elementary

McKinley Elementary
Moline High School
Morning Star Academy
Muscatine High School
North Scott High School
North Scott Junior High
Orion High School
Paul Norton Elementary
Pleasant Valley High School
Pleasant Valley Junior High
Pleasant View Elementary
Riverdale Heights Elementary
Rivermont Collegiate
Rock Island High School
Rockridge High School
Saint Joan of Arc
Schole Quad Cities
Solon High School
Sterling High School
Sudlow Middle School
Susan Clark Junior High
Trinity Lutheran
United Township High School
Unity Christian School
Washington Junior High
Wickham Elementary School
Williams Middle School
Wilson Middle School
Wood Intermediate

PERFORMANCE-BASED EDUCATION A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE

Learn from world-class musicians.
2:1 student-to-faculty ratio.
Perform in six or more public concerts.



Percussion · June 14-27 | Symphony · June 28-July 11 | Jazz I: July 12-25 · Jazz II: July 26-Aug 8

[Learn More](#)

Discover **Orchestra** at UNI



**World-class faculty
committed to student
wellness and success**

**Innovative programs with an
aim at career readiness upon
graduation**

**Exciting performance and
travel opportunities
throughout your studies**

**Welcoming and supportive
community of faculty, staff
and students**



Scan the code to learn
more, or visit:
music.uni.edu/apply

UNI

University of Northern Iowa
School of Music

CONDUCTOR BIOS



Hisham Bravo Groover

Hisham Bravo Groover is serving his second season as Assistant Conductor of the Quad City Symphony Orchestra and Music Director of the Quad City Symphony Youth Ensembles. He is also Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Orchestral Studies at Augustana College.

Before moving to the Quad Cities, Hisham lived in Minnesota where he served as Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the St. Cloud Symphony Orchestra, Philharmonic Conductor of the Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies (GTCYS), Music Director and Conductor of the Buffalo Community Orchestra, and Assistant Conductor of the University of Minnesota Symphony Orchestra and Opera Theatre. Additional experiences include roles as Associate Conductor of the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra (CO), Assistant Conductor of the Arapahoe Philharmonic (CO), Assistant Conductor of the Lamont Symphony Orchestra and Opera Theatre (CO), and Conductor of the University of Iowa Chamber Orchestra (IA).

Hisham displays impressive versatility in his concerts, equally at ease with pops and educational programs as he is with masterworks. He has also conducted and assisted in numerous opera productions, including Britten's *The Turn of the Screw*, Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, and Strauss Jr.'s *Die Fledermaus*. Thoughtful in his programming, Hisham aims to create concerts that resonate with modern audiences. In 2024, he conducted a program that integrated the music of Hildegard von Bingen, Steve Reich, and Charles Ives with Mozart's *Requiem*.

Recently, Hisham has competed in two international conducting competitions. In 2023, he was invited to the 1st International Ferenc Fricsay Conducting Competition in Szeged, Hungary. In 2022, he was a semi-finalist in the Princess Astrid International Music Competition in Trondheim, Norway. Hisham is also a violinist and has studied with several pedagogues, including Michel Boris Zaitzeff, Ching-Yi Lin, and Mark Rush. As a conductor, he has had the privilege to study with Leonid Grin, Kevin Noe, William LaRue Jones, and his principal mentor, Mark Russell Smith.



Zack Morton

Mr. Morton is Director of Instrumental Music at Moline High School and has held the position since 2013. A graduate of the University of Iowa, Mr. Morton has an undergraduate degree in Trombone Performance and Music Education. From 2006-2007, he accepted a position abroad as Bass Trombonist with the Hofer Symphoniker in Hof, Germany. After performing for a year in Hof, and two months touring with the Berlin-based Philharmonie Der Nationen, he returned to the University of Iowa to finish his degree in music education. While in Iowa City, Mr. Morton was assistant conductor of the New Horizons Senior Band and brass choir for two years. After returning to the Quad Cities, Mr. Morton became active as a Bass Trombone performer, performing with the Quad City Symphony Orchestra, the South-East Iowa Symphony Orchestra, and the Quad City Brass Quintet. His tenure at Moline High School includes expanding the musical offerings of the instrumental program, including adding a third concert band, a second orchestra, and a chamber orchestra.



Elizabeth Lundine

Elizabeth Lundine is an orchestra director in the Davenport Community School District. She is currently the Associate Director of Orchestras at North High School, where she primarily directs the 9th Grade Orchestra. She also directs the 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Orchestras at Harrison Elementary School. Outside of orchestra, Elizabeth is a co-head coach for the Boys and Girls Cross Country team at North High School. Elizabeth is originally from the Chicago suburbs and moved to the Quad Cities to attend Augustana College, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education. At Augustana, she studied primarily with Dr. Susan Stone and Dr. Daniel Culver. Since graduating, she has performed with several orchestras, string quartets, and pit orchestras in the Quad Cities. In her free time, Elizabeth enjoys running marathons, racing local 5k's/10k's, and cheering on the Augustana Cross Country/Track teams.



Kim Busic

Kim Busic currently serves as the Violin/Viola Teaching Artist for the Quad City Symphony Orchestra, faculty member at St. Ambrose University, and section violinist for the Quad City Symphony Orchestra. She earned a Bachelor of Music from Butler University and a Masters of Music from Boston Conservatory at Berklee. She has studied with Larry Shapiro, Cornelius Chiu, and Bruce Molsky (old time fiddle) and has participated in masterclasses by Brooklyn Rider, Eroica Trio, Ralph Fielding, Katie Lansdale, and Gerhard Schulz. Additionally, she has studied viola under Richard Auldon Clark and cello under Dr. William Grubb. Kim previously served as Assistant Concertmaster of the Fox Valley Orchestra and has taught chamber music as a teacher assistant at Interlochen Arts Camp.



Anthony Hernandez

Anthony Hernandez resides in Geneseo as a private lessons teacher, freelance teacher and low brass performer. He taught band at Geneseo Middle School and High School from 2006-2020. While at Geneseo schools, his responsibilities included teaching 6th grade beginning band, high school marching band, the concert band at Geneseo High School, pep band, pit orchestra for the musical, several chamber ensembles, madrigal brass coach, planned and organized high school band/choir tours, and hosted marching band and concert band contests and competitions. Mr. Hernandez holds a bachelor of music degree from Illinois State University where he was named a Presser Scholar, and he holds a masters degree in conducting from Sam Houston State University (The American Band College). Previously, he taught middle school band in the Calamus-Wheatland schools. Additionally, he has assisted the United Township High School marching band in East Moline, IL., as well as working with the Conquest drum corps brass.

While at Illinois State University as a euphonium performer, Mr. Hernandez competed nationally at the Falcone Tuba and Euphonium competition two times and once at the International Tuba Euphonium Conference. As a euphonium soloist, he can be heard on the I.S.U. Maslanka Symphony No. 5 world premiere album published by Albany Records. During his spare time, Anthony can be found hiking, biking, and caring for his guinea pigs, Buttercup and Cocoa.



David Hayford

David Hayford has been playing bassoon since the age of 10 and is a student of Matt Kowalczyk, QCSO Second Bassoon, through the QCSO Private Lesson Program. He has also studied briefly with Dr. Andrea Baker and Dr. Benjamin Coelho.

David is the principal bassoonist in the United Township High School symphonic band and a section leader and featured bassoon soloist in the UT marching band. Outside of school, David is principal bassoonist of the QCYSO and has participated in many regional and state-wide ensembles, being a six-time Illinois Music Education Association all-district bassoonist, three-time Illinois Music Education Association all-state bassoonist, and an honorary member of the Western Illinois University Wind Ensemble. As a soloist, David has twice been a first prize recipient of the University of Iowa Double Reed Young Artist Competition and has performed at several exhibitions, recitals, and at his church.

Outside of music, David is interested in chemical engineering. He is also a mid-distance track athlete at United Township High School and enjoys playing volleyball and tennis recreationally. Some of his hobbies include origami, cooking, baking, and volunteering at various events.



Kevin Sells

Kevin Sells is a professional trumpet performer, chamber musician, educator, and arts administrator based in the Quad Cities. He serves as the Youth Ensemble Coordinator and Private Lesson Program Trumpet Instructor with the Quad City Symphony Orchestra, where he teaches a large studio of students and works closely with young musicians through individualized instruction and chamber music experiences. In addition to his work with the Quad City Symphony, he teaches at St. Ambrose University.

Mr. Sells earned his undergraduate degree from Texas Tech University and his master's degree from the Boston Conservatory. He is currently completing a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in trumpet performance and pedagogy, with a secondary emphasis in chamber music, at the University of Iowa. His chamber music experience includes coaching a trumpet quintet that advanced to the semifinal round of the National Trumpet Competition (college small ensemble division) and being named a finalist in the International Trumpet Guild Chamber Music Competition. He is dedicated to developing young musicians as thoughtful, independent collaborators through high-level chamber music experiences.

We Only Offer One Tour: Yours



QCYSO performing in the Church of Sts Simon and Jude in Prague, while on tour to Germany and the Czech Republic, 2023.



ACFEA TOUR
CONSULTANTS

philadelphia@acfea.com

www.acfea.com

QUAD CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Darlene Steffen, *president* †

Chris Connolly, *executive vice president* †

Alana Carroll, *treasurer* †

Archana Wagle, *secretary* †

R. Hovey Tinsman III, *past president* †

Julie Abramowski

Victor Almgren †

Brian Baxter,

Executive Director *†

Ann Berger

Seneca Black

Meena Brandt

Carl Cartwright

Patricia Duffy

Kendra Elledge

Bill Garrett

Shirley Gusta †

Susan Hippler

Maitreyi Janarthanan

Erie Johnson

Malik Khaliq

Robert Lelonek

Darlene Link,

Co-VfS President *†

Katie Marchik †

Ann McNamara

Ryan Morency

Charlotte Morrison †

Jim Niedelman

Sara Pennington †

Marysue Salmon

Gregory P. Schermer †

Mark Russell Smith,

Music Director *†

Mike Steffen,

Co-VfS President *†

Annette Tephly †

R. Scott Van Vooren †

Melissa von Maur

Zachary Weatherspoon †

Mindy Zumdom

* Ex officio

† Executive Committee

HONORARY TRUSTEES

Steve Bahls

Joyce Bawden

Dan Churchill

Nancy Coin

Ted Ewing

Marvel Green

Carolyn Hamilton

Diane Harris

Rose Ann Hass

Sue Honsey

Mark J. Kleinschmidt

Pierre E. Leroy

Julie McHard-Shike

Jill N. McLaughlin

Nancy L. Oppenheimer

Sue Quail

Eloise Smit

Tom Spitzfaden

Kay Stegmiller Tarr

Sara Thoms

Kathleen B. Wilson

Don Wooten

QCSO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Archana Wagle, *chair*

Kendra Elledge

Maitreyi Janarthanan

Ann McNamara

Ryan Morency

Zack Morton

Sara Pennington

Martha Schermer, *VfS*

Zachary Weatherspoon

Mindy Zumdom

Giovanna Davila

QUAD CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

ARTISTIC STAFF

Music Director & Conductor,

Mark Russell Smith

Youth Concert Orchestra Conductor,

Zack Morton

Youth Ensembles Wind Specialist,

Anthony Hernandez

Assistant Conductor &

Youth Ensembles Music Director

Hisham Bravo Groover

Youth Prelude Strings Conductor

Elizabeth Lundine

Violin/Viola Teaching Artist

Kim Busic

QUAD CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Executive Director, Brian Baxter

Director of Marketing, Caitlin Lingle

Director of Development,

Stephen Mohr

Director of Finance, Kaylee Anderson

Director of Education & Community

Engagement, Chelsea Sammons

Office Manager, Elizabeth King Powers

Box Office Manager, Randy Nunez

Orchestra Personnel Manager,

Marc Zyla

Orchestra Librarian,

Matt Kowalczyk

Patron Services Associate,

Cody Williams

Youth Ensembles Coordinator &

Development Associate,

Kevin Sells

Youth Ensembles Rehearsal

Assistant, Adele Shirkey

Music Copyist, Linda Baustian

Accounting Assistant, Cris McNeal



QUAD CITY SYMPHONY YOUTH ENSEMBLES

www.qcso.org