

DANIEL MYSSYK
VCU Director of Orchestral Activities
Professor of Music

Director of Orchestral Activities at VCU since 2007, Canadian-American conductor Daniel Myssyk was Music Director of the Montreal based Orchestre de chambre Appassionata from 2000 to 2016. A few years ago, he led his orchestra on its first American tour, which included two concerts in Richmond. The group also toured before enthused audiences in Ontario in January of 2014. 2024 marks the end of his six-year association with the Richmond Symphony in his capacity as assistant conductor. Among other responsibilities, he was in charge of RSYO, RSO Youth Orchestra Program's most advanced orchestra.

MAGDALENA ADAMEK
VCU Assistant Professor of Piano and Collaborative Piano
Coordinator of Keyboard Studies

Pianist Magdalena Adamek holds Master of Arts in Piano Performance from the Chopin Academy of Music, Warsaw, Poland (now the Fryderyk Chopin University of Music), and Doctor of Music in Piano Performance from the University of Alberta, Canada. Her principal teachers include Professor Barbara Hesse-Bukowska and Professor Jacques Després. She has also participated in masterclasses under renowned pedagogues, such as Halina Czerny-Stefanska, Andrzej Jasiński, Paul Badura-Škoda, Stéphane Lemelin, Kyoko Hashimoto, and Kevin Fitz-Gerald. Currently Magdalena serves as a full-time piano faculty in the Department of Music at Virginia Commonwealth University.

THE VCU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The VCU Symphony is the premiere orchestral ensemble at VCU. While most orchestra members are music major students or music minors, the orchestra is open to all VCU students. The Symphony performs a wide variety of repertoire, with a focus on full-scale orchestral works such as Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony and Dvorák's "New World Symphony." It regularly programs pieces by living composers, such as "Umoja" by Valerie Coleman and "Paradise Valley" by Jeff Scott. The orchestra offers two concerts per semester. Each spring, the orchestra is back in the pit for its collaboration with VCU Opera.

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OCTOBER 15, 2024 - 7PM

GRASSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

VCU
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

GRASSFIELD
CHAMBER
ORCHESTRA

Program

E. Grieg

Holberg Suite*, movements I and IV

L. Van Beethoven

Egmont Overture*

F. Price

Dances in the Canebrakes

G. Gershwin

Rhapsody in Blue, Magda Adamek, Piano

**Selections performed side-by-side with the Grassfield High School Orchestra*

GHS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN 1

Ethan Chang, Concertmaster
Bianca Rivera, Assistant
Peter Wright
Abby Messing
Sharon Lee
Hailey Else
Juliana Shedd

VIOLIN 2

Angie Nguyen, Principal
Addison Steadele, Assistant
Caroline Kuskowski
Noah Gobel
Renaya Williams
Irene Chen
Luis Ortiz

VIOLA

Chaewon Kang, Principal
Henry Wright, Assistant
Laura Shedd
Olivia Chew
Marcella Carson
Lina Billie

CELLO

Emily Guardiola, Principal
Kevin Tao, Assistant
Anslie Goff
Ellen Bitterman

BASS

Emily Reed, Principal
Ella Jones
John Schleigh

VCU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

FLUTE

Carolyn Sears, Principal
Jalen Wise, picc.

OBOE

Melanie Aldhizer, Principal
Chris Guzman-Monroy

CLARINET

Diego Cruz-Coca, Principal
David Monserrate
Nathan Nguyen, Bass Clarinet

BASSOON

Amelia Rose Sheppard, Principal

SAXOPHONE

Sam Rutherford
Victoria Baird
Kevin Granados-Alvarado

HORN

Micah Honaker, Principal
Amanda Burton
Dr. Patrick Smith

TRUMPET

John Rose, Principal
Henry Bingman
Will Hamblin

TROMBONE

Stephan McCants, Principal
Layne Hopkins
Isaac Murrell, Bass Trombone

TUBA

Ethan Jenkins

PERCUSSION

John McCormick
Indy Bennett

VIOLIN 1

Arianna Greggs, Concertmaster
Allison Estabrook
Tyler Miranda
Elizabeth Luu
Sara Jade Kelly
Maia Timm**
Gray McCrickard

VIOLIN 2

Heidi Marle, Principal**
Sydney Bales
Amya Ester
Bitan Chowdhury
Annelise Box
Stephanie Maranon-Estrada
Silvana Ramirez-Carcamo

VIOLA

Erick Dearhart, Principal
Olivia Heizer**
Grace Fisherpoff
Mae Fletcher

CELLO

Arowyn Almeida, Principal
Kevin Nguyen
Adam Aquilo
Mia Thornton
Olivia Dempsey

BASS

Kai Mitchell, Principal
Paul Rucker (SOTA faculty)

***Grassfield High School Alumni*