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Welcome

On behalf of the Grassfield Orchestra Parents Association, I welcome you to the Winter 2024 Orchestra Concert. This concert is a special one. While we all love classical string instruments, most also enjoy a little head-banging guitar! If that's you, you are in for a treat, as each orchestra will play selections from the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, alongside some special guests.

It's hard to believe that 2024 is almost over. Since the last concert, we launched the golf cart raffle, completed the wreath fundraiser, and had several spirit night fundraisers at local restaurants. Many of our students participated in the Senior Regional Orchestra and the Virginia Music Educators Association conference.

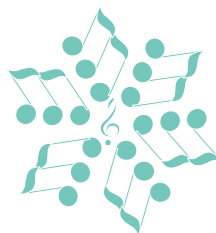
Looking forward to next year, be on the lookout for details regarding Orchestra Assessments in March, the Spring Concert extravaganza, and the Spring Trip to Orlando. Volunteer help for all these events will be needed. Please look on our website for the signup sheet and thank you for your continued time and financial contributions.

Please have fun, enjoy the performance, and THANK YOU for your support of Grassfield Orchestra!

Sincerely,

Larry Sunderland

Grassfield Orchestra Parents Association President





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2024-2025 school year!

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- Do not wave or call a performers name at any time
- Remain seated until a piece is complete
- Only enter and exit the auditorium between pieces



DECEMBER 12, 2024

Program

FRESHMAN ORCHESTRA

Boreas

Todd Parrish

Christmas Triptych ~ Ian David Coleman

Conductor—Emily Goodman

Wish Liszt ~ Trans Siberian Orchestra

Guitar—Seven Gregory, Drums—Jordan Norman, Piano—ShuGe Liu

CONCERT ORCHESTRA

A Christmas Festival ~ Leroy Anderson

Fiddle Like the Dickens ~ Tim McCarrick

Conductor—Caroline Kuskowski

Soloists

Catherine Schwind, Addison Flores, Brandon Bossuot, Emilie Thomas, Loryn Delos Reyes, Samuel Williamson, Easton Tatasciore, Molly Casey, Laila Harris, Jonathan Bull, Madeline Hershberg, Adelia Uber, Eric Parsons, Levi Barrett, Isabella Monica, Sophie Ocampo, Hailey Sanchez

Christmas Eve Sarajevo ~ Trans Siberian Orchestra (Arr. Casey Williams)

Guitar—Sophie Ocampo, Drums—Jordan Norman

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Polar Express ~ arr. Lavender/Moore

Piano—Marcella Carson

A Holly Jolly Mixed Up Medley ~ Katie Labrie

A Mad Russian's Christmas ~ Trans Siberian Orchestra

Guitar—Seven Gregory, Drums—Jordan Norman

Piano—Marcella Carson

Bailes Para Orquesta (Dances for Orchestra) ~ Richard Meyer

Violin Soloists—Ethan Chang and Angelynn Nguyen



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

FRESHMEN ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN 1

Lauren Sunderland, Concertmaster
Olivia Kuskowski, Assistant
Bianca Dazzo
Emily Donahue
Maya McCain
Gabby Martin
McKayla Hollingsworth
Braden Dablemont
JiMin St. Cyr
Ashley McKinnon
Courihn Campos
Megan Jurnigan

VIOLIN 2

Will Stevenson, Principal
Arielle Kodjolo, Assistant
Ava Kirkner
Arella Valladares
Nicole Fadaka
London Lewis
Aaiden Fleming
McKenna Hollingsworth
Grayson Shinneman

VIOLA

Emarie Seawood, Principal
Eva Hall, Assistant
Byron Gibson
Leah Petit
Liam Troiano
Abby Sutz
Gabe Fangon

CELLO

Joseph Uber, Principal
Hugo Audette, Assistant
Esther Yuan
Dominique Sexton
Cassidy Dellinger
Augie Breshears

BASS

Xander Rutledge, Principal
Jordyn Fox

PIANO

ShuGe Liu



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2016, 2022 and 2023

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CONCERT ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN 1

Catherine Schwind, Concertmaster
Addison Flores
Brandon Bossuot, Concertmaster
Emilie Thomas
Loryn Delos Reyes, Concertmaster
Samuel Williamson
Addyson Clifford
Jacob Carpenter
Kristo Litchmore
Mila Vujnic
Emma Cook
Olivia Hudson
Justin Tores
Leland Mendez
Isabella Erez
Darby English
Haniya Fadli
Ellie Davanzo
Vicki Gilmore
Abby Andrus
Nik Miner
Temi Ojo
Queenie Zhu
Nathaniel Comaniciu
Cameron Patterson
Owen Stutz
Renaya Williams**
Caroline Kuskowski**

VIOLIN 2

Easton Tatasciore, Principal
Molly Casey
Laila Harris, Principal
Jonathan Bull
Madeline Hershberg, Principal
Adelia Uber
Nick Messick
Kaylee Buell
Sasha Ehrsam
Jillian Atkinson
Melody Fadaka
Addison White
Grace Casey
Kira Hendricks
Olaoluwa Adebambo
Tara Schmidt
Raylene Roddy
Genevieve Nuber
Loralie Stevenson
Aaron Gonzalez
Jackson Hodge
Viktoria Glebocki
Esther Schweighardt
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Aaliyah Twyman
Autumn Simmons
Brayden Bolling
Vera Hartney

Jackson Hauer
Chase Boulware
Emma Griffith
Regan Hartney
Reagan Hartney

VIOLA

Eric Parsons, Principal
Levi Barrett, Principal
Isabella Monica
Allannah Rivera
Sophie Ocampo, Principal
Hailey Sanchez
Paige Radak
Grayson Anderson
Declan Cassidy
Kayla Wilt-Abbott
Morrigan Roddy
Madison Oakley
Josephine Czuhajewski
Samantha Holder
Mia Osorio
Kaleen Miranda
Amelia White
Tristan Barnhill

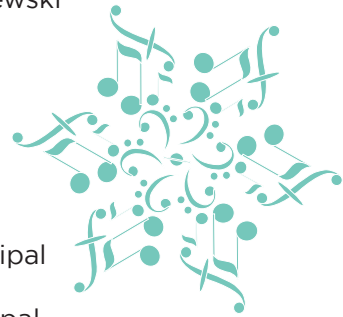
CELLO

Bailey Tomb, Principal
Riley Cooke
Olivia Chew, Principal
Eli Seawood
Sofia Hertzog, Principal
Isaac Halcomb
Colten Norris
Mason Rafter
Ryan McCarraher
Ethan Pline
Bre Luhia
Gracen Clawson
Keller Garrison
Parker Carwile
Mason Cerezo
Brady Greene
Aidan Rafter
Lauren Shirley
Eve Shepard
Zachary Whitfield

BASS

Kegan Richardson-Principal
Reese Avery-Assistant
Grace Moyer
Seven Gregory
Thomas Burke
Lucas Green
Grayson Wade
Emily Reed**

***Chamber student enrolled
in Concert Orchestra on
same instrument*



Musicians
2024-2025



STEVE VUTSINAS

Grassfield High School Orchestra Director



Mr. Steve Vutsinas or, "Mr. V" as he is called by his students, is a 1988 graduate of the East Carolina School of Music. Mr. V graduated cum laude with a degree in violin performance and a minor in viola performance. He received a second degree from East Carolina in music education.

Mr. V began his teaching career in 1989 in the Pitt County School System near Greenville, North Carolina where he taught orchestra for 10 years. He also coached boys' varsity basketball there, and his teams won 2 state championships. Also, while teaching in Eastern North Carolina, Mr. V's orchestra won an esteemed National Championship in the North American Music Festivals. During his teaching career, Mr. V has had the awesome privilege of teaching some of the greatest students in the world.

Mr. V's orchestras at Grassfield have consistently received superior ratings at the district and national level. His Chamber Orchestra was also selected to perform at the prestigious Virginia Music Educators Association conference at the Homestead. Mr. V was Grassfield High School's Teacher of the Year and was also a finalist for Chesapeake Teacher of the Year in 2014. Mr. Vutsinas was also selected as a top ten finalist for the inaugural Grammy Music Educator of the Year in 2014 from a list of over 33,000 music educators from across the United States.

This year marks Mr. V's 35th year of teaching!

He is married to his lovely wife, Sandi, and the couple has three amazing children: Andrew, Samantha and Asher! The latest additions to his family include his first grandson, Elijah Burmeister and his goldendoodle puppy, Ruby. In his "free" time, Mr. V enjoys playing the bass guitar at church and playing golf with his friends. He also is fortunate to spend his summers on the mission field in Thailand and Tanzania supporting orphans in those countries.





Thank You!

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Orchestra Senior Shout-Outs

CLASS OF 2025

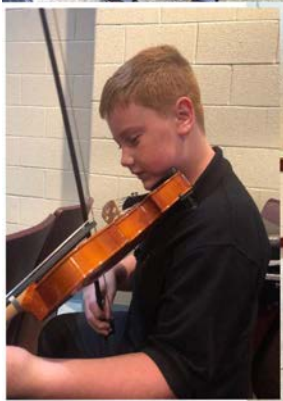


Emily Reed

So proud of you and all you have accomplished! The future holds great things for you!

Love, Mom

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December 20

Chamber Orchestra | Progressive Dinner @ 5:30-11pm | Auditorium

February 22

All Virginia Auditions | JMU

February 26-27

Pre-Assessment Rehearsals @4-9 pm,
4-6pm Concert Orchestra @ 6:30-8:30, Chamber Orchestra | Auditorium

March 18-20

District 4 Assessment 8am-10pm | Auditorium

April 10-14

Orlando Trip for All Orchestra Students

May 1-3

Spring Musical "Shrek" | Auditorium

May 21

Rehearsal for Spring Concert
Concert Orchestra @ 4-5:30, Chamber Orchestra @ 6-8pm | Auditorium

May 22

Spring Concert 6:30pm | Auditorium

May 29

Philharmonic Concert @ 7pm | Great Bridge Baptist Church

June 6

Fine and Performing Arts Awards Night @ 7pm | Auditorium, Library, Food Court

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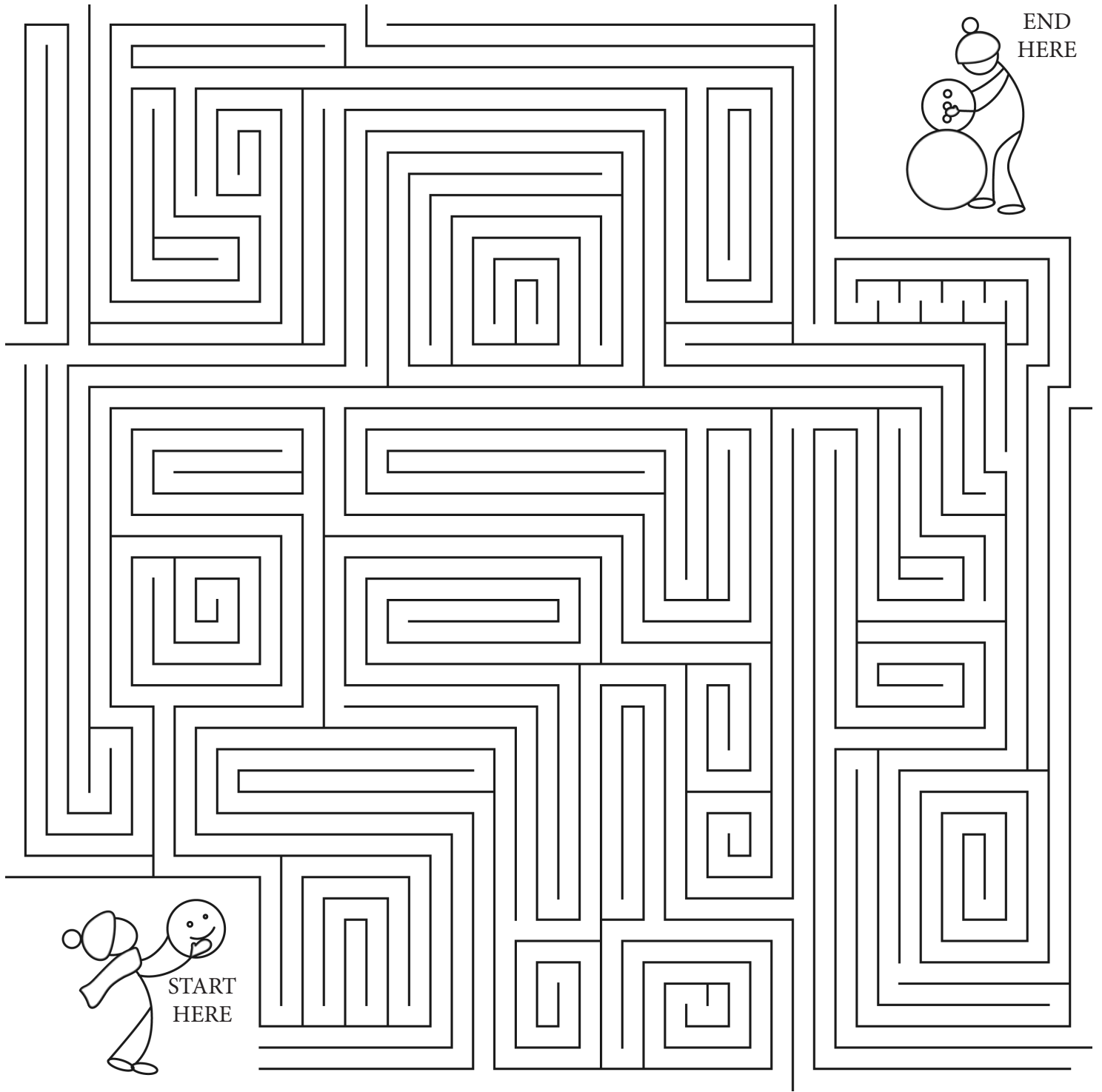
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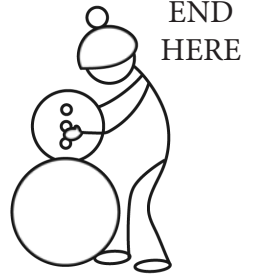
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Tuesday, January 21, 2025 from 5-8pm

Skrimp Shack

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 from 4-8pm

Grassfield Chick-fil-A

Tuesday, March 11, 2024 from 5-8pm

Yianni's Neighborhood Pizzeria & Family Restaurant

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