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Fall Concert
2024



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Welcome

On behalf of the Grassfield Orchestra Parents Association, I welcome you to the Fall 2024 Orchestra Concert. Each orchestra student has worked hard preparing these selections and is excited to show off their efforts. I am always impressed with how much the students have achieved in just a short period since the beginning of the school year.

It has been a great year so far. Last week, our Chamber Orchestra was joined by the VCU Symphony at GFHS. In addition to the inspiring music, several GFHS alumni, now at VCU, really enjoyed playing back in their home auditorium. The Fall Tailgate was a great success. I saw plenty of smiling faces playing football, cornhole, or just hanging out together. A special thanks to Ed Seawood for the outstanding BBQ - Mr. V said it might be the best he had ever had!

Many of our students auditioned for the Senior Regional Orchestra event. We are proud of all the participants who auditioned, and the results are incredible. 22 students were selected, which is more than any program in the region! Fundraising efforts include program ad sales, local restaurant nights, wreath sales, the BBQ tailgate, Raise Right, and 50/50 raffles. Tonight we are launching our Golf Cart Raffle. Please see our website for details. Your financial support of these events results in direct funding of student trips, scholarships, concert support, and music and instrument procurement.

The rest of the year is just as exciting. Please take advantage of the beautiful wreath sale that is underway. The Winter Concert is always a big hit with Grassfield Holiday favorites. Big events in the spring include Orchestra Assessments, the Spring Concert extravaganza, and the Spring Trip to Orlando. Volunteer help for all these events will be needed. Please sign up on our website for the signup sheet. Please continue to share your 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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to the first concert for the
2024-2025 school year!

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- Turn off all cellphones and electronic devices
- 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





Program

FRESHMAN ORCHESTRA

African Adventure

Sheldon

Music from Wicked

Schwartz

Lauren Sunderland, Violin Solo

Emarie Seawood, Viola Solo

Will Stevenson, 2nd Violin Solo

CONCERT ORCHESTRA

Blue Fire Fiddler

Newbold

Pink Panther

Mancini, arr. Longfield

Catherine Schwind, Violin Solo

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Concerto Grosso No. 1

for Piano Obligato and String Orchestra

Earnest Bloch

Movement 1

Marcella Carson, Piano Soloist

Holberg Suite

Grieg

Movement 1

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

The Grassfield Orchestra is made up of three separate performing groups. Our orchestra is in its 16th year of existence and already, we are building a tradition of excellence.

2010

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2016, 2022 and 2023

Chamber Orchestra
Grand Champions
Music Festival National Championship



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
Loralye Stevenson
Aaron Gonzalez
Jackson Hodge
Viktoria Glebocki
Esther Schweighardt
Tomi Ojo
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
Morgan 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
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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BOARD MEMBERS**

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Orchestra Senior Shout-Outs

CLASS OF 2025



Emily Reed

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Love, Mom

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- Holiday wreath fundraiser
- RaiseRight program
- Program ads
- Golf cart raffle tickets

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Fundraiser

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2024-2025

November 14-16

Senior Regional Orchestra | TBD

December 11

Winter Concert Rehearsal @4-5:30pm Concert @ 6-8pm | Auditorium

December 12

Winter Concert @ 7pm | Auditorium

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

June 7

Senior Recital @ 4-8pm | The Bridge Christian Fellowship



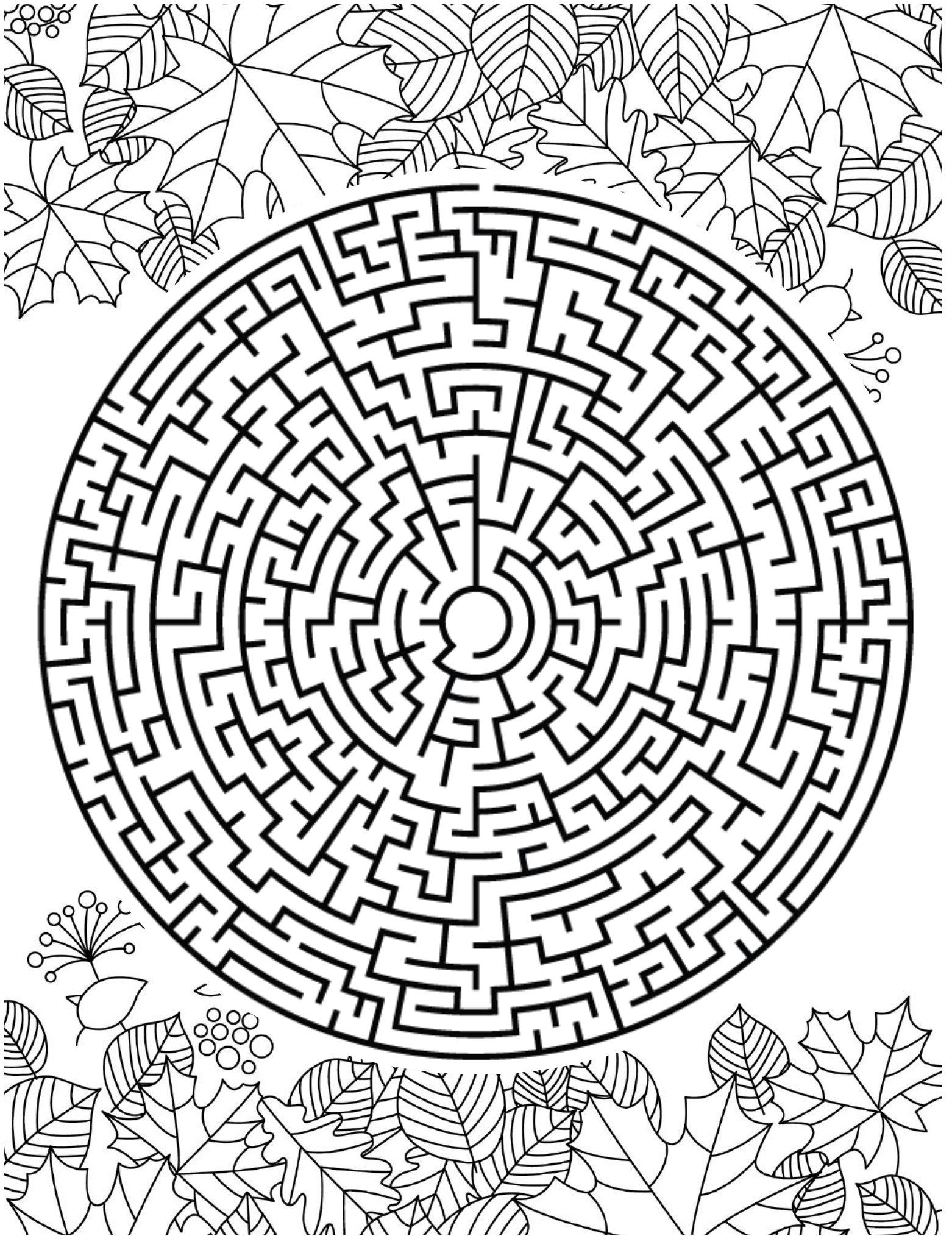
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2024-2025

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October 7, 2024 – November 15, 2024

Golf Cart Raffle
Start Date TBD
Drawing will take place during Winter concert

Yianni's Neighborhood Pizzeria & Family Restaurant
Tuesday, October 22, 2024 from 4-8pm

Grassfield Chick-fil-A
Tuesday, November 19, 2024 from 5-8pm

50/50 Raffle @ Winter Concert
December 12, 2024

Yianni's Neighborhood Pizzeria & Family Restaurant
Tuesday, December 17, 2024 from 4-8pm

Burrito Perdido
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
Tuesday, April 22, 2025 from 4-8pm

Burrito Perdido
Tuesday, May 20, 2025 from 5-8pm

50/50 Raffle @ Spring Concert
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