



Middle School Ensembles 2026 Season Concert

Friday, April 17, 2026, 7 p.m.
Platt Middle School Auditorium



College of Music

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

Program

SILVER BAND

The Tempest

Robert W. Smith

Louise Larsen, conductor

Brother James' Air

James Leith Macbeth Bain, arr. Douglas Wagner

Andrew Stein, conductor

Clouds

Anne McGinty

Andrew Stein, conductor

STRING ORCHESTRA

Fiddles on Fire

Mark Williams

Anais Van Dusen, conductor

Fantasy on a Japanese Folk Song

Brian Balmages

Anais Van Dusen, conductor

A Pirate's Legend

Soon Hee Newbold

Morgan White, conductor

Themes from the Planets

Gustav Holst, arr. Douglas Wagner

Morgan White, conductor

GOLD BAND

Military Escort March

Harold Bennett, arr. Larry Clark

Reid Pleuss, conductor

The Red Balloon

Anne McGinty

Andy Carson, conductor

Electricity

Brian Balmages

Andy Carson, conductor

Silver Band

Flute

Rahi Rauniyar
Mina Tarkan

Clarinet

Paige Mostek
Emma Rubio
Aubrey Saldana

Saxophone

Clara Chi-Hasselbach
Gustavo Estrada
Makayla Gherardi
Sid Siva

High Brass

Bronx Charles
Caleb Fell
Brayden Hilfer
William Jordan
Kaelynn Kennedy
Van Rauniyar
Marie Spidell
Aiden Thorson
Nate White

Low Brass

Rayan Bommasamudra
Devon Mohr
Daisy Richter

Percussion

Makenna Defauw
Olivia Reinante
Norah Vissers

Orchestra

Violin

June Fitzgerald
Aspen Gurnee
Clara Imus
Natalie Kowalski
Shu-Ann Lin
Andre Marquez
Avah Ramos
Kalina Ramos
Veronica Reinante
Victoria Reinante

Viola

Ethan Clifford
Shamin Gurung
Robin Harding
Isabella (Bella) Lofquist
Daxio Orobona
Hallie Tarwater

Cello

Kevin Gan
Eva Heim
Max Jandzik
Aiden Manion
Jaxsen Millard
Lyla Pryor
Leo Reid
Katrina Montoya Taylor
Kai Viswanath
Lamia Vo
Eleanor Zajicek
Elouise Zajicek

Gold Band

Flute

Lillyan Fox
Emerson Moran
Camilla Pfnister
Stella Vissers
Ella Zhang

Clarinet

Mikayla Bujaci
Brooklyn Charles
Aiden Knuth
Ivy Miller
Robin Miller

Bassoon

Spencer Mooney

Saxophone

Levi Anderson
Michael Boudouridis
Ashten Christianson
Remy Procopio
Solomon Woodworth

High Brass

Nora Kivett
Brewer McCabe
Parker Merritt
Menkyi Nyinda
Brynley Roberts
Aislinn Wolcott

Low Brass

Austin Altomare
Liam Bethea
Luca Cimino
Zach Dion
Ronin Doty
Audrey Miller
Aleida Rojas
Brandon Simmons

Percussion

A.J. Dahl
Allie Griffin
Lukas Hellbusch
Tate Reid
Cora Tillinghast

The CU Boulder Middle School Ensembles Program

The Middle School Ensembles (MSE) program is a collaborative experience designed for middle school music students, high school musicians considering a career in music teaching, and music education majors from the University of Colorado Boulder Music Education Department. This program not only provides a supplemental musical experience for middle school students but also strengthens opportunities for future music educators, providing them with valuable, hands-on teaching experience.

MSE would like to give special thanks to Suzanne and David Hoover, and the CU Boulder Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) for their generous financial support of the Middle School Ensembles and Trying On Teaching programs. We are also grateful to the Boulder Valley School District for partnering with us by providing space at Platt Middle School and Manhattan Middle School for us to offer this program. And of course, thank you to the students for all your hard work, and to the parents/guardians for supporting your students along the way. Without all of these people, the MSE program would not be possible.

MSE Faculty Director

David Rickels

MSE Graduate Director

Garrett Graves

Trying on Teaching

Graduate Coordinator

Lynn Holmes

Graduate Assistants

Madison Joy

Catherine Oles

Colby Roseberry

Area Directors

Andrew Stein

Morgan White

Conductors

Andy Carson

Anais Van Dusen

Louise Larsen

Reid Pleuss

Section Coaches

Sydney Bellora

Noah Burak

Paul Burke

Angelia Castilleja

Julia Cowell

Sean Gaffney

Thomas Goodwin

David Guy

Kevin Halsey

Luke Kneller

Luke Meredith

Sophia Perez

Trying on Teaching

Nikhil Gangwal

Jacob Hodek

Faith Jaminet

Prokop Kolman

Lyla Naranjo

Kayla Uemura

The College of Music, By the Numbers

329

undergraduate students

8:1

student-to-faculty
ratio

75%

of required classes have
<20 students

30

ensembles in
different genres

25%

of undergrads pursue
interdisciplinary studies

99%

BME job
placement

3

degree types
(BA, BME, BM) and options
for dual degrees

13

academic areas, including
composition, performance,
education and more



About the College of Music

At the University of Colorado Boulder College of Music, our mission is to inspire artistry and discovery, together. Our students earn more than a music degree in the foothills of the Rockies: We develop multiskilled, multifaceted universal musicians who are well-equipped to participate in the 21st century as artists, educators and scholars; as broadly based professionals with flexible career options; and as passionate, compassionate world citizens.

Our faculty are deeply dedicated pedagogues, award-winning performers, scholars and composers who support student success and flourishing—whether their passion is to teach, perform, compose, research or rethink music entirely.

Since 1920, the CU Boulder College of Music offers a wide range of programs for undergraduate and graduate study, integrating advanced musical and interdisciplinary training with professional-level experiences. Home to the American Music Research Center, the first university-level music entrepreneurship center in the country and a musicians' wellness program, the College of Music offers seven degrees in 24 fields of study—i.e., a full range of bachelor's, master's and doctoral programs including three degree types for undergrads (BA, BME, BM) with options for BA degree emphases in music production and songwriting, plus options for dual degrees.

One of the top comprehensive music schools in the country, the College of Music is a fully accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Music since 1941.



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