

SPAGHETTI & STRINGS



Saturday, January 25, 2025
Santa Monica High School
6:00 PM

Dear Honored Guests,

Welcome to the 20th Annual Spaghetti and Strings, reimagined in its essential form: a dinner shared in community (**Spaghetti**) and a presentation of beautiful healing music by our Intermezzo, Philharmonic and Symphony Orchestras (**Strings**).

Our event began 20 years ago as a small spaghetti dinner and talent show in the Samohi cafeteria. Through the years, it has transformed into an elegant evening where families and friends gather and celebrate the talents of our young musicians and to raise funds for our program.

This year, in light of the devastating fires that have impacted our wider community, we have put our fundraising aside in order to simply be together, to allow the healing power of music to show our gratitude to first responders and offer, we hope, some beauty to those impacted directly by the fires. Thank you to everyone in our community for contributing to make this possible, and for your contributions to the relief effort.

We would like to acknowledge the efforts and flexibility of this year's Spaghetti & Strings Team: Event Co-Chairs Cindy Fitzgerald and Lan Ngo, auction Co-Chairs Jeffrey Douglas and Kristen Kaneko, first year Chair Jill Nunes Jensen, and the entire OPA Executive Board which works tirelessly to create all of our memorable events in support of our community and of the extraordinary music education of almost 300 orchestra students.

Lastly, thank you all for joining us tonight, and for sharing your warmth and support with each other during these very difficult times.

Sincerely,
Jason & Jim

SPAGHETTI & STRINGS

Directed by Jason Aiello and Jim Wang



INTERMEZZO ORCHESTRA

Tango Traicionero by Kirt Mosier

Music from "Wicked" by Stephen Schwartz, arr. by Ted Ricketts

PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Swan Lake Suite by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

I. Scene (Act II, No. 10)

III. Dance of the Swans (Act II, No.13, Allegro moderato)

The Carnival of the Animals by Camille Saint-Saëns

V. Elephant

VII. Aquarium

XIV. Finale

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Cinema Paradiso by Ennio Morricone

Libertango by Astor Piazzolla

INTERMEZZO ORCHESTRA

Violin

Sydney Chan**
Arli Segall**
Alex Alvizo
Lohan Barnes
Nyah Bishop
Stella Callen
Tanya Cortes
Evelyn Gelfand
Karina Hernandez
Katie Lee
Yared Lopez
Julian Luis
Aaliyah McGee
Andrea Miranda Orozco
Briana Negrete
Finnegan O'Brien
Alejandro Poza
Stella Quiros
Yahir Santiago Ruiz
Julian Sassoon
Mario Scaduto
Payton Smith
Andrew Walzer-Martinez
Ryan Wells
Selina Zhang
Micah Zund

Viola

Philip Chernenkov*
Mimi Bijur
Ryan Chambers
Demiana Dous
Anka Jovanovic
Harper Lemle
Sara Lord
Melina Martinez
Mia McTeigue

Cello

Ridley Beck*
Yeonjae Cho
Jason DeBeech
Yungbihn Douglas
Rafael Hackman-Garcia
Griffin Kay
John MacDonald
Ethan Suh

Bass

Lucie Demmer*
Ian Oakes
Salma Salib
Serena Wu

PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Violin

Benjamin Clark**
Grant Jensen**
Athena Miller**
Miyuki Saita**
Tea Eisenberg*
An Ngo*
Vasily Sahrai*
Siena Tovar Burke*
Leo Bernknopf
Ava Brara
Amanda Camacho
Kendi Cunningham
Guadalupe De Pablo
Kaitlyn Eggers
Loa Garcia-Lopez
Maya Jarmakani
Theo Karlin
Selin Kocataskin
Megan Kovac
Michael Kuzma
Sierra Pacifici
Hannah Rapoport-
Kamman
Marie Zucco-Reynolds

Viola

Fiona Vader*
Sofia Ally
Deborah Amezquita
Kosei Cannon
Ryan Gillespie-Breslo
Amber Havel
Sophia Hernandez
Oscar Hughes
Brooke Merriam
Elle Oliva
Mateo Peterson
Riley Schreier

Cello

Hanako Gross*
Nylah Bennett
Grace Garcia
Mason Gravelle
Calum Hurwitz
Adele Jouffret
Luke Shimahara
Ellie Skalaski
Lewis Smith
Emily Umana
Orly Wilkinson

Bass

Carlin Joensen*
Mylie Baker
Ramona Gutierrez
Nina Slavonia
Lilla Valenzuela
Edward Wallace

Flute

Emi Yamashiro-Hergert*
Maeko Gross
Sophia Huether
Shayna Kadish
Ana Katanic

Piccolo

Shayna Kadish*

Oboe

Liam Fitzpatrick*
Otis Sloan

Clarinet

Teddy Forrer*
Dalia Puchalt*
Leo Kelty
James Tigrak
Asher Zaczepinski

Bass Clarinet

James Tigrak

Bassoon

Graham Gorman*
Reed Walker

French Horn

Alex Brandenburg*
Dylan Ezard*
Giana Aimonetti
Ethan Crawford
Benicio De Oliveira
Tiago Duarte Silva

Trumpet

Kyle Matsui*
Alex Dimitrov
Oliver Levine

Trombone

Emily Wessling*
Koli Senchuk

Bass Trombone

Martin Williams*

Tuba

Émilien Ged*

Percussion

Brendan Aronin*
Coby Hagooli Bolanos*
Samir Hirji-Johnson
Govind Raman
Grace Wilkins

Harp

Angelina Knight-Weber

Piano

Jacob Haselhoff*
Landon Fringer

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

1st Violin

Aerin Lee**
Clara Percus*
Christopher Rhee*
Henry Sullivan*
Feben Ayele
Eleanor Cadena
Oriane LaChapelle
Marcus Neely
Adam Orshansky
Kyle Wang

2nd Violin

Marina Shickler**
Shayl Khatod*
Oliver Deutsch*
Salomon Singer-Portnoy*
Nathan DeBeech
Max Epstein
Jacob Haselhoff
Oscar Hughes
Maxwell Lin
Sofia Moreno-Morales
Eleanor Smith
Naomi Xia

Viola

Alex Sebastian*
Naomi Altman
Camille Choe
Allison Gee
Peter Jarvis
Eleanor Kim
Emily Martinez Santiago
Jackson Mayeda
Adeline Rader
Georgia Rowe
Annelise Sebastian
Alexandra Weinberger

Cello

Sophie O'Brien*
Gregory Gee*
Rose Gallagher
Josephine Kim-Pearson
Henry Kim
Eva Machtinger
Daniel Ostrovsky
Eliana Radusky
Ian Rhie-Kim
Lyam Shapouri
Soren Thanawalla
Caspian Tidmore

Bass

Grayson Fitzgerald*
Natalia Guerra
Connor Lee
Jordan Makhani

Flute

Arianna French*
Tessa Rogers
Amber French

Piccolo

Amber French*

Oboe

Roen Peralta*
Silas Tropea-Lester

Clarinet

Nathaniel Chin*
Eli Tobel
Georgia Hadley
Johnathan Lin

Bassoon

Sohrab Zarin*

French Horn

Alex Brandenburg*
Charlotte Moss*
Ethan Crawford
London Leslie

Trumpet

Elle Guggenheim*
Matti Scott*
Marco Sung

Trombone

Alex Beekman*
Luke Terlizzi

Bass Trombone

Nathaniel Jaffa*

Tuba

Yunho Heo*

Percussion

Max Bernstein*
Eli Boreth*
Declan Clark
Landon Fringer
Tess Sloan

Harp

Xylia Criswell*

Piano

Landon Fringer*

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

1st Violin

Aerin Lee**
Clara Percus
Marina Shickler
Henry Sullivan

2nd Violin

Christopher Rhee*
Oliver Deutsch
Shayl Khatod
Adam Orshansky
Salomon Singer-Portnoy
Kyle Wang

Viola

Alex Sebastian*
Camille Choe
Allison Gee
Adeline Rader

Cello

Sophie O'Brien*
Gregory Gee*
Daniel Ostrovsky
Lyam Shapouri

Bass

Grayson Fitzgerald*
Natalia Guerra
Connor Lee

** Concertmaster

* Principal

WE ARE GRATEFUL...

An event of this size, even reimagined without an auction, raffle or rooftop wine reception, does not happen without the incredible generosity, flexibility and dedication of a key group of volunteers. Heartfelt thanks to our 2025 Spaghetti & Strings team: Jeffrey Douglas, Karrie Dvorchak, Cindy Fitzgerald, Kristen Kaneko, Lan Ngo, Jill Nunes Jensen, Sarah Starks, and Jennifer Wilkinson, and the entire OPA Executive Board.

AND SPECIAL THANKS...

To our Emcee Victor Komlos, our Samohi administration and facilities team, Chris Green Catering, Boxed Water is Better, Fresh Brothers, and Repurpose for their support. We'd also like to express our appreciation to the many volunteers in the room tonight who have donated their time and resources, who helped solicit items for our auction (which will take place at a later date), and the businesses who donated items, and to those who have donated to causes that are supporting the victims of the wildfires and our first responders. Last but not least, thank you to the incredible Samohi Orchestras musicians, and their parents for their unwavering support.



TO OUR COMMUNITY...

The Samohi Orchestras community is thinking of everyone who is impacted by the fires and hopes that you and your loved ones are safe. We wanted to be sure that you were aware that the district is maintaining a list of resources for families and staff affected by wildfires, which you can view and share here:



For those interested in donating to those in SMMUSD impacted by the fire, the district has shared information about the Los Angeles County Office of Education endorsed LA County Education Wildfire Recovery Fund, through which donors may designate that they wish to donate specifically to the Santa Monica-Malibu USD, and funds will be directed to families / staff in need in our district.