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SCHOOL ORCHESTRA
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WINTER CONCERT

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MHS Orchestra Restaurant Night

Skip the cooking and cleaning and support MHS Orchestra at the same time! Below is our final restaurant spirit night for this semester.

By eating at these restaurants and mentioning MHS Orchestra, 20% or more of proceeds will be donated to the MHS Orchestra Booster Club.

Mark this down on your calendar and bring a friend - MHS Orchestra chooses not to do school-wide cell phone callouts for these events!

Monday, December, 16
Panera Bread
Craig Drive (Eldorado & 75)

And remember to mention **MHS Orchestra** when you order!

Poinsettia Sale

The poinsettias decorating the stage are for sale this evening! After the concert, take one with you to the lobby to purchase for \$10.

Candy Bundles

Candy bags are for sale in the lobby before and after the concert this evening - \$5 each. They make great gifts for your musician!

Concert & Sinfonia Orchestra

Jacob Cortez, Director

Two Horse Open Sleigh

Gary Fletcher

Holiday Carol Collage

Arr. Michael Story

Violin

Kazimir Acevedo
Yamama Ahmed
Gabriel Alvarez
Giovanni Arellano
Anthony Arredondo
Laila Booker
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Violin (continued)

Isaiah Rosborough
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Daniela Velez Muniz
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Viola

Isabela Aguilar Nunez
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Juan Delgadillo Cruz
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Luca Martinez Galindo
Marley Moore
Jacqueline Nguyen
Gwenyth Pena
Pearson Prows

Cello

Jasmine Akyol
Eric Alonso
Zachary Boyko
Mason Brock
Kenneth Brown
Omari Clark
Haylow Cupido
Justin Elorza Mendoza
Justin Garcia
Meilani Gomez
Alma Melgar Elias
Aiden Nguyen
Adrien Smith

Bass

Yair Espinoza
Lillian Miller
Sean Sherman
Charles Wisdom

Two Horse Open Sleigh

The title of this piece evokes the opening lyrics from “Jingle Bells”, except with twice the horsepower. The added wood blocks and sleigh bells (plus an optional horse winney) are seemingly also a tribute to Leroy Andersen’s “Sleigh Ride,” the final piece on this evening’s concert.

The spirited melody in the violins accompanied by lush, lyrical harmonies in the low strings paint a picture of a winter sleigh ride. Repeated short notes in the inner voices, plus the wood blocks, represent the sound of horse hooves trotting in the snow.

Holiday Carol Collage

This work combines bits and pieces from over ten popular carols, all woven together in one new yet familiar tune. How many Christmas Carols can you recognize?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____

Camerata Orchestra

Jeff Harvick, Conductor

The Christmas Song

Mel Torme, Robert Wells, arr. James Kazik

Fum Fum Fum

Traditional, arr. J Cameron Law

Winter Wonderland/Let it Snow

Arr. Bob Cerulli

Violin

Hayden Donaldson
Mia Ehrlich
Maximilian Gallen
Ashley Hernandez
Salguero
Sharona Khavar
Michael McAloon
Zhina Mohsen Pour
Benjamin Obara
Dominick Pesano
Connor Phipps
Edwin Ramirez
Maria Rico Merino
Lauren Schipper
ReNya Seals
Natalie Sims
Robert Vigil
Trinity Williams

Viola

Jean Alvarez
Krish Gupta
Fernando Huerta
Alondra Lugo
Josh Monsanto
Armando Mora
Alexis Perales Valadez
Elias Solis

Cello

Hunter Brigdon
Kate Britt
York Bryson
Braeden Franzen
Ellison Hampton
Shepard Moon
Joselyn Morales
Bentley Suckow
Brenden Whaley

Bass

Hayden Bond
Nelly Love
Gavin Pendergraft

The Christmas Song

The Christmas Song (commonly subtitled Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire or, as it was originally subtitled, Merry Christmas to You) is a classic Christmas song written in 1945 by Bob Wells and Mel Tormé.

According to Tormé, the song was written during the same blistering hot summer as gave rise to Let it Snow (above). In an effort to "stay cool by thinking cool", the song was born. Tormé recalled: "I saw a spiral pad on his (Wells') piano with four lines written in pencil, They started, 'Chestnuts roasting..., Jack Frost nipping..., Yuletide carols..., Folks dressed up...' Bob didn't think he was writing a song lyric. He said he thought if he could immerse himself in winter he could cool off. Forty minutes later that song was written. I wrote all the music and some of the lyrics."

According to Performing Rights Organization BMI, it is the most-performed Christmas song, which seems to give it license to its moniker as THE Christmas song.

Fum Fum Fum

"Fum, Fum, Fum" is a Catalan Christmas carol from the 16th or 17th century. The word "fum" has many meanings ranging from the sound of a rocking cradle, the sound of a drum, the strum of a guitar or even playing on a fiddle. The literal definition of "fum" in Catalan means smoke, which could also refer to smoke rising from a chimney.

Whatever the exact meaning, "Fum, Fum, Fum" is a lively, fast Christmas carol that is sure to make you want to hum along.

Winter Wonderland/Let it Snow

Winter Wonderland was written in 1934 by composer Felix Bernard and lyricist Richard B. Smith. Smith, a native of Honesdale, Pennsylvania, was reportedly inspired to write the lyrics after seeing his hometown's Central Park covered in snow. Conversely, Let It Snow was written by lyricist Sammy Cahn and composer Jule Styne in a July 1945 heat wave as, Cahn and Styne imagined cooler conditions.

Both songs have a lot in common: both are in a moderate swing style and conjure up winter imagery, though neither mentions Christmas or any other holiday explicitly.

Here, arranger Bob Cerulli expertly combines the two - first introducing them one at a time, then at the end even featuring them in harmony. See if you can hear the moment when the two melodies happen at the same time!

Philharmonic Orchestra

Director, Jacob Cortez

Troika (from Lieutenant Kijé)

Sergei Prokofiev, arr. Paul Lavender

I'll Be Home for Christmas

Kim Gannon & Walter Kent, arr. Erik Morales

Iditarod

Soon Hee Newbold

Violin

Shayan Ahmed
Grey Bokmeyer
Natalie Brown
Duncan Cissik
Reese Collins
Vanessa Flores
Camille Johansen
Esther Mujica Gomez
John Nguyen
Jaeden Parham
Diana Rangel
Mustafa Rizvi
Ryan Tonui
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Viola

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Bass
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Troika (from Lieutenant Kijé)

This work was 20th century Soviet composer Sergei Prokofiev's first venture into film composing.

In the satirical story of Kijé, a wildly unlikely mistake leads to the non-existent person named Lieutenant Kijé being entered into the rolls of a military company, and in order to prevent official embarrassment, Kijé is invented. The film then chronicles in narrative the Lieutenant's arrival, marriage, and burial.

This movement takes its name from a Russian sleigh used commonly in winter called a "troika," which is pulled by three horses.

I'll be Home for Christmas

I'll Be Home for Christmas is a Christmas song recorded in 1943 by Bing Crosby, who scored a top ten hit with the song. The song was written by the lyricist Kim Gannon and composer Walter Kent.

Originally written to honor soldiers overseas in World War II who longed to be home at Christmastime, I'll Be Home for Christmas has since gone on to become a Christmas standard. The original was made popular by singer Bing Crosby. Many versions of the tune have been recorded since, including versions by singers Elvis Presley, Johnny Mathis, and most recently, Michael Bublé.

I'm dreaming tonight of a place I love/ Even more than I usually do
And although I know it's a long road back/ I promise you
I'll be home for Christmas/ You can count on me
Please have snow and mistletoe/ And presents under the tree
Christmas Eve will find me/ Where the love light gleams
I'll be home for Christmas/ If only in my dreams

Iditarod

Known as the Last Great Race on Earth, the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race stretches over 1,150 miles of Alaska's wild terrain, from Anchorage to Nome. Mushers and their dogs endure harsh conditions, frozen lakes, extreme temperatures, and rugged landscapes to run the race, which takes anywhere from 10 to 17 days. Currently, more than 50 teams participate in the grueling race every year. The Iditarod commemorates an event where dog sleds rushed to deliver the diphtheria serum to Nome during an epidemic in 1925.

Newbold opens with a triumphant theme in 6/8 time. Driving rhythms propel the music forward as the race begins. She transitions into a slow and lyrical interlude that highlights every section of the orchestra. A rigid version of the opening theme in 4/4 time drives the race to a photo finish.

Chamber Orchestra & Concert Choir

Jeff Harvick and Tanner Wilemon, Conductors

Sinfonia in D Major, I. Allegro

Felix Mendelssohn

Gloria in D Major, RV 589

I. Gloria in Excelsis Deo

VI. Domine Fili Unigenite

XI. Cum Sancto Spiritu

Antonio Vivaldi

Sleigh Ride!

Leroy Anderson

Soprano

Zoya Acharya
Brooke Aguillard
Kami Bloxham
Ellie Bumpus
Katherine Cadorine
Drew Dossett
Isabelle Gallegos
Lauren Hunsaker
Aubrey Kelly
Madalyn Law
Millicent Logsdon
Keltie McLaughlin
Makayla Schaffran
Kate Shakespear
Audrey Tremble
Kaylynn Wells

Alto

Tiarra Banda
Callie Briones
Berkley Copeland
Robin Jade Del Rosario
Kaylee Holmes
Alexa Jaimes-Isaula
Talissa Kanjira
Leena Laro
Kylie Martinez
Ava Mathai
Blessing Mejeidu
Giada Meza
Sanaiya Mitchell
Tiffany Padilla Mora
Briana Rodriguez
Ava Spencer
Yee Mat Zhou

Tenor

Cole Brigdon
Joseph Cope
Ashton Hernandez
Luke Ludwig
Charles Skidmore
Caden Stephens
Aaron Witsell

Bass

Colton Benson
Brett Blain
Christopher Byrd
Mason Conner
Quinn Haney
Brad Hardy
Ryan Hoppe
Reece Mooney
Major Powell
Carson Staiger
Nathan Stilovich
Theron Stilovich
Johnathan Stoddard
Joe Wisdom

Violin I

Saylor Baker
Joe Jaramillo
Annalise Kleineberg
Kaitlin Lee
Christopher Quevedo
Mike Rocha
Austin Taylor

Violin II

Olivia Alejos
Alec Boss
Rachel Chung
Emma Engle
Kara Lin
Eliana Rudder
Edwin Varghese

Viola

Zalana Aguillard
Sydney Apger
Brooke Barragan
Grey Bokmeyer
David Das
Greyson Hampton
Megan Machuca

Cello

Brooke Aguillard
Zailee Fiore
Moss Golden
Kiran Hartman
Lauren Hunsaker
Esther Kijja
Anna Li
Allison Nguyen

String Bass

Evan Hudson
Amber Wang

Sinfonia in D Major

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847) was a German composer, pianist, organist and conductor of the early Romantic period. His best-known works include the overture and incidental music for *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (which includes the famous "Wedding March"), his Violin Concerto, the String Octet, and the melody used in the Christmas carol "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing". He would later go on to champion the music of JS Bach, who, while not obscure, was certainly not as well known as he is today.

He was recognised early as a musical prodigy, and received training from a very young age. His sister Fanny Mendelssohn received a similar musical education and was a talented composer and pianist in her own right.

This Sinfonia in D major was one of Mendelssohn's earliest compositions, written before he was even a teenager. These works were tributes to earlier Classical composers such as Joseph Haydn, CPE Bach, and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. It was likely written as an exercise, or "homework." These early Sinfonias demonstrate his prodigious technical skills as well a childlike playfulness.

Gloria in D Major

Antonio Vivaldi composed this Gloria in Venice, Italy around 1715, for the choir of the *Ospedale della Pietà*, an orphanage for girls. The orphanage prided itself on the quality of its musical education and the excellence of its choir and orchestra.

In the Catholic tradition, the Gloria is a hymn of praise used as the second part of the Ordinary of the Latin Mass. It begins with the words of the angels, as recounted in Luke: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will."

For two centuries after his death, Vivaldi's Gloria lay undiscovered until it was found buried among a pile of forgotten Vivaldi manuscripts in the 1920s. It was not performed until 1939, led by composer Alfredo Casella. This was by no means an authentic edition, as he embellished the original orchestration and cut sections from three movements. It was not until 1957 that the now familiar original version was published and given its first contemporary performance, in Brooklyn, NY.

Sleigh Ride

Composer Leroy Anderson formed the idea for Sleigh Ride during a heat wave in July 1946. Its first performance was by the Boston Pops Orchestra, with Arthur Fiedler conducting, in 1948. The lyrics, about riding in a sleigh and other wintertime activities, were written by Mitchell Parish and added in 1950.

Since then, it has become a ubiquitous holiday season classic, having been reinterpreted by artists from Johnny Mathis and Ella Fitzgerald to Gwen Stefani and the Muppets.

The piece is noted for the sounds of a horse clip-clopping, and a whip used to get the horse moving. Toward the end of the piece, a trumpet (or some other instrument...) imitates the sound of a horse whinnying.

Upcoming Dates

December 13-14

Region 24 High School All-Region Clinic and Concert

McKinney High School Performing Arts Center

Concerts on December 14, 4:00pm-5:30pm

Monday, December 16

MHS Orchestra Spirit Night at Panera Bread

Craig Drive (Eldorado & 75)

MHS Orchestra gets 25% of all proceeds

Tuesday, February 11

UIL Preview Concert

6:30pm

MHS Performing Arts Center

February 25-26

UIL Orchestra evaluation - first 2 dates

Reedy High School, Frisco

March 3-4

UIL Orchestra evaluation - last 2 dates

Walnut Grove High School, Prosper

Saturday, April 5

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Congratulations to the 15 MHS Orchestra students below for being accepted to one of the All-Region Orchestras! They will perform on Saturday, December 14, at 4:00, 4:30, and 5:00pm



Symphony Orchestra

Zalana Aguillard
Amber Wang
Evan Hudson

Philharmonic Orchestra

Brooke Barragan
Christopher Quevedo
Kaitlin Lee
Brooke Aguillard

String Orchestra

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Annalise Kleineberg
Sese Dyegh
Ruben Solis
Allison Nguyen

MHS Orchestra Spirit Items

Home Team Prints

We have many different types of orchestra shirts available for purchase! Visit the MHS Orchestra store at hometeamprints.net. Shirts can be purchased at any time, and picked up in store a few days later.



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Long Sleeve
SKU MCK00691
\$23.00



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Bella+Canvas Crew
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Sleeve Hoodie
SKU MCK00702
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Hoodie
SKU MCK00700
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Dri-Fit Hoodie
SKU MCK00694
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