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Youth Philharmonic

Fall 2026 Concert

November 15, 2026 | 5:00 PM

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The Girlies and Mitch

Youth Symphony Woodwind Quintet

Xinle (Lily) Zhu, flute
Shelby Spitznagel, oboe
Mitch Vacek, clarinet
Annie DeWater, horn
Kaylee Fredrick, bassoon
Coached by Rosario Galante

Kleine Kammermusik Op. 24, No. 2 **Paul Hindemith**

I. Lustig. Mäßig schnell Viertel

Youth Philharmonic

Debbie Martinez, Conductor

***Ancient Airs and Dances*, Suite No. 1** **Ottorino Respighi**

II. Gagliarda
IV. Passo mezzo e mascherada

Water Reflections **Yukiko Nishimura**

Dance of the Tumblers from *The Snow Maiden* **Nikolay Rimsky-Korsakoff**

Arr. Sandra Dackow

OAYO Mid-Season Auditions are Now Open!

Spread the word! OAYO is accepting mid-season auditions for the following instruments and ensembles:

Youth Philharmonic

- Violin
- Bass
- French Horn
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Tuba
- Percussion

Youth Concert Strings

- Violin
- Viola
- Bass

Auditions close on December 15th!

For more information, visit our website at **oayo.unomaha.edu** or **scan the QR code**.

Youth Philharmonic Personnel

Violin I
Princeton Dagbovie, *concertmaster*
Everett Hu, *associate concertmaster*
Evelyn Ahlers
Emilie Erkes
Michael Kelly Smith
Evelyn Misiolek
Arpita Srivastava

Violin II
Claire Doll, *principal*
Meredith Miller, *associate principal*
Greta Buelt, *assistant principal*
Arjun Andukuri
Darius Behboudi
Ainsley Cushing
Oliver Reid
Margot Stevenson
Trace VandenBurg II

Viola
Luke French, *principal*
Ved Chaudhari, *associate principal*
Bradley Boehm, *assistant principal*
Hudson Backhaus
Jonah Gray
Angelyna Kang
Carson Mitchell
Annabelle Romero

Cello
Sachiko Yang, *principal*
Evangeline Kim-Guisbert, *associate principal*
William Craig
Victor DeSouza
Sophia Grimmond
Sylvia Romero
Ada Schafer
Ezekiel Smith
Magnus Solberg
Clara Stromquist

Bass
James Cooper Hanson, *principal*
Max Sheets

Flute
Ruby Chavez
Maddeline Goergen
Jazmin Rodriguez

Oboe
Margo Miller
Carter Nash
Hannah Nowak
Henry Schwieger

Clarinet
Becker Jones
Yvonne Luo
Shane Spitznagel

Bassoon
Harrison Lucas
Isaac Persaud

Baritone
Louis Berry

Percussion
Connor Eilers
Sammy Herout

Debbie Martinez



Debbie Martinez is a 1995 graduate of the University of Nebraska-Omaha where she received her Bachelor of Music Education. She received her Masters Degree in Music Education with an emphasis in String Education from Florida State University in 2001, where she studied with Dr. Steve Kelly, Dr. Michael Allen, Dr. Clifford K. Madsen, and Dr. Pamela Ryan.

In 2006 and 2020, she was recognized as Outstanding School Orchestra Teacher by the Nebraska chapter of the American String Teachers Association, and was named Nebraska's National Federation of State High School Association's (NFHS) 2018-19 Outstanding Music Educator of the Year. She was also honored by the BYU Alumni Association with the 2019 Golden Apple Award, and the Caryl and Katherine Brown Award for Excellence in High School Teaching 2019, awarded by the Millard Public Schools Foundation.

Currently, she is the Performing Arts Department Head at Millard North High School, which was recognized as the 2019 Exemplary Music Program by the Nebraska Music Education Association. Mrs. Martinez directs 4 orchestras that serve 200 string players, and teaches a music production course. Besides enjoying her 26th year in Millard, she loves performing with the MAHR String Quartet, conducting with the Omaha Area Youth Orchestras, serving as Immediate Past President for the Nebraska Music Education Association and most of all, spending time with her incredibly supportive husband Bob, their two children, and their silly cats Baby and Houdini.

Omaha Area Youth Orchestras Staff

Dr. Karen Fannin - Director of School of Music
Dr. Matthew Brooks - Conductor of Youth Symphony
Debbie Martinez - Conductor of Youth Philharmonic
Rose Rydberg - Conductor of Youth Concert Strings
Sophia Potter - Chamber Music Program Director
Cassie Fritch - Manager of Youth Music Programs and Operations
Julissa Ramirez - Head Operations Assistant
Maryanne Uy - Operations Assistant
Hannah Gammil and Danielle Woods - Librarians