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Youth Concert Strings

Fall 2026 Concert

November 15, 2026 | 2:30 PM

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Sunday, November 15, 2026 | 2:30pm

Youth Symphony Cello Trio

Rosy Johnson, cello
Hanna Jones, cello
Carson Rayer, cello
Coached by Sophia Potter

"Minuet" from Trio for Three Cellos — **Anton Reicha**

Youth Concert Strings presents: Beyond the Horizon

Rose Rydberg, Conductor

Diana the Huntress — **Jeremy Woolstenhulme**

The Moldau — **Bedřich Smetana**
Arr. Todd Parrish

Fantasy on Aloha 'Oe — **Queen Lili'uokalani**
Arr. Brian Balmages

Terra Nova — **Richard Meyer**

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 Concert Strings Personnel

Violin I
Zev Katz-Lyda, *concertmaster*
Linus Reid, *associate concertmaster*
Josie Carey
Hadley Cushing
Sadie Jenkins
Mitra Maruvada
Jaycee Otto
Zahrasadat Razian
Vidyuth Sarathy
Amrutha Vijayanand

Violin II
Violet Nuss, *principal*
Evie Tejral, *associate principal*
Mary Birkholtz
David Choi
Micah Hitz
Annabel Holloway
Michelle Jiang
Busra Kucuk
Jolene Serfass
Allison Spaustat
Frances Walmsley

Viola
Beatrix Lucas, *principal*
Audrey Heywood, *associate principal*
Gavin Godbout
Ian Grinberg
Camberly Hall
Harrison Kinyon

Cello
Logan McKeone, *principal*
Morgan Day, *associate principal*
Liam Brooker
Everett Forsberg
Ezekiel Goetzinger
Cole Jenkins
Alexandria Kiel
Ethan Lu
Juliana Lu

Bass
Ezra Smith, *principal*

Piano
Anthony Manhart

Rose Rydberg



Rose Rydberg is a conductor, educator, and violinist whose lifelong connection to the Omaha Area Youth Orchestras helped inspire her career in music education. Since 2008, she has dedicated her career to music education in Omaha Public Schools and currently serves as Orchestra Director at Central High School. She earned her Bachelor of Music in Music Education and Master of Music in Violin Performance from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where she studied with Ruth Meints and Judy Wise.

In recognition of her dedication to students and excellence in teaching, Rose received the Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award in 2018. An active member of the American String Teachers Association, Nebraska Music Educators Association, and National Association for Music Education, Rose is committed to supporting music education and creating meaningful opportunities for students.

She has served in leadership roles including Music Department Head and Professional Learning Communities Lead and is passionate about supporting and mentoring early-career music educators. As a clinician, she has presented at the Nebraska Music Educators Association Conference and served as a guest conductor for the Council Bluffs All-City Music Festival and the Omaha Public Schools All-City Music Festival. She regularly serves as a clinician and adjudicator for solo, small ensemble, and large ensemble festivals throughout the region.

Her involvement with the Omaha Area Youth Orchestras spans decades—first as a student in Elementary Strings, Honors Orchestra, Youth Philharmonic, and Youth Symphony. Later, as a conductor and coach, she served as Elementary Strings Conductor in 2009, Honors Orchestra Conductor in 2017, sectional and chamber music coach, and was appointed Youth Concert Strings Conductor in 2025.

Outside the classroom, Rose remains an active performer and currently plays violin with the Metropolitan String Quartet. Rose is honored to continue giving back to the organization that played such an important role in her own musical development and enjoys sharing her love of music with her husband, Daniel, and their two children, Alex and Elowyn.

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