

A Holiday Concert

Cadet Orchestra
Lima Area Youth Orchestra
Sunday
December 10, 2023
4:00 PM

Lima Senior High School

Under the direction of

Mr Joseph MacBenn

Ms Tawnie Keen



The Cadet Orchestra

Blizzard Doris Gazda

The Hanukkah Song Traditional

Arr. Lloyd Conley

Christmas Mash-Up Lloyd Conley

Lima Area Youth Orchestra

A Festive Fanfare **Brian Balmages**

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring J.S. Bach

Arr. A. Luck

Fum Fum Fum **Traditional Spanish**

Arr. D. Elliott

Farandole G. Bizet

Trepak **Prosper Morand**

Let it Snow! J. Styne & S. Cahn

Arr. J. D. Ployhar

Somewhere in My Memory John Williams

Arr. Larry Moore

How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Arr, J. Brubaker

Leroy Anderson

Cadets arr. J. MacBenn





To our old members, welcome back. For our new members, welcome. Whatever your status, we're glad you're here to join us. One of the things that I'm sure you'll notice is that this concert will be filled with energy.

Our program starts with the Cadet Orchestra. Their first song is Blizzard, which is reminiscent of a child's energy when they have a snow day, most likely because of a blizzard. This is followed by the magical energy of Hanukkah, a Jewish holiday which has similar timing to Christmas. The Cadets finish off their program with the ever-present Christmas energy of Jingle Bells.

The energy is renewed with the LAYO program on their first number, the "shimmering" Festive Fanfare. We follow this up with Ms Keen's conducting debut for Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring. The traditional Spanish carol Fum, Fum, Fum will filled with time, tonality and dynamic changes. Georges Bizet's L'Arlesienne gave us a lot of great tunes, and Farandole is no exception: it is largely made up of the carol March of the Kings. Trepak, although mostly known as a part of the ballet The Nutcracker by Tchaikovsky, is just a type of Ukrainian dance, this one notably by British composer Prosper Morand, who was a pseudonym for the British composer Charles Woodhouse. As we move through our program, we come to the favorite Let It Snow, and then the classic from Home Alone, Somewhere in My Memory. How the Grinch Stole Christmas, has a great set of music to it, and we'll complete the LAYO program with some highlights from that.

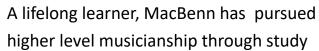
Our energy comes to a close for the concert with the perennial favorite Sleigh Ride, with both LAYO and the Cadets combined.

I would be mistaken if I didn't highlight the work done by some of our students: Jaden Neuman, Olivia Cox, Sadie Combs, and Liviya Whitlatch have all been absolutely essential in their help and leadership with the Cadets. I am thankful for the leadership & excellence of Jaden Neuman, Adanna Johnstone, Sadie Combs, Charles Price, Alex Dunahay & Emma Clement for their input for programmatic changes & suggestions. I continue to be pleasantly surprised how some of our students continue to expand & work on their leadership roles both within and outside of our group.

Thank you for being here today with us and your continued support of LAYO. I hope for nothing but the best for all of you.

Mr Joseph MacBenn, Director, Cadet Orchestra

Joseph MacBenn is excited to return, this time as the head director, for the Lima Area Youth Orchestra's 2023-2024 season. As an educator in the Lima City School District, Joseph has been a valued member of the string orchestra faculty since 2001 and works with students in grades five through twelve. Mr MacBenn has an extensive history of musical study and performance including over 40 years of violin and over 30 years on a variety of brass instruments.





with celebrated chamber musicians like the Miró String Quartet, Ukrainian pianist Roman Rudnytsky, and has attended masterclasses with the famed American violinist Darol Anger.

Mr MacBenn received his Bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of Mount Union in 2001 and continued to earn a Master's degree in Education from Ohio Northern University in 2005. He returned to the University of Mount Union in 2015 to successfully complete a Master of Educational Leadership.

Joe lives in Lima with his wife, Melissa, their daughter Megan (Cadet Orchestra), and two cats: Snickers and Reecie. He is proud & thankful to once again work with so many great musicians from the area.

Ms Tawnie Keen, Assistant Director

Celebrating her first year with the Lima Area Youth Orchestra is Ms Tawnie Keen. A valued music educator with the Lima City Schools, Keen has a thorough background in percussion, woodwinds, and even voice.

Ms Keen is a graduate of Ohio Northern University where she obtained her Bachelors of Music in Education. It is at Ohio Northern where she met and studied under Dr. Sarah Waters. She has performed and studied under Dr. Erin Torres and Dr. David Kosmyna, and Bill Molenhoff. She has also been scheduled to perform in venues such as New York City, New Orleans, and overseas.



Keen is also the Percussion Technician for Hardin Northern High School's marching band, where she instructs, builds & maintains a variety of instruments and equipment. Also a staff member of the Ohio Northern Music Camp, Ms Keen has already worked with several members of LAYO over the past several years. She currently teaches choir and music technology at Lima West Middle School, and is a part of Ohio Music Educators Association, the National Association for Music Education, Sigma Alpha Iota, and Kappa Kappa Psi.

"I'm excited to be a part of this, and thankful for the opportunity" says Keen. She currently lives in Ada with her partner & fur babies.



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The 2023-2024 Lima Area Youth Orchestra

Violin 1

Jaden Neuman, Co-Concert Master

Adanna Johnstone, Co-Concert Master

Chloe Troyer

Mackay Tuttle

Liliana Liberato

Cale Tryoer

Simon Marchal

Becca Keller

Violin 2

Olivia Cox, Principal

Rachel Peterson

Evelyn Hovest

Riya Naroor

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Katie Bauman

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Kelsey Bauman

Viola

Sadie Combs, Principal

Daphne Johnston

Cello

Liviya Whitlatch, Principal

Ephraim Wey

Double Bass

Owen Vick, Principal

Toby Bucher

Clarinet

Alyssa Hoffman

Ashlyn Mosier

Flute

Jacob Egts, Principal

Lauren Starcher

Lauren Miller

Alyssa Rickett

<u>Oboe</u>

Trinity Schumacher

Jayna Zeltner

French Horn

Emma Clement, Principal

Carson Huber

Ribka Eyob

Trumpet

Kaitlyn Clement, Principal

Bekah Allen

Cody Thiel

Trombone

Alex Dunahay, Co-Principal

Morgan Huber, Co-Principal

Landen Bacon

Tuba

Benton Harris

Percussion/Piano

Charles Price, Principal

Josiah Phillips

Maizie Digby







<u>Violin</u>

Jack Begonia

Malia Curl

Nora Feasel

Georgia Hagen

Ellie Hefner

Gabriella Holmes

Landon Huber

Megan MacBenn

Renee Peterson

Ruby Peterson

Ariannah Tripp

<u>Viola</u>

McKenna Huber

<u>Cello</u>

Roan Salvage

Bass

Frankie Burden



Upcoming events for the LAYO family!

Sunday, January 7 First LAYO rehearsal of 2024!

Saturday, January 27 District 3 Solo & Ensemble

March 1 & 2 State Orchestra Contest

Saturday, March 9, 2024 Home Show Performance at the

Allen County Fairgrounds, time TBA

March 15 & 16 OMEA Large Group Band & Choir

Tuesday, March 19 Children's Concert Dress Rehearsal

6-7 PM

Wednesday, March 20 Children's Concert @ Civic Center

10 AM, Call time 8:30 AM

Sunday, March 24 LAYO Finale Concert

4 PM, Call time 2:30

Wednesday, May 8 Awards & Honors Luncheon

American Legion Post 96, noon

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