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RIDGE POINT AUDITORIUM

THURSDAY MARCH SECOND TWENTY TWENTY-THREE



PERFORMANCES BY

RONALD THORNTON MIDDLE SCHOOL FULL ORCHESTRA
RIDGE POINT HIGH SCHOOL FULL ORCHESTRA

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FULL ORCHESTRA CONCERT

EVENT STARTS FROM 07:00PM

please silence your phones and enjoy the show

Ocean Storm
by Vivaldi arr. by Fritz

Ronald Thornton Middle School Full Orchestra

Eagles Among Us
by Balmages

Genesis
by Galante

Waltz No. 2
by Shostakovich

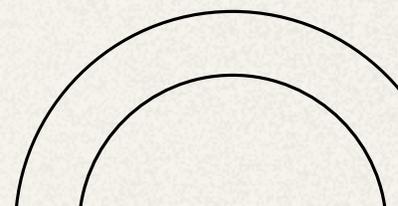
Ridge Point High School Full Orchestra

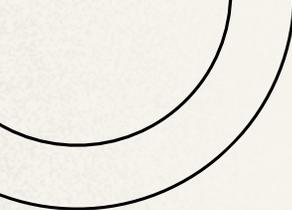
Pavane
by Fauré

Finlandia
by Sibelius

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RONALD THORNTON MIDDLE SCHOOL FULL ORCHESTRA

STRINGS

Aseel Alaqrabawi, Sophia Basile, Isabella Ceron, Avery Cruz, Emily Davis, Glenford Dixon, Griffin Dotson, Samuel Elowitz, Oluwatamilore Faleye, Avie Garcia, Kalikasan Giron, Daisy Gonzalez, Annika Haugen, Lauren Helmbach, Janaya Jackson, Gavin Lapointe, Thy Le, Derek Leonard Jr, Emilio Lopez, Hannah Martinelango, Madalyn Martinez, Marguerite Mcdonald, Aria Meeks, Kendall Merkel, Isabella Miller, Mia Mohtashami, Sophia Morales, Serina Pena, Addison Peppers, Alexandra Poon, Aria Poon, Nia Salazar Compagnino

WINDS AND PERCUSSION

Evelyn Bartsch, Marcus Battle, Nina Brainer de Carvalheira, Brayden Boyer, Caleb Callahan, Joseph Candler, Braulio Chourio, Kipton Cox, Sydney Crockett, Landon Deshazo, Tanghao Fu, Mateo Funes, Hannah Gendler-Cruz, Kennedy Gray, Evelyn Harper, Max Jawe, Harper Johnson, Michael Johnson, Sutton Johnson, Jacob Jones, Yuri Kwon, Aiden Ledford, Advik Mandalapu, Phillip Ochuwa, William O'Nan, Jaden Ortega, Charlie Pamphilis, Keith Rouse, Gabby Vieira, Drennan Watson





RIDGE POINT HIGH SCHOOL FULL ORCHESTRA

SYMPHONY STRINGS

Stanley Abraham, Walter Arballes, Ava Banks, Hannah Bhaskaran, Miguel Castro Paz, Junard Chua, Cameron Collins, Jackson Davis, Wilson Eagar, Kaitlin Esquivel, Sophia Faulkner, Alonzo Guerrero, Dalton Guion, Esha Nag Hari, Tyler Herman, Jason Jackson, Abigail Karithara, Bennett Mohtashami, Marissa Monteiro, Lordina Owusu-Asante, Solomon Poon, Erica Preeth, Ariel Riggins, Julieta Rivera, Mathias Schaffhausen, Abigail Sibhatu, Hana Takimoto, Rania Thomas, Steve Thomas, Ryan Webster

CHAMBER STRINGS

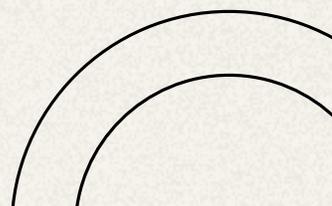
Nicolas Aquino, Olivia Bishop, Skylah Brooks, Sharick Byfield, Caitlyn Caya, April D'empaire, William Gipson, Madysen Hardy, Allen Huang, Rachel Kee, Katie Kubiak, Tanly Kulachanpises, Dhriti Kumar, Dhruv Kumar, Sophia Leal, Christian Lemaire, Timothy Malit, Eric Massie, Stephany Mwaura, Elise O'Neill, Jasmine Perez, Enoch Poon, Yousef Rabaa, Jai Salazar Compagnino, Oliver Salazar Compagnino, Yohana Sibhatu, Anthony Simescu, Noah Swanson, Allison Vu, Henry Yip, Brandon Zhu

WINDS

Nico Alcocer, Sebastian Alvarado, Brisa Arballes, Jacob Belbin, Matthew Blomstrom, Haley Cavender, Christy Chung, Alex Da Vera Cruz, Chase Dawson, Madelyn Day, Lucia Elizondo-Collado, Isabela Elizondo-Collado, Greta Haushcel, Joseph Koennecke, Jack Kustenbauter, Joseph Lara, Jeff Luna, Austin Merkel, Travis Merkel, William Monroe Gabe Piwowar, Matthew Price, Jason Red, Massimo Retteghieri, Emilie Reyburn, Wilfredo Santos, Gerardo Serano, Jonathan Thomas, Caleb Wallace, Kyle Weinig

PERCUSSION

Caleb Thornton, Kale White, Gabe Sumrow, Sophia Procter





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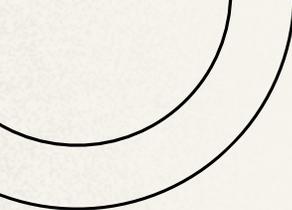
Ms. Kara Hernandez

Ms. Hernandez is a product of FBISD and its excellent orchestra programs. She graduated from Clements High School under the direction of Mrs. Ginger Wolfe. She also attended Commonwealth Elementary and Fort Settlement Middle School. Ms. Hernandez received a Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Houston with some coursework in nonprofits and graduated Cum Laude. Throughout her time at the U of H's Moores School of Music, she performed with the Symphony, Opera, Ballet, and Chamber Orchestras. Ms. Hernandez also served her school as a Moores School of Music ambassador.

Ms. Hernandez is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA). In 2022, she accepted the position of the Region 13 Orchestra Chair. She is a violist for the Houston Civic Symphony, Galveston Symphony Orchestra, Texas Chamber Symphony, and St. Laurence Catholic Church.

When not teaching or playing her instrument, Ms. Hernandez enjoys spending time outdoors and supporting the Houston Astros with her husband and children. She enjoys reading, baking, playing board games, exercising, spending time with her musical colleagues, listening to My Chemical Romance, and serving the Greater Houston community.





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THORNTON DIRECTOR OF BANDS

Mr. Jason Finnels

Jason Finnels is in his 13th year of teaching and fifth year as Director of Bands at Ronald Thornton Middle School. Prior to opening Thornton Middle School in 2018, Mr. Finnels was the Director of Bands at Watauga Middle School in Birdville ISD from 2014-2018. Mr. Finnels has also taught at Mesquite ISD and Crosby ISD.

While under his direction, bands have received consistent UIL Sweepstakes awards, including the Thornton Middle School Band in its inaugural year. The Watauga Middle School Honors Band was a two-time finalist at the annual North Texas Festival of Distinction and was recognized as a two-time Commended Winner in the National Wind Band Mark of Excellence Competition. In 2022 and just four years after its inception, the Thornton Middle School Band was named a finalist in the North Texas Festival of Distinction and was also selected as an Invited Band to perform in the 2023 Music for All National Concert Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. Finnels is a 2009 Cum Laude Graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University and a 2018 Summa Cum Laude Graduate of Southern Methodist University.

Mr. Finnels is an active member of the Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, and the Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society. He is an active adjudicator and clinician/consultant. He has presented clinics on teaching band at the Texas Music Educators Association in San Antonio, Texas, and the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Convention in Chicago, Illinois.





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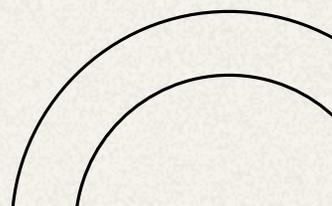
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Mr. Collin Beavers

Collin Beavers is currently in his fifth year of teaching and his first year at Ronald Thornton Middle School. Prior to Thornton, Mr. Beavers was the Assistant Director of Bands at Angleton Junior High in Angleton ISD where he taught all beginning woodwind classes and the Symphonic Band. Under his direction, the Angleton Junior High Symphonic Band received multiple UIL Sweepstakes awards. Prior to teaching in Angleton, Mr. Beavers taught Saxophone private lessons in the Dallas/Fort Worth Area.

Mr. Beavers is a 2017 graduate from the University of Texas at Arlington. While at UT Arlington, Mr. Beavers studied Saxophone and conducting with Tim Ishii, Michael Morrison, Chris McGuire and Dr. Douglas Stotter, respectively. He was also an active member of the Maverick Marching Band, MavBrass, Saxophone Ensemble, and served as the Principal Saxophonist of the Symphonic Winds. Mr. Beavers was also a member of the 2015 Santa Clara Vanguard Drum and Bugle Corps on mellophone and has served as a marching technician for the Keller Central High School and Richland High School Bands.

Mr. Beavers is an active member of the Texas Music Educators Association and the Texas Bandmasters Association. Additionally, he currently serves as the East Texas Representative for the Young Band Directors of Texas, an organization designed to provide support to young band directors in the developing years of their careers. He is a proud native of the Dallas/Fort Worth area and enjoys using his free time to work out, listening to Dua Lipa, and watch the Astros.





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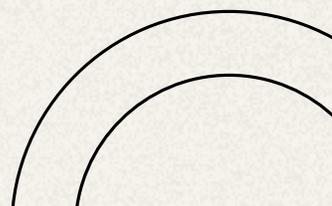
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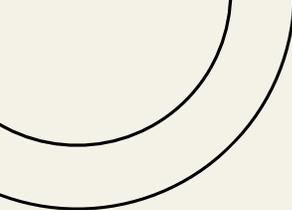
Mr. Henry Watts

Mr. Watts has lived in Houston his entire life. He grew up in Fort Bend ISD and graduated from Kempner High School. After high school, Mr. Watts continued his studies at the University of Houston where he earned his Bachelor's degree in Music Education with a focus on string pedagogy. After graduating from U of H, Mr. Watts began teaching at Ridge Point High School and has worked at the school since it first opened in 2010.

Mr. Watts is both a professional cellist and pianist. He performs with the chamber group Third Floor Strings all around the Greater Houston area. Mr. Watts is also the director of Music at St. Catherine Episcopal Church in Sienna. Mr. Watts is also an avid composer and writes and arranges music for both choir and orchestra. Mr. Watts has had compositions premiered in Carnegie Hall and in Europe. He is also a member of TMEA, TODA and Phi Mu Alpha.

When Mr. Watts is not working on music, he enjoys baking, playing video games and spending time with his son, Lucas.





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Mr. Luis Saldana

Mr. Saldaña graduated from the University of North Texas with a BM in Music Education and was a member of the euphonium studio under Dr. Brian L. Bowman. During his academic career at UNT, he had the privilege to perform in masterclasses with euphonium artists such as Mr. Steven Mead, Dr. Mitsuru Saito, Dr. Neal Corwell, Dr. Brian Meixner, and Dr. Matt Tropman. He was a member of the UNT Symphonic and Concert Bands under the direction of Mr. Dennis Fisher and Dr. Nick Williams. During the 2002 and 2003 seasons, he served on the visual staff for the UNT Green Brigade Marching Band. In addition to the Green Brigade, he was also a member of the visual staff from 2002-2004 for the Marcus High School Band in Flower Mound, Texas.

Luis has also taught private lessons for the Central Junior High School, Marcus High School, and Richland High School Bands in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. In 2004, He was a semi-finalist in the Artist Division of the Leonard Falcone International Euphonium and Tuba Festival held at the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Twin Lake, Michigan. Luis is returning for his second consecutive year as a member of the Brass Staff for the 2019 Santa Clara Vanguard Drum and Bugle Corps from Santa Clara, California. He is excited to return and build upon the success of the 2018 World Champion and "Jim Ott High Brass Award" winning SCV Hornline.

As an alumnus of the Santa Clara Vanguard Hornline himself, Saldaña was a member of the Euphonium section in 1999, 2000, and 2002 and served as Drum Major for the 2003 season. He has served on the instructional staff for the University of Texas at Arlington Drum Major Camp and the Texas A&M-Commerce Drum Major Camp. Luis continues to be an active marching band and lead clinician in the United States.



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