



Juneau String
Ensembles

Chamber Music Night

**February 28th
7:00 pm
TMMS Auditorium**

**Performing Ensembles:
Aurora Strings
Ursa Major**

**Music Director:
Guohua Xia**

Ursa Major

Palladio ----- Jenkins
Spring ----- Vivaldi arr. Caponegro
Soloists: Traeus Mateo, Rowan Hightower, Geo Gabriel Abad

Amazing Grace ----- Del Borgo
Rock 'n Roll Classics ----- arr. Bullock

Aurora Strings

Brandenburg Concerto, No. 3 ----- Bach arr. Isaac
I Moderato
II Allegro
The Butterfly Lovers Violin Concerto ----- Zhanhao & Chen
Soloist: Maya Breedlove

Hoedown ----- Copland
Eine Kleine Nachtmusik ----- Mozart arr. Stoessel
I Allegro
III Minuet
IV Rondo

Ursa Major and Aurora Strings

Tibetan Dance ----- Lu arr. Wang
Symphony No. 5 ----- Beethoven arr. Hoffman



Ursa Major

1st violin: Josef Becker, Robert Calivo, Amelia Farrell, Jinx Fortier, Sachiko Marks, Traeus Mateo, Katie Rosson

2nd violin: Bea Danielle Abad, Saana Amundson, Rowan Hightower, Kiley Weitzel, Sophia Yadao

Viola: Geo Gabriel Abad, Rose Becker, Bianca Diaz

Cello: Maelee Lawrence, Joya McClain, Evelyn McVey Thomas, Eleanor Peterson, Shaylynn Tupou

Bass: Jacquelyn Davis, Abigail Dolan

Percussion: Oliver Albrecht

Aurora Strings

1st violin: Maya Breedlove, Robert Calivo, Hannah Dolan, Lua Mangacat, Clayton Marks, Rachel Rosson, Ysabel Wilson

2nd violin: Saana Amundson, Arlo Carlton, Rowan Hightower, Zev LeVine, Traeus Mateo, Jacinda Skeek, Kiana Twitchell, Tayt Whiteley

Viola: Geo Gabriel Abad, Eleanor Davis, Hannah Plang, Riley Soboleff

Cello: Eliza Albrecht, Koji Rank

Bass: Jacquelyn Davis, Cora Soboleff

Artistic Director and Conductor

Guo Hua Xia

Piano Accompanist: Mei Xue

Emcee: Mike LeVine



Thank you!

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Senior Spotlight

Juneau String Ensembles would like to honor our two graduating seniors this year: Lua Mangacat and Ysabel Wilson.

Lua and Ysabel both began playing the violin at an early age and under Mr. Xia as their instructor. As each developed their own talent and skills, their paths have crossed through the years; from small beginner groups like Mini Fiddlers to the more advanced Aurora Strings, sharing the stage at several local performances, such as Alaska Folk Festival and the first Juneau's Got Talent. Some of their most cherished memories include traveling to Skagway with other Mini Fiddlers members and performing at the prestigious stage of Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Lua and Ysabel are planning to attend college and continue playing violin in the future. We wish them luck as they enter the next chapter of their lives!

“I was inspired to learn violin when I was four after watching a folk festival, and have been playing with Mr. Xia ever since. I also started playing viola for Aurora Strings when I was 13. I really enjoyed learning new pieces. It's incredibly satisfying to finally be able to play something all the way through from memory. I also love playing music with my friends.”

-Lua Mangacat

“I first started violin through the JAMM program in Kindergarten, and have been learning with Mr. Xia since then. I have been playing the violin for 12 years now and I really like how versatile the instrument is. My favorite thing about being a musician is playing songs I like with other people. It's really cool to meet other musicians who play different instruments or have different styles.”

-Ysabel Wilson