

# *Symphony Orchestra*

NATHANIEL F. PARKER, Music Director and Conductor

and

## **North Georgia Honor Orchestra**

NATHANIEL F. PARKER, Founding Director and Conductor



Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 8 pm

Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center, Morgan Hall

Fifteenth Concert of the 2018-19 Concert Season



CARL NIELSEN (1865–1931)

**Suite for String Orchestra, Op. 1**

- I. *Präludium: Andante con moto*
- II. *Intermezzo: Allegro moderato*
- III. *Finale: Andante con moto—Allegro con brio*

North Georgia Honor Orchestra

Pause

GIUSEPPE VERDI (1813–1901)

**Overture to the opera *The Force of Destiny***

Kennesaw State University Symphony Orchestra

Pause

JOHANNES BRAHMS (1833–1897)

***Finale—Allegro con spirito***

from Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Op. 73

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Kennesaw State University Symphony Orchestra

# Personnel

## North Georgia Honor Orchestra

Nathaniel F. Parker, Founding Director and Conductor

*Musicians are listed alphabetically to emphasize the importance of each individual. Seating is assigned at random.*

### **VIOLIN I**

Joshua Balbedina  
Chase Barber  
Aaron Beraki  
Sam Brooks  
Samantha Fleres  
John Glass  
Megan Griffith  
Quisqueyana Griffith  
Rebecca Ho  
Nathaly Jose-Maria  
Esther Kim  
Rachel Kim  
Sunwoo Kim  
Alyssa Lancaster  
Kerrigan Mandrell  
Danielle Najarian  
Daniel Nguyen  
Nicholas Olmstead  
Jovanikha Oreus  
Madison Park  
Kate Ragsdale  
Reina Rodriguez  
Triambaka Shriram  
Sydney Sims  
Amelia Tribou  
Natali Vera  
Patience Wagner  
Scarlett Wills  
Gamela Zaki

### **VIOLIN II**

Kathleen Andrade  
Kennedy Berry  
Naysa Burrell  
Deidre Cronin  
Patrick Daniel  
Sarah Graddy  
Pearl Li  
Kristin McDaniel  
Jaden Moore  
Ethan Munji  
Annie Robinson  
Katelyn Rusk  
Abel Tharakan  
Kelley Tu  
Noah Wasi

### **VIOLA**

McKayla Andersen  
Elvia Andrade  
Sophie Barrett  
Daniel Boscan  
Skyler Bugg  
Gavin Cunningham  
Jonathan Drawdy  
Mycah Ford  
Ava Henager  
Victoria Kang  
Mac Latham  
Tyler Lovelace  
Spencer Mitchell  
Taylor Nesbitt  
Aashna Suthar  
Audrey Tanner  
McKenna Taylor  
Connor Valcy  
Madison Van Riel

### **CELLO**

Alejandra Gomez  
Grace Lege  
Jess Mitchell  
Jordan Mitchell  
Valentine Nyabasi  
Natalie Porter  
Connor Swain  
Marshall Thornton  
Katharine Warner  
Annabelle Warren  
Charlsie Wemple

### **BASS**

Katie Alonso  
David Champion  
Noah Daniel  
Kyle Gantek  
Connor Hafer  
Jacob Kilburn  
Peyton Lightcap  
Emily Liu  
Harrison Owenby  
Michael Scott  
Jackson Simrill  
Brendan Taylor  
Noah Vinson

# Kennesaw State University Symphony Orchestra

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*Musicians are listed alphabetically to emphasize the importance of each individual.  
Rotational seating is used in all sections.*

## FLUTE

Ruth Bearden  
Lorin Green  
Madison Hart  
Rachel Reaves

## OBOE

Savannah English  
Christina Pacetti

## CLARINET

Brenden Ayestaran  
Matthew Hodgetts  
Faith Kirkpatrick  
Emily O'Connor

## BASSOON

Brianna Curtis  
Grayson Saylor

## HORN

Virginia Hyde  
Heather Leach-Trickel  
Hayden McAfee  
Johnny Stewart  
Will Worthan

## TRUMPET

Michael Brown  
Jacob Greifinger  
Jordyn Mader  
Andrew Olsen  
Jeremy Perkins  
Eli Rickles  
Cierra Weldin

## TENOR TROMBONE

Wesley Dale  
Victoria Shrote  
Matt Scott  
Kirill Wood

## BASS TROMBONE

Samuel Boeger  
Peter Sullivan

## TUBA

Nick Collins  
Kobe Greene

## PERCUSSION

Christopher Bowers  
Jared Cook  
Andrew Creech  
Jason Frey  
Michael Makrides  
Veta Sukhai  
Andrew Yi

## HARP

Laurel Buchanan  
Teresa Sheppard

## KEYBOARD

Josh Anderson

## VIOLIN

Melissa Ake  
Melody Bearden  
Jacob Chapman  
Mary Catherine Davis  
Jeavanie Desarmes  
Mikala Droese  
Nassar Edwards  
Nicholas Felder  
Ryan Finlayson  
Jenna Flohr  
Lauren Greene  
Mary Katharine Guthrie  
Milan Haddad  
Bethany Johnston  
Lisa Kawamura^  
Finn Kitchen  
Andrew Lim  
Scott Lozier^  
Matthew Marcacci  
Charles Page  
Michael Parrish  
Javier Schirmer

## VIOLA

Nancy Conley\*  
Rachel Fishback@  
Megan McMichen  
Brianna Spottsville  
Jachai Wilmont^

## CELLO

Tiffany Chen^  
Garrett Clay  
Haley Greene  
Colin Gregoire  
Jair Griffin  
Joseph Grunkemeyer  
Lacee Link  
Esme Mason  
Cora Meador  
Gabriella Paul  
Benjamin William Rau  
Aidan Thompson

## BASS

Daniel Barket  
Isabella Finelli  
Daniel Kim  
Stephane Nazaire  
Nolan Rodack  
Clay Rogers  
Brad Sanders

## SYMPHONY ASSISTANTS

Jeavanie Desarmes  
Savannah English  
Gabriella Paul

^ John and Linda Cooke  
String Quartet Scholar

\* Faculty Artist  
@ Alumna

# North Georgia Honor Orchestra

The North Georgia Honor Orchestra is a new, unique event designed to bring together the most talented pre-college string instrumentalists in and around North Georgia to focus on developing advanced technical and musical skills under the guidance of the exceptional KSU School of Music faculty. The two-day event includes orchestral rehearsals and sectionals, a faculty recital, and other activities, culminating in a performance by the orchestra in KSU's renowned Morgan Concert Hall.

Students are invited to participate based on nominations submitted by their orchestra directors. The nomination criteria include advanced technical and musical skill on one's instrument, commitment to musical excellence, and substantial, positive contributions to one's school orchestra program.

## *Participating Orchestra Programs:*

### **Allatoona High School Orchestra Program**

Jim Palmer and Susie Hines, Directors

### **Alpharetta High School Orchestra Program**

Charles Laux, Director

### **Arabia Mountain High School Orchestra Program**

Jennifer Derringer, Director

### **Brookwood High School Orchestra Program**

D. Philip Reesman, Megan Kendall, and Cathie Hudnall, Directors

### **Cambridge High School Orchestra Program**

Elizabeth Benz, Director

### **Duluth High School Orchestra Program**

Peter Lemonds and Shawn Morton, Directors

### **Grady High School Orchestra Program**

Krissi Davis, Director

### **Harrison High School Orchestra Program**

Koji Mori, Director

### **Hillgrove High School Orchestra Program**

David Doke, Director

### **McEachern High School Orchestra Program**

Jennifer Floyd, Director

**Milton High School Orchestra Program**

Andrew Cummings, Director

**North Atlanta High School Orchestra Program**

Stephen Lawrence, Director

**North Cobb High School Orchestra Program**

Paula Krupiczewicz, Director

**North Springs Charter High School Orchestra Program**

Michelle Clupper, Director

**Northview High School Orchestra Program**

Tim Aucoin, Director

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Victoria Enloe and Bill Scruggs, Director

**River Ridge High School Orchestra Program**

Christin Lawhorne, Director

**Sandy Creek High School Orchestra Program**

Kelly Gallman, Director

**Walton High School Orchestra Program**

Perry Holbrook and Sara Grimes, Directors

**Whitewater High School Orchestra Program**

Darilyn Esterline, Director



# Biography



## **Nathaniel F. Parker, conductor**

has conducted orchestras in the United States, Peru, Russia, Poland, England, and the Czech Republic. Equally at home working with professionals and training future generations of musicians, Dr. Parker is Director of Orchestral Studies at the Kennesaw State University School of Music, Music Director and Conductor of the Kennesaw State University Symphony Orchestra, Associate Conductor of the Georgia Symphony Orchestra, and Music Director and Conductor of the Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Parker's conducting accolades include being named a finalist for a Conducting Fellowship with the New World Symphony, a semi-finalist for a Conducting Fellowship at Tanglewood, 3rd Place Winner in the London Classical Soloists Conducting Competition, and a Candidate for the Respighi Prize in Conducting; he also received a Citation of Excellence in Teaching from the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association. An active scholar, Dr. Parker's writings have been published by the Conductors Guild and the College Orchestra Directors Association (CODA). He has presented research at the College Orchestra Directors Association's international conference and is Editor of the Journal of the Conductors Guild.

Parker earned graduate degrees in orchestral conducting from Michigan State University (DMA) and Bowling Green State University (MM). His primary conducting instructors are Leon Gregorian, Raphael Jiménez, and Emily Freeman Brown; other important mentors include Stephen Osmond, Gary W. Hill, and Timothy Russell. Parker also earned a BM in Bassoon Performance from Arizona State University, where he studied with Jeffrey G. Lyman and graduated *magna cum laude*.

For more information, please visit [www.nathanielfparker.com](http://www.nathanielfparker.com).

## **Kennesaw State University Orchestra Program**

NATHANIEL F. PARKER, *Director of Orchestral Studies, Music Director and Conductor of the KSU Symphony*

NANCY CONLEY, *Music Director and Conductor of the KSU Philharmonic*

The Kennesaw State University orchestra program was founded in 2004 with the establishment of the KSU Symphony Orchestra and expanded in 2010 to include the newly-formed KSU Philharmonic Orchestra.

The Symphony, comprised of over 80 KSU students, is committed to artistic and technical excellence in the performance of music from the symphonic canon, as well as contemporary compositions and pops literature. Recent repertoire highlights include Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4, Prokofiev's Symphony No. 5, Dvorak's Symphony No. 9 "From the New World," Saint-Saëns's Symphony No. 3 "Organ," Stravinsky's Firebird Suite, Copland's Appalachian Spring Suite, and Musorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition, orchestrated by Ravel.

The Symphony also regularly engages in collaborative performances with guest and faculty performers, guest and faculty composers, the KSU Choirs, the KSU Opera Theater, and the KSU Department of Dance. Notable guest artists who have performed or led masterclasses with students in the KSU Symphony include violinists Midori, Augustin Hadelich, Andrés Cárdenes, David Perry and David Coucheron, cellist Jesús Castro Balbi, MacArthur Fellow and pianist Jeremy Denk, tubist Alan Baer, conductors Robert Spano, David Becker, and Ovidiu Balan, and composers Chen Yi, Kamran Ince, and James M. Stephenson. The KSU Symphony was recently invited to perform at the 2019 Georgia Music Educators Association's In-Service Conference, an honor they also received in 2009. In 2010, the Symphony hosted and performed at the College Orchestra Directors Association National Conference, and in January 2011, the Symphony completed a three-concert tour of Beijing and Xian, China.

The KSU Philharmonic is a string orchestra that provides KSU students—both non-music majors and music majors performing on a secondary instrument—the opportunity to advance their instrumental technique and musicianship, explore improvisation, and cultivate problem-solving and teamwork skills. The Philharmonic presents multiple concerts each semester encompassing a wide range of musical genres and styles, from the Baroque to bossa nova. The orchestra frequently collaborates in performance with KSU faculty artists, the KSU University Band, the KSU Percussion Ensemble, and KSU student chamber ensembles.



## Orchestral String Studies at KSU

*Exceptional Performers...Your Teachers at KSU!*



**Helen Kim**

Professor of Violin,  
String Area Coordinator  
Assistant Concertmaster, Atlanta Opera Orchestra



**Kenn Wagner**

Artist-in-Residence in Violin,  
Director of String Chamber Music  
First Violinist, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra



**David Coucheron**

Distinguished Artist-in-Residence  
in Orchestral Studies  
Concertmaster, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra



**Paul Murphy**

Artist-in-Residence in Viola  
Associate Principal Viola, Atlanta Symphony  
Orchestra



**Catherine Lynn**

Artist-in-Residence in Viola  
Assistant Principal Viola, Atlanta Symphony  
Orchestra



**Charae Krueger**

Artist-in-Residence in Cello  
Principal Cello, Atlanta Opera and Ballet Orchestras



**Joseph McFadden**

Artist-in-Residence in Double Bass  
Principal Double Bass, Atlanta Symphony  
Orchestra



**James Barket**

Artist-in-Residence in Double Bass  
Co-Director, Fulton County Youth Orchestra



**Elisabeth Remy Johnson**

Artist-in-Residence in Harp  
Principal Harp, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra



**Nancy Conley**

Assistant Professor of String Music Education  
Director, KSU String Project



**Nathaniel F. Parker**

Director of Orchestral Studies  
Associate Conductor, Georgia Symphony Orchestra

## SCHOOL OF MUSIC FACULTY AND STAFF

Stephen W. Plate, *Director*

### Music Education

Judith Beale	Angela McKee
Janet Boner	Richard McKee
Nancy Conley	Terri Talley
Kathleen Creasy	Paula Thomas-Lee
McKenzi Fenn	Charles Tighe
Kimberly Inks	Amber Weldon-
Charles Jackson	Stephens
Alison Mann	

### Music History & Appreciation

Drew Dolan	Kayleen Justus
Edward Eanes	Harry Price
Heather Hart	Sean Thrower

### Music Theory, Composition, Technology

Judith Cole	Matt Still
Steve Dancz	Benjamin
Kelly Francis	Wadsworth
Jennifer Mitchell	Jeff Yunek
Laurence Sherr	

### Woodwinds

Kelly Bryant, *Flute, Chamber Music*  
Robert Cronin, *Flute*  
Todd Skitch, *Flute*  
Christina Smith, *Flute*  
Cecilia Price, *Flute, Chamber Music*  
Barbara Cook, *Oboe*  
Elizabeth Koch Tiscione, *Oboe*  
John Warren, *Clarinet, Chamber Music*  
Andrew Brady, *Bassoon*  
Anthony Georgeson, *Bassoon*  
Sam Skelton, *Saxophone*  
Luke Weathington, *Saxophone*

### Brass & Percussion

Doug Lindsey, *Trumpet, Chamber Music*  
Ryan Moser, *Trumpet*  
Mike Tiscione, *Trumpet*  
Jason Eklund, *Horn*  
Richard Williams, *Horn*  
Tom Gibson, *Trombone*  
Hollie Pritchard, *Trombone*  
Brian Hecht, *Bass Trombone*  
Jason Casanova, *Tuba / Euphonium*  
Paul Dickinson, *Tuba / Euphonium*  
Marja Kerney, *Percussion*  
John Lawless, *Percussion*

### Strings

Helen Kim, *Violin*  
Kenn Wagner, *Violin, Chamber Music*  
David Coucheron, *Orchestral Studies*  
Catherine Lynn, *Viola*  
Paul Murphy, *Viola*  
Charae Krueger, *Cello*  
James Barket, *Double Bass*  
Joseph McFadden, *Double Bass*  
Elisabeth Remy Johnson, *Harp*  
Sean Thrower, *Classical Guitar*

### Voice

Eileen Moremen	Todd Wedge
Oral Moses	Heather Witt
Nathan Munson	Jana Young
Valerie Walters	

### Piano

Judith Cole, *Collaborative Piano*  
Erika Tazawa, *Collaborative Piano*  
Julie Coucheron  
Robert Henry  
Huu Mai  
John Marsh

### Jazz

Justin Chesarek, *Jazz Percussion*  
Wes Funderburk, *Jazz Trombone, Jazz Ensembles*  
Karla Harris, *Vocal Jazz*  
Tyrone Jackson, *Jazz Piano*  
Marc Miller, *Jazz Bass*  
Sam Skelton, *Jazz Ensembles*  
Rob Opitz, *Jazz Trumpet*  
Trey Wright, *Jazz Guitar, Jazz Combos*

### Ensembles & Conductors

Leslie J. Blackwell, *Choral Activities*  
Nancy Conley, *Philharmonic Orchestra*  
Trey Harris, *University Band, Marching Band*  
Alison Mann, *Choral Activities*  
Oral Moses, *Gospel Choir*  
Eileen Moremen, *Opera*  
Nathaniel F. Parker, *Symphony Orchestra*  
Debra Traficante, *Wind Symphony, Marching Band*  
David Kehler, *Wind Ensemble*

### School of Music Staff

Julia Becker, *Administrative Associate*  
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June Mauser, *Administrative Associate*  
Daniel Pattillo, *Technical Manager*  
Richard Peluso, *Coordinator of Band Operations and Outreach*  
Shawn Rieschl Johnson, *Associate Director for Operations & Programming*

### Ensembles in Residence

KSU Faculty Jazz Parliament  
Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestra and Chorus  
KSU Faculty Chamber Players  
Summit Piano Trio  
KSU Community and Alumni Choir



**Welcome** to the Bailey Performance Center! Thank you for making time in your busy schedules to support the performances of the Kennesaw State University School of Music. We are excited that you are here and we appreciate your love of music and support of our faculty and students and musical guests!

The School of Music at Kennesaw State University continues to be an exciting place! This year's *Signature Series* features four wonderful performances that we know will be memorable and well worth your investment. The 27-time Grammy Award winning Atlanta

Symphony is with us again. We so value our professional relationship with this orchestra and we love having them here on our Morgan Stage. If you have not yet purchased your season tickets, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible.


Having just completed our 10th Anniversary Season, the Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center is poised to begin the next decade of bringing you outstanding musical performances and artists from around the world! The Bailey Center continues to be transformational in the life of our School and for you, our patrons!


We are continuing our *Name a Seat* campaign this year. If you have a friend, loved one, child, student, teacher, or significant other that you would like to honor or memorialize, we welcome your support. Your \$1,000 gift to the *Name a Seat* endowment helps us to ensure that we can continue to bring you amazing musical performances well into the future.


I look forward to a long and rewarding relationship with you. With your continued support of music and the arts, I look forward to all we accomplish together!


Stephen W. Plate, *Director, KSU School of Music*

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