

New Jersey Youth Symphony

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**Flute Choir
Flute Forum
Fortissimo Flutes
Concertino Winds
CL4tet**

Sunday, May 3, 2026
1:00 p.m.

Dolan Hall
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Helen H. Cha-Pyo, Artistic Director

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Dear **Wharton Arts** Community,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 season at Wharton Arts! I'm thrilled to invite you into a year that dares us to dream boldly, listen deeply, and arise together with purpose. Our theme, **Arise!**, calls us to create with courage and connect across generations and cultures through **Artistry, Representation, Inspiration, Self-Expression,** and **Empathy**. This season, **Arise!** is more than a theme—its an invitation to action. In a world yearning for light, we turn to the arts to uplift voices, spark imagination, and celebrate the brilliance of our students, faculty, and teaching artists. Through meaningful learning, inspired teaching, dynamic performances, and inclusive programming, we'll build a vibrant community rooted in creativity, collaboration, and hope.

Let us arise together!

With gratitude,



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen H. Cha-Pyo".

Helen H. Cha-Pyo
Artistic Director

Spring invites us to look ahead with optimism, purpose, and renewed energy. I am truly delighted to be part of Wharton Arts at this exciting and pivotal moment in our history.

My connection to this organization is deeply personal. For thirteen years, I watched my own children grow and thrive as members of the New Jersey Youth Chorus. The joy, artistic training, and personal growth they gained here were transformative for our family. Driven by a desire to steward that same experience for future generations, I joined the Board of Trustees two years ago. Now, as Interim Executive Director, I am committed to providing the steady leadership and strategic vision necessary to ensure more families can find the same inspiration and community we did.

At the heart of our future is the integration of our four signature programs: the **New Jersey Youth Chorus, New Jersey Youth Symphony, Paterson Music Project,** and **Performing Arts School**. Together, they form a connected artistic pathway that nurtures young people at every stage of their creative journey. By strengthening collaboration across these programs, expanding access, and deepening our community impact, we are creating opportunities that extend far beyond the stage.

While each program has its own distinct voice, all are guided by a shared belief in the transformative power of the performing arts. Thank you for being part of this journey. I look forward to all we will create together this spring and beyond.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erika V. Fanelle".

Erika Fanelle
Trustee, Interim Executive Director

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NJYS Flute Choir, Flute Forum, and Fortissimo Flutes

Natasha Loomis, *conductor*

NJYS Concertino Winds

Aly Berkowitz, *conductor*

NJYS CL4tet

Bryan Rudderow, *coach*

TAKUYA SHIGETA..... Klarinettenmärchen
(b.1960)

ISAAC ALBÉNIZ.....Tango from Suite España
(1860-1909)
arr. Sjoerd van der Veen

JOHANN STRAUSS II.....Tik-Tak Polka
(1825-1899)
arr. Bryan Rudderow

CL4tet

NICOLE CHAMBERLAIN Dizzy
(b. 1977)
I. Shake
II. Blend
III. Swirl
IV. Bop

ALEXANDRA MOLNAR-SUHAJDAGreek Tableaux:
(b. 1975) Tone Sketches for Flute Choir

I. Endymion, the Shepherd

Endymion was resting on a hill one night when the goddess of the moon, Selene, saw him and fell instantly in love with him. So that she might always look upon him she caused him to fall into a slumber from which he will never wake.

II. Pan and the Dryads

A pastoral piece meant to symbolize the god of the woods and his court of attendants.

IV. Alpheus and Arethusa, the Two Rivers

The nymph Arethusa found herself chased by a river god, Alpheus. No matter how fast she ran, he ran faster, so in her desperation she cried to her father for help. He changed her into a fast flowing stream, so that she might outrun the river. Alpheus had his way in the end, however, for when the two rivers flow underground, they emerge to commingle their waters in the Ortygian Fountain in Italy.

V. Pegasus, the Winged Horse

The famous winged horse who assisted Perseus in his adventures and threw the arrogant Bellerophon from the top of Mount Olympus.

Flute Choir

TYLER S. GRANT Wild Blue
(b. 1995)

ALAN SILVESTRI.....The Avengers
(b. 1950)
arr. Johnnie Vinson

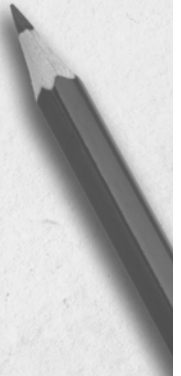
RANDALL D. STANDRIDGE.....Spring
(b. 1976)

CHRISTINA HUSS..... Giant Slayer
(b. 1962)

Concertino Winds

HERMAN BEEFTINK.....Frequency (Celestial Meditation)
(b. 1953)

RYOHEI HIROSE..... Blue Train for Flute Orchestra
(1930-2008)



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VALERIE COLEMAN.....Umoja
(b. 1970)

ASTOR PIAZZOLLA..... Libertango
(1921-1992)
arr. Lisa L. Ochoco

Nik Ruzicka, *cajon*

Flute Forum

FRANZ DOPPLER.....Andante, Op. 25
(1821-1883)
arr. Matt Johnston

Rohan Norden and Avni Kaushal, *Senior Soloists*

Fortissimo Flutes + Guests

CLAUDE DEBUSSY Clair de Lune
(1862-1918)
arr. Mark Thomas

FELIX MENDELSSOHN.....A Midsummer Night's Dream
(1809-1847)
arr. Gudrun Hinze

- I. Notturmo
- II. Scherzo
- III. Song of the Fairies
- IV. Dance of the Clowns
- V. Finale

Fortissimo Flutes



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ARTISTS

ALY BERKOWITZ



Aly Berkowitz is the Instrumental Music Director at Valleyview Middle School in Denville, NJ, where she teaches all instrumental lessons and directs a wide range of ensembles, including Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Orchestra, and grade-level bands, as well as the school's Spring Musicals. Since taking on the role, she has grown the program to nearly four times its original size, building a vibrant and supportive environment where students can challenge themselves, connect with others, and experience the joy of making music together.

Aly holds a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Montclair State University, with a concentration in Instrumental Music, and a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from William Paterson University. She is actively involved in several professional organizations, including the North Jersey Area Band, where she serves as President of the Junior Division. Passionate about expanding access to music education, Aly works to ensure her students have meaningful opportunities both in and out of the classroom. Outside of school, she enjoys traveling and being outdoors, watching soccer, and spending time with her dog, Pacho.

NATASHA LOOMIS



Flutist **Natasha Loomis** is an engaging and versatile performer, a dedicated music educator, and a passionate proponent for new music. Loomis is committed to seeking out overlooked gems of the repertoire as well as commissioning new works, presenting programs that are both creative and captivating for audiences. She has performed as a solo, chamber, and orchestral artist throughout the United States, as well as in France, Austria, and Peru. Past performances have taken her to Weill Recital Hall, Alice Tully Hall, Merkin Concert Hall, the DiMenna Center, Radio City Music Hall, (le) poisson rouge, Bryant Park Stage, Shapeshifter Lab, the Firehouse Space, and Silvana Harlem. Past engagements include the XXXII Festival Internacional de Flautistas in Lima, Peru, where she was a guest artist and clinician, as well as performances with the Lake Tahoe Music Festival Orchestra, The Orchestra Now (TÖN), and the Asian Cultural Symphony, among others. Additionally, she has given performances at the National Flute Association Convention, Mid-Atlantic Flute Convention, the New York Flute Club Fair, and the NJ Flute Fair.

Loomis has run a thriving private studio in NJ and NYC since 2009 where her students have successfully auditioned for region bands, pre-college programs such as Juilliard and Mannes, and top college music programs. As an educator, she strives to foster a love of the arts in her students while also giving them a solid foundation in both technique and self-expression.

She previously served as Associate Director at New Jersey Woodwind

Studio and as faculty at Kent Place, as well as Montclair State University and Rutgers University's Extension Divisions. In addition to her work at NJYS, Loomis works with Con Vivo Music in Jersey City and is a founding member of PROTESTRA, an activist orchestra working to unite advocacy and classical music. Loomis received a Bachelor of Music with Honors from Franklin & Marshall College and a Master of Music degree in Flute Performance from Montclair State University, where she was a Graduate Teaching Assistant for Dr. Laura Dolp. She did Doctoral work under the tutelage of Bart Feller at Rutgers University, performing with the Rutgers Symphony Orchestra and Helix New Music Ensemble during her studies.

BRYAN RUDDEROW



Bryan Rudderow has appeared on three continents as conductor, composer, and clarinetist, focusing his energy on music composed in his lifetime. He earned degrees from the John J. Cali School of Music at Montclair State University and William Paterson University in Music Education, Performance, Conducting, and Composition/Theory. While at Montclair State University,

Rudderow received one of three highly competitive graduate assistantships and was named Assistant Conductor of Instrumental Ensembles, a position created specifically for him.

Shortly after completing his Master of Music degree, he was invited to attend the Instituto Superior de Arte del Teatro Colón in Buenos Aires, Argentina to study operatic conducting and composition. As a conductor, Rudderow has collaborated with ensembles around the world, from the Orquesta Filarmónica in Buenos Aires to the Montclair State Symphony Orchestra and Bands. Additional appointments include the TRANSIT Ensemble (NYC), Portland (ME) Symphony Orchestra, Greater Princeton Youth Symphonies, Shippensburg (PA) Symphony Orchestra, and Kent Place School Wind Ensemble.

Mr. Rudderow teaches high achievement clarinet and saxophone students, many who have gone on to attend some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the country. His students regularly audition and are accepted into All-National, All-State and Regional ensembles for both classical and jazz.

NJYS CONDUCTORS

Helen H. Cha-Pyo, *Artistic Director and Principal Conductor*

Joe Bergen, *Percussion Ensembles*

Aly Berkowitz, *Concertino Winds*

Nevena Bojovic, *Sinfonia*

Helen H. Cha-Pyo, *Youth Symphony*

Cooper Ford, *Concertino Strings*

Mark Gunderman, *Philharmonia*

Dr. Oliver Hagen, *Youth Orchestra*

Natasha Loomis, *Flute Choir,*

Flute Forum, and Fortissimo Flutes

Bryan Rudderow, *CL4tet*

Etleva Vatoci, *Primo Strings*

Shamie Royston, *Jazz Orchestra*

David Schumacher, *Jazz Workshop*

Gregory O. Williams, *Jazz Big Band*

NJYS FLUTE CHOIR

NATASHA LOOMIS, CONDUCTOR

Karl Jose Flavio Amaral, *Newark Academy*
Isabella Arias, *New Providence MS*
Abigail Baldwin, *West Morris Mendham HS*
Sambhav Chaturvedi, *Governor Livingston HS*
Valerie Faustino, *Garwood Lincoln School*
Abigail Heo, *Edison Intermediate School*
Riya Jadhav, *William Annin MS*
Phoebe Kim, *Ridgewood Ave School*
Madison Li, *William Annin MS*
Alex Liu, *Watchung Hills Regional HS*
Grace Paglia, *Salt Brook Elementary*

Nina Pang, *Liberty Corner Elementary*
Aditri Sharma, *Salt Brook Elementary*
Bela Sinkar, *William Annin MS*
Yana Sinkar, *William Annin MS*
Claire Sun, *Salt Brook Elementary*
Helen Wang, *Montclair Kimberly Academy*
Arwen Xu, *Academy for Allied
Health Sciences*
Sophia Yu, *The Pingry School*
Grace Zhu, *New Providence HS*

NJYS FLUTE FORUM

NATASHA LOOMIS, CONDUCTOR

Vidushi Agrawal, *Bridgewater-Raritan HS**
Joselyn Baum, *Westfield HS*
Vedika Dave, *Watchung Hills Regional HS*
Mishika Jain, *Biotechnology HS*
Avni Kaushal, *Mountain Lakes HS* 🏡
Ethan Liu, *Columbia MS*
Evie Ma, *William Annie MS*
Reisa Mukerjee, *Academy of
Information Technology*
Annabel Nosta, *Logos Online School*
Allison Park, *Valley View MS*

Ava Rabines, *Morristown Beard School**
Nora Souayah, *The Pingry School*
Caden Wu, *The Red Oaks School**
Tavishi Yadav, *Chatham HS*
Ruolin Yuan, *William Annin MS*
Chloe Zhang, *New Providence MS*
Michelle Zhang, *Bernards HS*
Emma Zhu, *Millburn MS*
Nik Ruzicka, *BB guest percussionist*

* Guest players with Fortissimo Flutes

NJYS FORTISSIMO FLUTES

NATASHA LOOMIS, CONDUCTOR

Aadya Bhushan, *Watchung Hills Regional HS*
Jasper Cheng, *Livingston HS*
Max Lin, *Millburn HS*
Rohan Norden, *Gill St. Bernards* 🏡
Mahie Panjwani, *Westfield HS*
Maya Pocina, *Academy of Math, Science,
and Engineering*

Alayna Shaughnessy, *Madison HS*
Serena Shih, *Westfield HS*
Claire Wang, *Morris Knolls HS*
Vivien Xu, *Westfield HS*

NJYS CONCERTINO WINDS
ALY BERKOWITZ, CONDUCTOR

Flute

Jade Fang, *Bayberry Elementary*
Riya Gupta, *Millburn MS*
Vivienne Hong, *Lafayette School*
Dev Maruthupandi, *William Annin MS*
Prisha Singh, *William Annin MS*

Alto Saxophone

Joseph Dabney, *Allen W. Roberts Elementary*
Ekam Nayar, *Rutgers Preparatory School*

Trumpet

Ethan Cao, *Allen W. Roberts Elementary*

Oboe

Abby Pan, *Mount Prospect Elementary*

Baritone

Trent Asmuth, *Newmark Education*

Bassoon

Charlie Bryce, *Maplewood MS*

Tuba

Ansh Saxena, *Millburn MS*

Clarinet

Kabir Chaudhary, *Far Brook School*
Winston Li, *Chatham MS*
Leah Zeng, *Kent Place School*
David Zhou, *Millburn MS*

NJYS CL4TET
BRYAN RUDDEROW, COACH

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May 3, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

NJYS Jazz Orchestra, NJYS Big Band, NJYS Jazz Workshop

Dolan Hall, Annunciation Center, St. Elizabeth University, Florham Park

\$20/Adults, \$15/Students & Seniors

May 3, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

PAS Honors Recital

St. John's Lutheran Church, Summit

Free

May 9, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Paterson Music Project Spring Concert

William Paterson University, Wayne

FREE

May 10, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

NJYS Youth Orchestra, Philharmonia, Percussion Ensemble

Nicholas Music Center, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

\$20/Adults, \$15/Students & Seniors

May 17, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

NJYC Spring Concert

Nicholas Music Center, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

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May 30, 2026, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

PMP Community Day

John F. Kennedy High School, Paterson

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May 10, 2026
at **4:00 p.m.**

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Youth Orchestra:

Dr. Oliver Hagen, Conductor

Antonin Dvořák's *Symphony No. 8*
in G minor, Op. 88

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Mark Gunderman, Conductor

Percussion Ensembles I, II, & III:

Joe Bergen, Conductor

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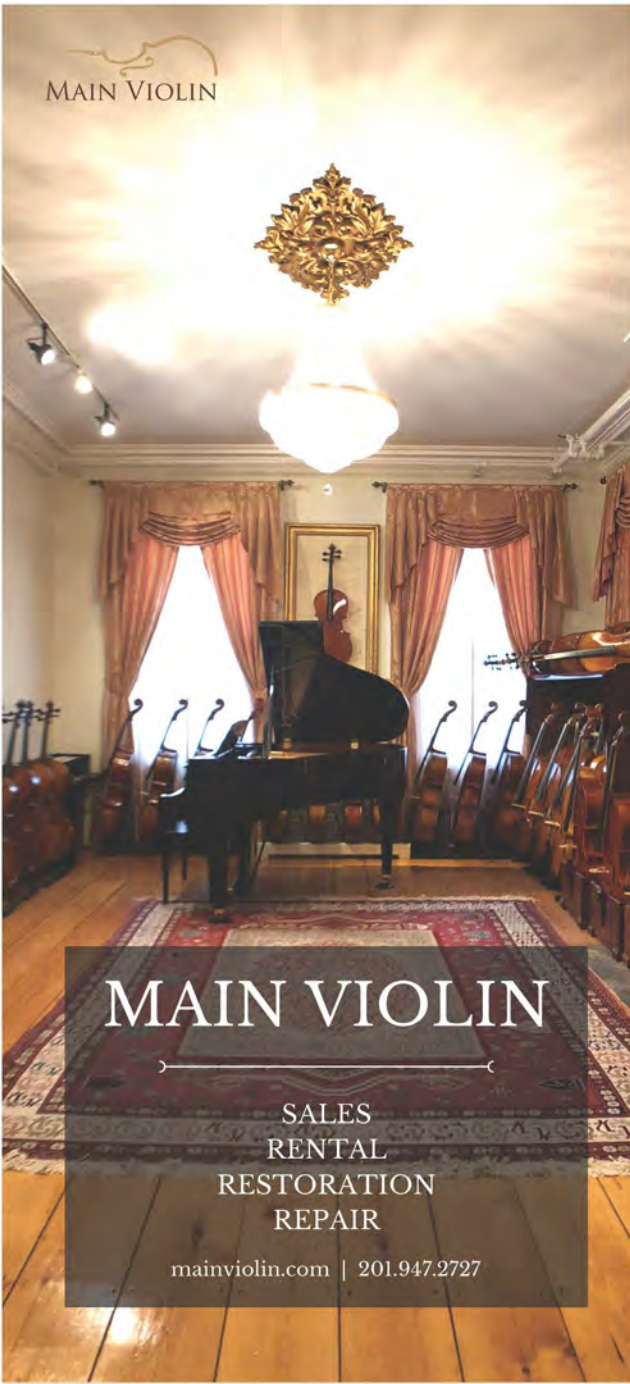


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