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Welcome to Disney in Concert: Around the World! For many of us, young and old, the music composed for Disney movies was our first introduction to the orchestra and the infinite colors of sound that it can create. We hope you enjoy this music of the screen coming to life tonight along with the wonderful Disney animation. A special welcome to the elementary and middle school students in the audience, not too long from now, it will be you performing on this stage!

Putting on a performance this early in the school year is no easy feat and this evening's concert would not have been possible without the support of so many volunteers. Thank you to our event chair, Miki Yoshimoto, who oversaw the many logistical details and kept everyone on track! We encourage you to please take a moment to read the Acknowledgments page as this has truly been a team effort with so many lead volunteers pitching in to help make this a special evening. Also, thank you to everyone who volunteered tonight by contributing to or helping work the bake sale, ushering, decorating, or cleaning afterwards; these concerts truly are a community effort! Finally, thank you to the entire Orchestra Parents Association, led by our Co-Presidents, Jon Moeller and Miki Yoshimoto, who continually work to find creative ways to support the education and musical growth of the more than 300 Samohi orchestra students.

Sincerely,

Jason Aiello & Jim Wang



# *2022 Fall Concert*

Directed by Jason Aiello and Jim Wang

## COMBINED SINFONIA & INTERMEZZO ORCHESTRAS

MUSIC FROM ENCANTO by Lin-Manuel Miranda, arr. by Larry Moore

“THE LITTLE MERMAID” ORCHESTRAL SUITE, Words by Howard Ashman, Music by Alan Menken,  
arr. by Alan Menken, Robby Merkin, Thomas Pasatieri, and Ted Ricketts

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: THE CURSE OF THE BLACK PEARL by Klaus Badelt, arr. by Ted Ricketts

## PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

ENCHANTED SUITE by Alan Menken, orch. by Kevin Kliesch

SUITE FROM DISNEY’S MULAN by Jerry Goldsmith, orch. by Alexander Courage

MUSIC FROM FROZEN, Music and Lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez,  
arr. by Bob Krogstad

## INTERMISSION

## SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

DISNEY CLASSICS OVERTURE by Bruce Healey

THE ORCHESTRAL SUITE FROM DISNEY’S ALADDIN by Alan Menken, orch. by Danny Troob

THE LION KING ORCHESTRAL SUITE, Music by Elton John, Words by Tim Rice,

Score by Hans Zimmer, orch. by Brad Kelley

FANTASMIC! by Bruce Healey



# SAMOHI ORCHESTRAS

## SINFONIA ORCHESTRA

### Violin

Lucy Letscher\*\*  
Michael Kuzma\*\*  
Maedy Antonio Aguilar  
Leo Bernknopf  
Stella Callen  
Christian Campos Robles  
Tanya Cortes  
Xylia Criswell  
Nickolaus Dennis  
Benjamin Felson  
Joseph Garcia  
Jacob Haselhoff  
Karina Hernandez  
Maya Jarmakani  
Devin Jericiau  
Isaac Liberman  
Alfie McLoughlin  
Lily McMahon  
Andrea Miranda Orozco  
Briana Negrete  
Margaret Purcell  
Yahir Santiago Ruiz  
Aaron Williams  
Diana Zemaitis

### Viola

Camille Choe\*  
Philip Chernenkov  
Demiana Dous  
Ryan Gillespie-Breslo  
Perla Perry  
Michael Sergeev  
Clairty Seymour  
Zayin Shakur  
Isaac Silva

### Cello

Ritchie Gomez\*  
Lucie Demmer  
Yungbihn Douglas  
Josephine Gelinas  
Denise Hernandez  
Elleri Klein  
John MacDonald  
Sedra Sakkour  
Isabella Sanchez  
Kaley Saucedo  
Ethan Suh

### Bass

Owen Purcell\*  
Mylie Baker  
Natjedah Durand  
Ramona Gutierrez  
Isabella Moneta

## INTERMEZZO ORCHESTRA

### Violin

Kyle Wang\*\*  
Naomi Xia\*\*  
Eleanor Ahdoot  
Feben Ayele  
Ryan Behzadi  
Nico Boucher  
Guadalupe De Pablo  
Kaitlyn Eggers  
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Sierra Pacifici  
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Ryan Wells  
Sofia White  
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### Viola

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Isabel Hudson-Monforte  
Anka Jovanovic  
Harper Lemle  
Sara Lord  
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Moss Rothenberg  
Riley Schreier  
Serena Wu

### Cello

Ellie Skalaski\*  
Nylah Bennett  
Grace Boktor  
Landon Fringer  
Hoyt Gallagher  
Grace Garcia  
Adele Jouffret  
Henry Kim  
Jackson Lerner  
Luke Shimahara  
Emily Umana  
Orly Wilkinson

### Bass

Maceo Gifford\*  
Joia Masee  
David Nikolic  
Nina Slavonia

## PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

### Violin

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Shayl Khatod\*\*  
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Alessandra Cruz Rivera\*  
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Nathan De Beech  
Grace Flynn  
Sophia Hernandez  
Grace Houari  
Theo Karlin  
Maya Karni  
Michael Levin  
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Sofia Moreno Morales  
Delaney O'Dea  
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Tomas Rodriguez  
Katherine Sievers  
Eleanor Smith  
Skye Smith  
Elizaveta Snisarenko  
Nikki Soroushyari  
Alexandra Velazquez  
Maya Williams

### Viola

Naomi Altman\*  
Taryn Beck  
Isabelle Chambers  
Amber Havel  
Emily Martinez Santiago  
Jackson Mayeda  
Elle Oliva  
Robenus Waktole  
Alexandra Weinberger

### Cello

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Lucas Beekman,  
Anastasia Buznikova,  
Rodney Lee II  
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Shayna Kadish  
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Alina Wyffels

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Cyrus Pruneau

### Clarinet

Nico Lombard\*  
Dalia Puchalt\*  
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Joshua Tang

### Bass Clarinet

Joshua Tang\*

### Bassoon

Clyde Applegate\*  
Yanai Halperin Ortiz  
Sohrab Zarin

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Ethan Crawford  
London Leslie  
Raeva Vasisht◊  
Franklin Daley◊  
Charlotte Moss◊

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Finn Ong\*  
Taj Ford  
Marco Sung

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Luke Terlizzi\*  
Alex Beekman  
Nate Jaffa

### Tuba

Vanessa Garcia

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Brendan Aronin  
Eli Boreth  
Callum Clark  
Tess Sloan  
Evan Daghigian◊

### Harp

Shania Ghassemi ◊

### Piano

Clara Percus  
Landon Fringer

# SAMOHI ORCHESTRAS

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## SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

### 1st Violin

Kai Lindsey\*\*  
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Yuna Choe\*  
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Noor Memarzadeh  
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Yelena Sahrai  
Elizabeth Yesilevsky

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Marina Shickler\*  
Aiden Lee\*  
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Max Epstein  
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Jesse Howard  
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Claire Kovac  
Brendan McCormick  
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Camila Sigbaum  
Salomon Singer-Portnoy

### Viola

Sebastian Heredia\*  
Gabriel Ceguerra  
Allison Gee  
Peter Jarvis  
Elan Lahave  
Ida Landecker  
Joaquin Martinez Devis  
Hannah Rand  
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Zinnia Weybright

### Cello

Lorelei Deutsch\*  
Paikea Davila  
Rosie Haygood  
Francisco Martinez Devis  
Sophie O'Brien  
Tal Redfield  
Lyam Shapouri  
Charlie Snyder  
Skylar Tuckett  
Cassidy Walther

### Bass

Sarah Moeller\*  
Natalia Guerra  
Connor Lee  
Shannon Lee  
Oliver Victor

### Flute

Aika Hughes\*  
Elsa Eastwood  
Mira Wali

### Piccolo

Mira Wali

### Oboe

Roen Peralta\*  
Citli Carrera Arenas

### Clarinet

Connor McKeown\*  
Max Friedman  
Jacob Sussman  
Julian Bao

### Bass Clarinet

Josh Tang\*

### Bassoon

Luca Trevellin\*  
Samantha Posell

### French Horn

Raeva Vasisht\*  
Franklin Daley  
Charlotte Moss  
Ethan Crawford

### Trumpet

Julian Gordon\*  
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Sam Wessling

### Trombone

Ethan Clark\*  
Franny Reynolds  
Rio Imasaki

### Tuba

Sara Ty\*

### Percussion

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### **Jason Aiello**, Director of Orchestras



Jason Aiello began teaching orchestra at Santa Monica High School in 2006, after graduating with honors from UCLA as the recipient of the Joyce Fahlman Fellowship. While at UCLA, he studied music education with Dr. Frank Heuser and cello with Antonio Lysy.

In addition to his work at Santa Monica High School, Mr. Aiello teaches cello sectionals and conducts the Sinfonia Orchestra for Elemental Strings, a youth orchestra program for elementary school students in Santa Monica. In past summers, Mr. Aiello has served as the Senior Camp Orchestra Director at the La Honda Music Camp in Northern California. As a guest conductor, Jason has worked with honor orchestras sponsored by CMEA (California Music Educators Association) and SCSBOA (Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association). Currently, he serves on the board of the California Orchestra Directors Association, where his primary responsibilities have included creating and maintaining the CODA website and auditioning junior high and high school cellists for various CODA sponsored honor orchestras.

### **Jim Wang**, Director of Orchestras



Prior to Samohi, Mr. Wang had been the orchestra director at Lincoln Middle School since 2011. He also taught all levels of strings in Rowland Unified School District before joining SMMUSD. Currently he sits on the board of SCSBOA as

VP of Orchestra Education.

During Mr. Wang's tenure, Lincoln's Chamber Ensemble was invited to perform at ASTA's National Orchestra Festival in 2015 and 2020. Outside of SMMUSD, Mr. Wang can be found coaching various

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chamber groups, conducting the SOL-LA Ensemble and the Pacific Blue Music Camp.

Mr. Wang earned his Master's in Music Education at the University of Southern California and a Bachelor of Music degree in Violin Performance from Biola University. He is currently working on his Doctorate at USC Thornton School of Music in Music Teaching and Learning.

### **Ben Bartelt**, Viola Coach



Multi-instrumentalist Ben Bartelt received his B.A. Music graduating summa cum laude from UCLA. He continued his studies at Yale University, where he received his Master's of Music on full scholarship, and at the Colburn Conservatory, where he was awarded the prestigious

Artist Diploma. Ben enjoys a busy schedule as a performer and teacher around LA county. He is glad to be coaching the talented students in Samohi's orchestra program.

### **April Paik**, Violin Coach



Violinist and Samohi alum April Paik returned to her native Los Angeles in 2017. One of the most memorable moments of April's high-school career was traveling to the ASTA National Orchestra Festival as concertmaster of the

Samohi Symphony in 2005 and winning the grand prize. She is proud to be back helping the young musicians of Samohi continue the tradition of excellence. After her undergraduate studies in the departments of Music and German at UC Berkeley, April taught and performed throughout the Bay Area in the regional orchestras, contemporary music ensembles, and as an avid

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chamber musician. In 2014, as a recipient of the Hertz Traveling Fellowship from UC Berkeley, she moved to Germany, where she performed with the Lübeck Philharmonic. She currently maintains a private teaching studio and teaches violin in the El Segundo schools. April particularly loves performing opera, contemporary music, and early music.

### **Eric Shetzen**, Bass Coach



Double bassist Eric Shetzen earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at The Juilliard School as a student of New York Philharmonic bassists Orin O'Brien and David Grossman. For three years he served as Principal Bass of the Hyogo Performing Arts Center Orchestra in Osaka, Japan. He also spent several

seasons as a Fellow in the New World Symphony, America's Orchestral Academy directed by Michael Tilson Thomas. An avid chamber musician, Eric has collaborated with members of the Juilliard String Quartet, the Lyris String Quartet, violinist Maxim Vengerov, and conductors Lorin Maazel and James Conlon. His festival appearances include the Kneisel Hall Chamber Music Festival, Incontri in Terra di Siena Festival, Castleton Festival, and the PRISMA Festival. Eric now performs as a freelance bassist in Los Angeles where he maintains a varied career as a performer and teacher. He has been featured on several distinguished contemporary concert series such as Jacaranda: Music at the Edge and the Hear/Now Music Festival, and was recently invited to perform at Ojai Music Festival alongside music director violinist Patricia Kopatchinskaja. Eric also performs in the bass sections of various Southern California orchestras including the Long Beach Symphony, Pasadena Symphony, LA Master Chorale, and the San Bernardino Symphony. When Eric is not performing on stage, he can be found teaching his studio of private bass students or recording the music of Hollywood's most iconic composers for film and television. Eric looks forward to returning to his hometown of

Scottsdale, AZ every winter to perform with the AZMF Orchestra.

### **Charlie Tyler**, Cello Coach



Cellist Charlie Tyler has enjoyed a varied career as soloist, chamber musician and orchestral performer in concert venues around the world. Charlie was named winner of the Cleveland Institute of Music's Concerto Competition, top prize winner of the Osaka International

Music Competition, and winner of the Atwater Kent Strings Competition. Charlie served as co-principal cello of the Hyogo Performing Arts Center Orchestra in Japan for three seasons where he also appeared in numerous chamber music and solo recital concerts. In past summers he has participated in the Tanglewood Music Center, Lorin Maazel's Castleton Festival, and was principal cellist of the National Repertory Orchestra. He frequently performs in many orchestras around Southern California and has performed on the Jacaranda and Dilijan Chamber music series, the Hear Now Music Festival and with the Salastina Music Society. Charlie also performs as a member of the Arizona MusicFest Orchestra each winter in Scottsdale, AZ. In addition to live performances, Charlie maintains an active recording career in Los Angeles where he has played on numerous scores for film and television.

### **Dr. Fang Fang Xu**, Cello Coach



Dr. Fang Fang Xu earned her Doctoral degree in Cello Performance from the University of Southern California. She has performed at Schleswig-Holstein International Music Festival in Germany and Guadalajara Music Festival in Mexico with eminent conductors Christoph

Eschenbach and Mstislav Rostropovich. She has

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appeared as guest soloist with the Pacific Symphony and USC Thornton Symphony among others, and as an orchestral player she has performed with LA Philharmonic and LA Chamber Orchestra. She made her Carnegie Hall debut in June of 2010, as solo cellist in the production of Eric Whitacre's Paradise Lost. In Spring of 2011, Dr. Xu was again featured in the Paradise Lost production at Disney Hall in Los Angeles. She is a member of the Elixir Piano Trio and has performed in colleges and music festivals throughout California and Arizona. In addition to her performing career, Dr. Xu maintains accomplished private studios in South Pasadena and Mar Vista, and is a member of MTAC Pasadena Branch.

### **Laila Zakzook**, Viola Coach



A spirited interpreter of chamber music, violist Laila Zakzook won the 2014 Lillian Fuchs Chamber Music Competition and the Honors Quartet Scholarship at the Colburn School of Performing Arts. Also committed to the performance of new music, Laila has given the Canadian premier of "In Manus Tuas," by Caroline Shaw. In 2013,

Laila performed with Mika and Richard Stoltzman in "Duet," by Steve Reich in Carnegie Hall. Laila has held principal and assistant principal positions under the batons of conductors such as Leonard Slatkin, Philippe Entremont and Leon Fleisher, within the Banff Festival Orchestra, Manhattan School of Music Orchestras, The Royal Conservatory Orchestra, Oberlin Wind Ensemble, and the Colburn School of Performing Arts Chamber Orchestra. Laila appeared at Carnegie Hall with the Mimesis Ensemble in the premiere performance and subsequent recording of Sumeida's Song by Mohammed Fairouz. In 2011 and 2013, Laila held residencies at The Banff Centre. Laila has also participated in Rockport Chamber Music Festival, The Heifetz International Music Institute, Zephyr International Chamber Music Course and Festival, Stoughton Chamber Music Festival and Music By The Sea in British Columbia. Laila completed her studies at The Glenn Gould School of the Royal Conservatory of Music, having previously studied at The Manhattan School of Music and The Oberlin Conservatory. Laila has collaborated with the Grammy Award winning Attacca Quartet and artists such as Steven Dann, Barry Schiffman, Andrès Diaz and Osvaldo Golijov.

Laila is a graduate of Santa Monica High School and is thrilled to be working with the talented violists in the orchestra program.

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**“Whatever you do, do it well. Do it so well that when people see you do it, they will want to come back and see you do it again and they will want to bring others and show them how well you do what you do.”**

– Walt Disney

We are so grateful to everyone who has joined us tonight for our first major concert of the year. On behalf of the SAMOHI Orchestra Parents Association, I would like to first and foremost thank our program Directors Mr. Aiello and Mr. Wang for their boundless energy and personal dedication to the program and helping our students ‘Do it Well.’

We wouldn’t be here tonight without the parent volunteers who have planned, produced, organized, and staffed this event tonight. We owe them all a standing ovation for all their hard work.

By attending this concert, you have helped support and move forward one of the most recognized and successful music programs in the country. We are fortunate to have such strong support from our SMMUSD leadership and district wide organizations like SMAPA and the Ed Foundation.

In the final measure though, it is you, parents, family, and friends that make the difference, carry the day, and create the environment that allows our students to thrive. Through your direct donations, fundraising, volunteerism, attendance and generosity the orchestra program succeeds and continues its 119 year legacy of ‘Doing it well!’

Please take a moment tonight to think about the dedicated instructors, coaches and facilities staff that make events like this possible. Please directly donate to the Orchestra Program to support its exciting schedule of concerts and tour dates this season. In the famous words of Mickey Mouse, “If you can dream it, you can do it.”

Enjoy the show!  
Jon Moeller

President, Orchestra Parents Association

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Bass: Eric Shetzen

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