



# CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

**Dr. Mark Liu**  
Director

**MAY 14, 2025**



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## Welcome to the MAC! Your home for entertainment.

I have worked in the performing arts for the entirety of my career and after 10 seasons at the MAC, I can unequivocally say our patrons are ***Simply the Best!*** The support you provide and the sense of community you have fostered make the

MAC such a special place for all who step through the doors. In honor of our patrons, the MAC is bringing you ***Simply the Best*** in the 2024-2025 season. Get ready for an incredible year with the best shows.

Join us for a complimentary pre-show MAC Chat or Q&A following specific performances. Our arts center, located in a community college, offers over 60 student productions supported by professional lighting, sound, and costumes. These can be enjoyed at affordable costs, or you can attend our FREE programs like Music Fridays at Noon and our free International Global Film series in February. We hope to exceed your expectations with excellent service and special pre- and post-show engagement opportunities. These will help you connect with the artists and art forms more deeply. While you are here, don't forget to visit the Cleve Carney Museum of Art in the lobby to experience cutting-edge contemporary art. You can also enjoy our full-service concession area and gift shop.

After your visit, please stay connected with us by joining us on Facebook (AtTheMAC) or subscribing to our e-newsletter to find out about added shows, events, and special offers ([www.AtTheMAC.org](http://www.AtTheMAC.org)). We challenge you to try something new at the MAC and expand your cultural palate. Come see the New Philharmonic Orchestra or a Buffalo Theatre Ensemble play. Or join us this summer for the Hokusai exhibit. We are grateful for your presence here and we want to ensure that your visit is enjoyable. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to ask any of the staff and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Thank you for being a part of our community of arts enthusiasts and being ***Simply the Best!*** We can't wait to share these unforgettable experiences with you and hope you have a wonderful time. We look forward to entertaining you and seeing you at the theater.

Enjoy the show!

Diana Martinez  
Director, McAninch Arts Center



## **Music at the MAC**

Welcome to a place where music is performed, studied, explored and shared!

In the McAninch Arts Center at College of DuPage, students and community musicians explore the musical arts, hone their skills, and entertain audiences. You can walk through our hallways and hear the sounds of instrumental and vocal ensembles, private lessons in all instruments and voice, music classes, and performances like the one you are enjoying today.

We hope you enjoy the broad range of music we make with collaborations of eager musicians and experienced faculty in classical, jazz and unclassifiable styles. All of our ensembles welcome new members at the start of every semester and perform regularly.

Music has thrived at COD for over four decades. While faculty, students, and audiences change, we are part of a legacy of music as an essential form of human expression from the very beginning of human life. The primacy of musical expression continues to this day, despite all obstacles.

We hope you enjoy tonight's concert. Drop in on our free Music Fridays @ Noon in MAC 140. Join us on Facebook (AtTheMAC) or join our e-newsletter for news about all the events at the MAC ([www.AtTheMAC.org](http://www.AtTheMAC.org)).

Thank you for joining us for these concerts. Enjoy the music!

**The Music Faculty at College of DuPage**

McAninch Arts Center  
at College of DuPage  
presents

*College of DuPage*  
***Chamber Orchestra***

**Dr. Mark Liu, Director**

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 7:30p  
Belushi Performance Hall

## PROGRAM

- Music from *Gladiator* ..... Hans Zimmer  
arr. John Wasson
- Granblue Fantasy, Mvt. I & II*..... Nobuo Uematsu  
arr. Minelz Music, D. Nguyen
- Duo Concertant for 2 violins no.3 in D-Sharp Major,.....C.A. de Beroit*  
*Op.57, Mvt. III*
- Rhapsody Opus 79 No. 2 in G minor* .....Johannes Brahms
- Can You Read My Mind* .....John Williams
- String Duo in C Major, Mvt. I* ..... L. van Beethoven
- String Quartet "American", Mvt. IV*.....Antonin Dvorak
- Eine Klein Nachtmusik, Mvt. I* .....W. A. Mozart  
arr. Ray Thompson
- Tangos Music for Three, Mvt 1 LaPaloma* .....Sebastian Yraider  
and Francisco Tarrega
- Concerto for Clarinet K. 622, Mvt. I (excerpt)*.....W. A. Mozart
- Thunder and Lightning Polka, op. 324*..... Johann Strauss Jr.

## PERSONNEL

**Dr. Mark Liu, *Director***

### **Violin 1**

Anais Bazant  
Noor Daraiseh  
Edor Gjata, Concertmaster  
Erik Mashayekhi  
Stephanie, Yanez  
Vanessa Miguel-Garcia

### **Violin 2**

Hannah Campbell  
Reanne Lenoir  
Jack Pazin  
Tom Taylor  
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Joanne Wegscheid  
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Kristine M. O'Neill-Gericke  
Helena Wilson

### **Viola**

Francisco Gallardo  
Sophia Pizarro  
Joshua Genc  
Dylan Nguyen

### **Cello**

Ed Almquist  
Ethan Hamilton  
Carla Kosorog  
Anais Nobles

### **Bass**

Christopher Kuper

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### **Clarinet**

Chris Garcia  
Jordan Sheren

### **French Horn**

Jennifer Szynal  
Jamie Sticha

### **Oboe**

Karen Koch

### **Piano & Harpsichord**

John Ogan

### **Percussion**

Parker Landon

### **Timpani**

Matthew Heidorn

### **Trombone**

Don Smith

### **Trumpet**

Jacob Trzeciak  
Yael Montes

### **Tuba**

Mark Ensinger



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No donation is too small.

Thank you for your consideration.

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## PROFILES

**The COD Chamber Orchestra** is a blended group composed of student and community members, open to all from high school to adult regardless of degree. It is a class at COD and rehearses on Tuesday evenings. Presently, the COD Chamber Orchestra has openings in several sections. For more information on performing in the COD Chamber Orchestra, please email [lium1612@cod.edu](mailto:lium1612@cod.edu).



**Dr. Mark Liu** (Director) began teaching in 2002 as a member of the Indian Prairie School District music staff. During his tenure, he was recognized as a *Most Influential Educator*. Additionally, he has been recognized as *Outstanding Educator* by Boston College (2009), Illinois Institute of Technology (2007), Western Illinois University (2008), and MIT (2017). Dr.

Liu received the Music Inspiration Award from Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra (2018) and the Distinguished Secondary Teacher Award from Northwestern University (2018). Dr. Liu received a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from Wheaton College (2001), Master of Music with orchestral conducting emphasis from Northwestern University (2006), Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from Aurora University (2008), and Doctor of Musical Arts in Music Education from Boston University (2016). He has served as orchestra director at Metea Valley High School, symphony orchestra director at Chicago Merit School of Music, Maine East High School, and Waubonsie Valley High School. He served as the Music Director of the Youth Symphony of DuPage from 2016 to 2024, which has collaborated with noted artists such as Mr. Robert Chen (Concertmaster of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra) and world-renowned violin soloist, Rachel Barton Pine. In 2019, he was elected to be ILMEA Orchestra Division President.

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### For more information

Contact Thomas Stark at (630) 942-2391 or [starkt1620@cod.edu](mailto:starkt1620@cod.edu).

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The Friends of the MAC is a family of those who have decided that a world-class performing and visual arts center should reside in their community. Ticket sales provide only 42 percent of our \$4 million operating budget. It is through the support of College of DuPage and through the generous gifts from patrons and local businesses that we can keep art in our museum and on our stages.

## Your Gift to the MAC

- Brings nationally and internationally renowned artists to our community
- Supports our SchoolStage program that annually offers affordable arts experiences to thousands of schoolchildren
- Provides students and community members the opportunity to interact with artists
- Enhances quality of life in our community

Without the generous support of the Friends of the MAC, we would not be the beacon for the arts in DuPage County. We gratefully thank our friends, and we invite others to join them.

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Donor may choose to direct gifts to the Arts Center Endowment or the MAC-tastic Treat Seats – Tickets for Kids & Families Endowment. Donations made to these MAC Endowments, our “savings accounts,” go into principal secured, invested accounts that will provide ongoing support for arts programs and arts accessibility for years to come.

The McAninch Arts Center and the College of DuPage Foundation can also provide you with information on planned giving options, gifts of stock, IRA Charitable Rollovers and other giving opportunities.

**For complete details, visit the MAC Box Office or  
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(630) 942-3088 or [foundation@codfound.org](mailto:foundation@codfound.org).**

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## Volunteer at the MAC

We are always looking for enthusiastic, dedicated, reliable and customer service-oriented people to become volunteers serving as ushers, greeters and docents at our events. Volunteers provide invaluable service by assisting guests to their seats, answering questions and most importantly creating a welcoming environment for our guests. Volunteers are unpaid, but that doesn't mean you won't be rewarded. The cultural perks you'll enjoy as a volunteer include vouchers for every shift worked offering discounts to use at the MAC Box Office and invitation to our annual volunteer appreciation dinner including prizes and gifts.

Visit [AtTheMAC.org/Volunteer](http://AtTheMAC.org/Volunteer) to fill out an online application and for more information on requirements and qualifications. Applications accepted year-round.

For more information, contact Volunteer Coordinator  
Rob Nardini: [nardinir@cod.edu](mailto:nardinir@cod.edu) | (630) 942-3705.

## HOUSE NOTES

- Cameras and recording devices are not allowed in the theater and are prohibited by our contracts with the artists.
- Smoking is not permitted in the theater or on campus.
- For your comfort and security, all backpacks and large bags must be checked.
- Please turn off all cell phones and any other alarms while in the theater.
- Emergency phone number at COD Police Department for after-hour calls is (630) 942-2000.
- Latecomers seated at discretion of the House Manager.
- Groups of 10 or more may contact (630) 942-3026 or [grouptix@cod.edu](mailto:grouptix@cod.edu) to arrange for group discounts.
- If you notice a spill in the theater, please notify an usher.
- McAninch Arts Center volunteers are people who assist the house staff in areas of ticket taking, ushering and general management during performances. To get involved, call (630) 942-3705.
- **For Americans With Disabilities Act** accommodations, call (630) 942-2141 (voice) or (630) 858-9692 (TDD).
- **Infrared Assistive Listening Devices:** For audience members who desire audio amplification of performances, headsets with individual volume controls are now available. You may check out the headsets at the Box Office with a driver's license. *Underwritten by a generous gift from The Knowles Foundation.*

## MAC STAFF LISTING

### MAC Administrative Staff

Director of the McAninch Arts Center .....	Diana Martinez
Business Manager .....	Molly Junokas
Project Manager .....	Kari Schoettle
Assistant Business Managers .....	Brianna Garcia, Linda Sharbaugh
Curator, Cleve Carney Museum of Art .....	Justin Witte
Assistant Curator .....	Julia Walker
Gallery Assistant .....	Madelene Przybysz
Marketing and Patron Services Coordinator .....	Janey Sarther
Graphic Designer .....	Wendy Melgar
Director of Development for Cultural Arts .....	Jon Nadel
Education and Community Engagement Coordinator .....	Mandy Rakow
Office Manager/Events Coordinator .....	Morgan Bainbridge
Student Clerical Assistants .....	Katie Aviles, Kate Cadag

### MAC Box Office and Front of House Staff

Box Office Manager .....	Julie Elges
Assistant Box Office Supervisors .....	Daniel Arzola, Elise Wash
Box Office Assistants .....	Patrick Garon, Joanne Hunt
Patron Services Manager .....	Tom Murray
Assistant Patron Services Supervisor .....	Deborah Kolek
House Manager/Volunteer Coordinator .....	Rob Nardini

### MAC Resident Professional Ensembles

Buffalo Theatre Ensemble, Interim Managing Artistic Director .....	Amelia Barrett
Buffalo Theatre Ensemble, Interim Associate Artistic Director .....	Daniel Millhouse
Buffalo Theatre Ensemble, Business Manager .....	Bryan Burke
New Philharmonic, Music Director and Conductor .....	Kirk Muspratt
New Philharmonic, Associate Conductor and Librarian .....	Benjamin Nadel
New Philharmonic General Manager .....	Paula Cebula
New Philharmonic Personnel Manager .....	Karen Dickelman
New Philharmonic Assistant Librarian .....	Ryan Michel

### MAC Design and Technical Staff

Technical Production/Lighting/Sound Coordinator .....	Richard Arnold, Jr.
Technical Theater Supervisor .....	Sabrina Zeidler
Costume and Make-up Design Coordinator .....	Kimberly G. Morris
Assistant Costume Coordinator and Stitcher .....	Gretchen Woodley
Production Manager .....	Joe Hopper
Sound and Lighting Specialist .....	Ben Johnson
Lighting Production Specialist .....	Elias Morales
Audio Production Specialist .....	Fisher Parsons
Events Production Specialist/Tech. Director – BTE .....	Caitlyn Wood
Stage Hands .....	Bobby Bryan, Zak Zubka

  
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