



JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

Spring Music Festival
Bands & Orchestras

MAY 19, 2021



Program

MR. WALTER AVELLANEDA, CONDUCTOR
MS. ALYSSA SMITH, ASST. CONDUCTOR
MR. CARL STROMMEN, GUEST COMPOSER

WELCOME

Marie A. Netto, Ed.D.

FESTIVAL ORDER

SESSION I

CONCERT BAND

SESSION II

**SYMPHONIC BAND
WIND ENSEMBLE**

SESSION III

**ORCHESTRA
STRING ENSEMBLE**

CONGRATULATIONS!

NYSSMA
ALL-STATE

STRING ORCHESTRA
TARA FUSILLO

TO VIEW TARA'S PERFORMANCE VISIT



SCAN ME

WORLD PREMIERES

Wind Ensemble



String Ensemble

...a note from the Podium...

On behalf of our students, we would like to thank you for attending tonight's concert! This is truly a joyous occasion and a special event. Thank you to the Central & Building Administration for allowing this moment to come to fruition!

While we know the audience size might not be what we are accustomed to, that is okay! Those of you here tonight in this auditorium are the ones that have motivated us, inspired us, pushed us, and made Music an important part of our lives. Whether we realize it yet or not, you have given us a chance to show you another side of ourselves.

*Tonight is the first time many of us will listen to live music since March 2020. We want you to truly enjoy our performances and to do that we ask that you turn off the outside world just for a little while. Relish in the work of your children! They went from not knowing if we would be able to play this year to playing at over 12' apart and now culminating on this stage here tonight. It has been a journey like none other. Enjoy this moment with your eyes and ears. One of the many things we have learned from these past few months is that we cannot take these things for granted and in "Every Moment, We Make" there is something always special happening. Making Music is one of the most human things we can do- we hope you **feel** us tonight.*

*For some, this is your first concert at JFK. Enjoy your child's performance and then run home and jump online to hear the other groups so you know where they will be going. If this is the last concert that your child is performing in, think back for a moment when they first learned to play an instrument to what you hear tonight.
Isn't it amazing?*

We hope you enjoy the show- they have all worked so hard to put on a great performance for you! I am cheering for them as much as you are! I know we are all clapping louder in our hearts than any audience could achieve live. It is an honor to stand in front of your children every day and thank you for encouraging them to embrace Music as an important part of their lives. Enjoy!

Mr. Avellaneda

SESSION I
CONCERT BAND

March Zuma.....*John O'Reilly*

Jurassic Park.....*John Williams*

Fiero.....*Steve Hodges*

Ms. Alyssa Smith, Guest Conductor

Moscow, 1941.....*Brian Balmages*

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Thank you!

Music between Sessions I & II provided by the

JFK JAZZ COMBO

Max Weiner, Alto Sax

Petar Ignjatovic, Alto Sax

Chris Prainito, Alto Sax

Massimo Marino, Alto Sax

Melissa Blumberg, Clarinet

Alec Ader, Trombone

Matt Leicht, Tuba

Jake Croce, Drumset

SESSION II
SYMPHONIC BAND

Aces of the Air.....*Karl King*
A Hymn for Band.....*Hugh Stuart*
Irish Legend.....*Ed Kiefer*

WIND ENSEMBLE

Alligator Alley.....*Michael Daugherty*
Air for Band.....*Frank Erickson*
Havendance.....*David Holsinger*
Ms. Alyssa Smith, Guest Conductor
Suite from Hamilton.....*arr. Jerry Brubaker*
Arabian Dances.....*Brian Balmages*

World Premiere Performance
A Walk in the Park
Carl Strommen, Composer
Commissioned by the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD for the
Wind Ensemble Students of
John F. Kennedy HS, Sanford H. Calhoun HS, and Wellington C. Mephram HS

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SESSION III

ORCHESTRA I

<i>Eine Kleine Nachtmusik (A Little Night Music)</i>	W. A. Mozart
<i>Prelude from "The Holberg Suite"</i>	Edvard Grieg
<i>It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing</i>	Ella Fitzgerald
<i>Music from "Amadeus"</i>	W. A. Mozart

STRING ENSEMBLE

<i>Marriage of Figaro Overture</i>	W. A. Mozart
<i>Symphony 104 "London"</i>	Franz Joseph Haydn
<i>Movement I</i>	
<i>Symphony No. 8 "Unfinished"</i>	Franz Schubert
<i>Movement I</i>	
<i>Adagio for Strings</i>	Samuel Barber
<i>Brandenburg Concerto No. 3</i>	J.S. Bach
<i>I & II</i>	

World Premiere Performance

Every Moment We Make

Stephen Melillo, Composer

Commissioned by John F. Kennedy High School Music Department

Dedicated to the 2020-2021 String Ensemble, the Kennedy High School Community and its principal, Mr. Gerard Owenburg.

Meet Our Guest Composers



Carl Strommen is a Mepham HS Graduate & resides with his family on Long Island. He attended and graduated from Long Island University and City College of NY and studied orchestration with Manny Albam and Rayburn Wright and composition with Stefan Wolpe. He is Adjunct Professor of Orchestration/Arranging and Composition in the Graduate School at LIU Post. His publishers include Warner Brothers, Belwin, Alfred, Carl Fischer, Barnhouse, Kendor and Smart Chart. His compositions and arrangements are performed worldwide.



Stephen Melillo's Symphony III: Lightfall, was nominated for the Pulitzer and Nemmers Prize in Music. Winner of three 2009 Telly & Ava Awards for his 2005 Visualized Concert, **Kakehasbi: THAT WE MIGHT LIVE**. A 5 time Telly Award was for "Best Use of Music" include the feature film, "One Little Finger" produced by Rupam Sarmah. An ASCAP Concert Awards recipient each year since 1992, Stephen's more than 1260 works include 4 symphonies and over 40-hours of Music for Ensembles of the 3rd Millennium™. With 41 CDs and 8 books online, Stephen's pioneering, self-publishing entity known as **STORMWORKS** has gone from 0 to many thousands of worldwide renderings since 1992

We are truly grateful for the support of the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD in allowing our students to work with these incredible professionals and many others on a yearly basis.

Personnel

CONCERT BAND

Flute

Adrianna Califano
Michael Cutrone
Marlee Goldberg
Jocelyn Nashtatik
Angelica Rosero

Oboe

Dylan Kratenstein

Clarinet

Connor Barath
Jack Schwed @
Rani Sharma @
Michael Tomasello
Constantinos Varveris
Sophia Venero
Cole Wasserman

Alto Saxophone

Petar Ignjatovic
Maxwell Wiener

Tenor Saxophone

Jacob Franklin

Trumpet

Shea Leibowitz
Lucas Linn
Thomas Miksits
Tyler Quezada
Pete Sotirakos
Max Yoselowitz

Trombone

Alec Ader @

Euphonium

Daniel Jelen

Tuba

Matthew Leicht @

Percussion

Jake Croce
Jack Fernandez

Virtual Students

Ben Goldsmith
Keith Tong

SYMPHONIC BAND

Flute

Jozelyn Chen
Natalia Fakinou
Antonina Gerunda
Adrianna Psakis
Ava-Leigh Solomon

Clarinet

Nicole Bungo
Dorien Ford
Christopher Panza

Alto Saxophone

Ryan Bayer
Joshua Blum
Nick Giannaris
Michael Lamaze
Alexandra Levitt
Ashton Martire

Tenor Saxophone

Leo Gerunda
Jacob Loew

Naresh Samaroo

Trumpet

Jeremy Barkan
Kyle O'Brien
Joshua Platt
Benjamin Schreiber

Euphonium

Jason Alt
Daniel Bayer
Max Freifeld
Antonino Scimeca

Percussion

Shane Desmond
Grayson Goodstein

Virtual Students

Zev Davis
Anthony Iaconis
Nikita Rodov

WIND ENSEMBLE

Flute

Jessica Flitsch
Blake Goldberg*
Amanda Ham

Oboe

Christopher Prainito* @ + =

Bassoon

Massimo Marino @ = +
Zohar Spiegel @ ^

Clarinet

Melissa Blumberg =
Christopher Field
Jordana Heffez*

Wind Ensemble Cont'd

Bass Clarinet

Aiden Gokce

Alto Saxophone

Charli Davis*

Eric Giannaris*

Aidan Grimes

Tenor Saxophone

Ryan Castillo

Baritone Saxophone

Matthew Diesing*

Trumpet

Jonathan Casazza

Richard Ippoliti

Otto Velting

Trombone

Andrew Danza

Georgia Karantenislis @

Marcus Molina

Euphonium

Jack Lerner

Tuba

Jessica Nachamie

Percussion

Stephen Abel

Zachary Arzt

Benjamin Greco, Mallets

Aidan Orr

Virtual Students

Gregory Michaels

Casey Moskowitz

ORCHESTRA I

Made up of students from Orchestra and Advanced Orchestra

Violin I

Gavin Chen, Concert Master ^

Julia Cohen

Lien Collings

Ava Goldsmith

Anna Hilas

Panayiotis Milonas

Emma Revzin

Skye Saunders

Violin II

Ashley Cotroneo P

Riley Thayer

Olivia Toto

Christian Maltes

Benjamin Geistrikh

Viola

Melanie Blum

Jewel Goldberg @

William Schneider @

Cello

Cali Randell

Fallyn Scheinkopf

Double Bass

Jared Levine

Virtual Students

Ryan Johnstone & Missal Khan

Leonard Weber & Handsome Zheng

STRING ENSEMBLE

Violin I

Ileana Barrera
Bailey Croce -
Daniel Delgado, Concert Master #
Julia Levine

Violin II

Jessica Blumberg, P @ - +
Param Nagpal
Kayleigh Reardon +-@#
Nicholas Rinaldi

Viola

Tyler Bissoondial
Tara Fusillo, P ! ! @ - %
Brigid Lamaze
Stamatia Papazis
Anthony Torre

Cello

Kevin Cerrotta
Daniel DeFilippo
Maya Spottiswood, P
Aidan Weaver

Double Bass

Katie O'Brien

Percussion

Stephen Abel
Zachary Arzt
Benjamin Greco, Mallets
Aidan Orr

Synth-Pad Bass

Jewel Goldberg

Synth-Harp

Christopher Prainito

Virtual Students

Jake Arlia, Violin
Liliana Davis, Violin
Kristina Giannikas, Violin @ # +
Sunita Samaroo, Violin

Key

Key: P Principal @ All County ! All State *Officer #LISFA
^ Long Island Youth Orchestra %Children's Orchestra Society
+ Metropolitan Youth Orchestra -Gemini Youth Orchestra
= Nassau Suffolk Performing Arts

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- Jean Gallagher & Susan Rice, Central Office Music Secretaries
- Sound & Recording Engineer - Tony Melfa
- Cougar TV for recording this concert and streaming it to our extended audience.

Please visit our online and social media pages!

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<http://jfkhsband.weebly.com>

Twitter: @jfkhsbands Instagram: @jfkhs_theband

Orchestra:

<http://kennedyorchestra.weebly.com>

Instagram: @jfkhs_orchestras

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"Where words leave off, Music begins"
- Heinrich Heine

