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Young Artist Concerto Competition
Sponsored by the **Bichel Foundation**

Presents its 2025-2026 winner: Jerry Gan



A Greenville native, **Jerry Gan** is a junior at Christ Church Episcopal School with over a decade of experience on his instrument. He has been studying with the beloved Mary Irwin for 10 years. His previous teachers include the esteemed Betsy Fee. Throughout his high school career, Jerry has served as the concertmaster of the 2024 SCMEA Region II Honors Orchestra and the assistant concertmaster of the 2025 SCMEA All-State Orchestra. He has recorded four years of service with both the Carolina Youth Symphony and the Greenville County Youth Orchestra, the latter of which he also serves as concertmaster. Jerry has been recognized as a Piccolo Spoleto Rising Star, a finalist at the Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall, and a finalist at the Southern Violin Association Concerto Competition. In his free time, Jerry plays the fiddle in his high school band and is an ardent fan of the Carolina Panthers. He is also an amateur singer and mandolin player.

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Meet the GCYO Conductors



Neil Casey

Conducts the **Young Artist Orchestra** and also serves as the strings teacher for Greenville's St. Joseph's Catholic School. Originally from Virginia.



Charis Burger

Conducts the **Philharmonic** ensemble and also serves as the Director of Orchestra at Mauldin High School. She plays in the Starlight Quartet



Elizabeth Conrad

Originally from Chicago, holds the position of Conductor of the **Intermezzo** ensemble and serves as the director of Orchestra at Woodmont High School

Meet the GCYO Conductors



Patrick Murch

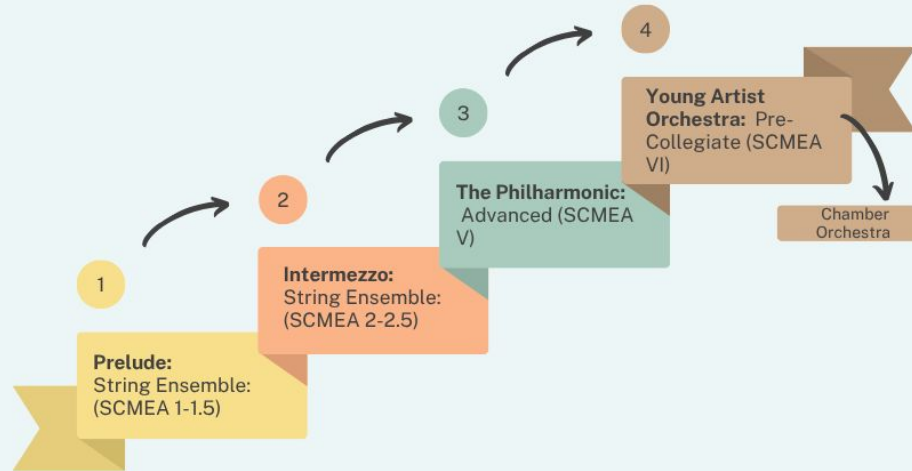
Also leads the **Intermezzo** ensemble. A composer and arranger he has published for Alfred Music. He teaches music at Northwood Middle School



Kathleen Robinson

Conductor of the **Prelude** ensemble. Violinist with the Greenville Symphony and Chamber Orchestras. She also performs with the Hendersonville and Spartanburg Symphonies

GCYO Ensemble Progression



- Ensembles 3 and 4 are fully symphonic, meaning auditions are open to all orchestral instrument families: Strings, Brass, Winds, Percussion, Harp and Keyboard.
- Students must audition. Students pick the ensemble to audition for based on a teacher recommendation, or by examining the audition material to see if it is within the student's current ability.
- Progression is skill based and **not necessarily an annual progression. Students don't graduate automatically to the next ensemble.**
- 3rd through 12th grade students from Greenville County Public Schools, Private and Homeschools are welcome to audition.

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The Philharmonic

Charis Burger, Conductor, Jeff Purcell, Coach

**chair audition order, strings*

Violin 1:

Juan Carlos Luna Rodríguez

Concertmaster

Gabriella Bernal

Bree Stevens

Mia Guerrero

Nikhil Jagadish

Sophia Cancino

Sadie Hart

Kaitlynn Crawford

Emily Anderson

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Violin 2:

Jayden Weiner

Elle Chetta

Sydney Conroy

Yaritza Acevedo

Sienna Reim

Rya Hilton

Cameron Maxey

Éowyn Szrama

Aleena Dixon

Addelyn Rodgers

Claire Reese

Tylar Clark

Madison Davis

Mathias Bejarano

Sophia Belov

Sebastian Roman

Maya Harrison

Dana Tinajero

Ivanka Maslennikova

Viola:

Kaleb Seymour

Kourtlyn Butler

Gabrielle Murphy

Lilian Owens

Alicia Alencar Pereira Pinto

Ayden Coleman

Flute:

Yoon Oh

Clarinet:

Izzy Bryan

Horn:

Sheel Patel

Cello:

William Miller

Madison Laguerre

Sebastian Seifert

Livia Alencar Pereira Pinto

Camille Dyrhaug

Dot Greene

Collin Mattice

Emily Carr

Katerina Pishchenko

Julianna Devine

Audrey McClain

Grey Voros

Gentry Sallé

Bass:

Hampton Lane

Julie Smith

Gabrielle Love

Young Artist Orchestra

Neil Casey, Conductor

**chair audition order*

Violin 1:

Jerry Gan, *Concertmaster*
Hannah Choi
Johannes Bobb
Amy Ding
Macy Dye
James Miller
Joshua Acree
Jana Santopietro
Colette Cook
Shohom Saha

Violin 2:

Daniel Shock
Herman O'Keefe
Cambrie Hammond
Faith Wright
Sarah West
Tony Chetta
Isabella Bensal
Olivia Chetta
Gabriella Wozniak
Madison Barber
Maya Harrison
Joseph Shevchenko

Viola:

Lola Greene
Sonia Okunev
Normandy Tripp
Dallin Dyrhaug
Yazlynn Aguilar
Jonathan Ropp

Bass:
Dereck Baca Galo
Julie Smith
Rachel Robertson

Cello:

Benjamin Webb
Jacob Payan
Bethany Kelly
William Laffin
Madison Shamis
Juliette Chetta
Isaac Tamayo
Sasha Rivard
Jorja Holmes
Hanna Xia

Young Artist Orchestra Cont.

Neil Casey, Conductor

Flute:

Molly McGrath
Mary Johnson
Hannah McCurry

Oboe:

Gwinn Lankford
NGU College Intern

Clarinet:

Miles Jones
Bryan Ouyang
Taniya Davis

Bassoon:

Becca Carrier
Wolf Forbes

Trumpet:

Nathan Twaddle
Taylor Phillips

Horn:

Jordan Chase

Trombone:

William Pham
Maxwell Silver

Tuba:

Wesley Donald

Timpani:

Dylan Goldbach

Percussion:

Ryan Brewer

Harp:

Lillian Artz

Piano:

Joshua Acree

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