



# ORCHESTRA

**Evelyn Champion, Director**

## **Orchestra Notes – February 27, 2023**

### **Large Group Performance Evaluation Field Trip- February 14<sup>th</sup>**

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, seventh and eighth grade students participated in the Georgia Music Educators Association Large Group Performance Evaluation at North Atlanta High School. We performed on stage, had a clinic, and sightread a piece for a panel of judges. We earned all superior ratings and had a great day! I am so proud of all of my students who worked so hard to participate in that important performance. Here are the [score sheets](#) and here is the [performance video](#). Also, many thanks to our superhero chaperones who carried equipment, transported basses, handled snacks, and helped a large group of students move about safely and efficiently. You're the best!

Lisa Anbild  
Kelly Bailey  
Jonathan Camarro

Susie Chen  
Jasmine Fan  
Taryn Jenkins

Hailey Kim  
Melissa Marshall  
Shruti Singh

### **All State Orchestra**

This week these super stars go to the Georgia Music Educators Association ALL STATE ORCHESTRA in Athens, Georgia. They participated in two rigorous auditions to be selected, and they are among the top middle school musicians in the state! We wish them *BEST* experience as they travel to their All State rehearsals and performance this weekend.

L to R: Shriya, DJ, Lauren





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## KSU Symphony Field Trip

Last Friday, band, chorus and orchestra students heard the Kennesaw State University Symphony perform their Black History Month concert. We heard:

**Florence Price:** Concert Overture No. 2 (based on 3 spirituals: Go Down Moses, Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen, and Every Time I Feel the Spirit) <https://florenceprice.com/>

**Adolphus Hailstork:** Epitaph for a Man Who Dreamed (In memoriam: Martin Luther King, Jr.) <https://www.adolphushailstork.com/>

**Nicholas Felder:** Embracing A Kaleidoscopic World (world premiere; composed by KSU alumnus)

Students had a great time! *Many thanks* to these chaperones who made the day go smoothly:

Mrs. Azua  
Mrs. Bailey  
Mrs. Bowman  
Ms. Capitani  
Mrs. Carassone  
Mr. Dinges

Mr. Elliott  
Mrs. Fan  
Mrs. Futoran  
Mr. Gustin  
Mrs. Harris  
Mrs. Hess

Mrs. McCallum  
Mrs. Meador  
Mr. Meeks  
Mrs. Munkel  
Mr. O'Neill  
Ms. Rapp

Mrs. Romero  
Mrs. Spoeth  
Mr. Torres  
Mrs. Waghorn





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## Disney Update

Eighth graders will have their *student* meeting on Monday, March 6 during class. We will go over conduct expectations, the itinerary, and other last-minute details about the trip.

## Seventh Grade Carowinds Trip Update

We do not yet have the final invoice for the Carowinds trip so we cannot yet determine the final payment. However, we are still having the parent meeting on **March 28th at 6pm** in the NMS cafeteria. This meeting will last about 30-40 minutes- please make arrangements for a parent to be there. *No seventh graders or other children, please!* All paperwork will be distributed- please bring your health insurance card!

## SAVE THE DATE

Reminder: The Orchestra Spring Concert and Awards night is **Thursday, May 18 at 7pm** in the NMS gym.

## HIGH SCHOOL COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS

All eighth graders are automatically recommended for high school Orchestra with NO audition required. PLEASE KEEP PLAYING! 🎸 🎵 😊

To audition into a higher-level orchestra, visit the website for your high school orchestra or contact the director.

**Cambridge:** Elizabeth Justice [JusticeE@fultonschools.org](mailto:JusticeE@fultonschools.org) <https://www.cambridgestrings.org/>

**Milton:** Andrew Cummings [cummingsas@fultonschools.org](mailto:cummingsas@fultonschools.org) [www.miltonorchestra.org](http://www.miltonorchestra.org)

Please bookmark the [Orchestra website](#) and if you need to contact me, please use my school email: [champione@fultonschools.org](mailto:champione@fultonschools.org).

Thank you,

Mrs. Champion