

The Western Kansas Orchestra Festival Association
and
Fort Hays State University
Present

The 68th Western Kansas Orchestra Festival

Mrs. Kristen Toll
Manhattan
Clinician & Conductor

Mr. Panya Amphone
Wichita Public Schools
Clinician & Conductor

Mr. Cody Toll
Manhattan Public Schools
Clinician & Conductor

Dr. Blair Williams
Manhattan
Clinician & Conductor

**Saturday, November 22, 2025
6:00 PM**

Dodge City High School

The Western Kansas Orchestra Festival

Middle School Orchestra B

Kristen Toll

Manhattan

Assemble the Guard

Dion Morales

Mahler's Mysterious March

Mahler/arr. Jim Palmer

Procession of the Knights

Don Brubaker

Middle School Orchestra A

Panya Amphone

Wichita Public Schools

1812 Overture

Tchaikovsky/arr. Gruselle

Fantasy on a Japanese Folk Song

Brian Balmages

Forest Hills Folk Suite

Bob Phillips

High School Orchestra B

Cody Toll

Manhattan Public Schools

The Black Sea

Gary Gackstatter

She Will Hang the Night with Stars

William Hofeldt

Across the Wind

Doug Spata

High School Orchestra A

Dr. Blair Williams

Manhattan

On The Pilgrim's Road

Jeffery Bishop

The Barber of Seville

Rossini/arr. Red McLeod

American Folk Symphony

Jeffery Bishop

Movement 2

We would like to thank the many people who supported the 2025 Festival in many ways.....

USD 443 Administrators

USD 443 Custodial Staff

Dodge City Teachers and Parents

2025 WKOF Schools and Directors

Beloit	Julia McMains
Dodge City	Jane Lindamood, Anna Draper, Kimberly Benson
Garden City	Summer Miller, Haley Rotenberger, Jennifer Sanders
Great Bend	Mark Ahlman Mariana Heatwole-Imbeau
Hays	Brayden Smith, Nathan Mark
Hutchinson	Meredith Hopkins, Emily Hilding
McPherson	Isaac Hopkins
Salina	Lindsay Modin, Jordan Martin
WKOF Manager	Ben Cline, FHSU
WKOF Secretaries	Nathan Mark, Summer Miller

The Western Kansas Orchestra Festival began over 60 years ago by Fort Hays State University string faculty member Edwin Moyers. In the long history of orchestra students, teachers, and audiences it has produced countless educators, performers, and music lovers.

WKOF still shares a close relationship with Fort Hays State University.

Benjamin Cline, Hays Symphony Conductor, currently serves as Festival Manager of WKOF.

FHSU is known as a string education leader throughout the region.

The Hays Symphony has been acclaimed for its refined performances.

WKOF and FHSU look forward to continuing this productive partnership in the future and welcoming more enthusiastic string students in future years.

We look forward to seeing you at future WKOF festivals and FHSU events.

If you are a string parent, student, or educator we thank you for your invaluable support.

Western Kansas Orchestra Festival

Middle School Personnel

Beloit Jr. High

Oakleigh Adams
Madysen Stillwell
Charlotte Norton
Ivanka Krone
Abel Higle
Ebony Konkel
Zoey Alcorn
Wilder Richards
Reed Adams
Wakefield Fincham
Isaiah Stafford
Kate Ludwig
Marissa Jeardoe
Ava Cross
Quinn Adams
Londyn Miller
Mia Sjolander
Leah Klema
Addy Smith
Isabell Bailey
Keelin Shadduck
Elijah Matlock
Ryker Loomis
Ashton Kadel
Kenton McGuire

Kenneth Henderson - Garden City

Galilea Martinez
Frida Duran
Hailey Unruh
Felixity Lopez
Jennifer Kwi
Genesis Ornelas
Kaylauni Price
Lovely Say
Lola Chmielewski
Bethany Horton
Sara Klassen
Emma Armstrong

Comanche Middle - Dodge City

Carolina Hernandez Sandoval
Samantha Gonzalez
Guadalupe Sanchez Negrete
Angel Lopez Moran
Brynlee Weber
Emrie Dressler
Damien Vallejo
Daniel Mendoza Perez
Mia Roth
Jaiden Olivarez
Aaliyah Gomez Gomez
Leah Coca
Madelynn Martinez
Guillermo Ralios Pu
Angelina Ciprian Cua
Mayrany Ontiveros
Isabella Valadez
Fatima Diaz
Jesus Garcia Navarrete
Aleyna Aguilar
Moises Raymundo Castro
Luis Maldonado De La Torre

Horace Good - Garden City

Annika Aquino
Daniel Lara
Addisyn Claussen
Ashley Paredes
Kaylee Leal
Isabella Nieves
Antonio Valladares
Jocelyn Guillen

Dodge City Middle

Israel Mata
Arlo Gutierrez-Ortiz
Elizabeth Casasola
Jasmine Gomez
Aaliyah Garcia
Chris Rodriguez
Armoni Ramos
Joanna Myers
Allison Serrano
Joanna Leon
Camila Lozano Aguilera
Jaelyn Chavez-Mendez
Ana Jorge Alonzo
Laura Laczkoski
Adelynn Flores
Uriel Rodriguez
Gabriela Zapien
Raymundo Perez
Nataly Figueroa
Liset Fregoso
Clancy Falcon
Matthew Bruce
Emma Fant
Riezlyn Leyeser
Aleia Otero
Aaliyah Banuelos
Yosalin Alonzo Gomez
Leonardo Olivas
Noemi Magana
Ximena Plata
Aiven Aguilar
Raul Pascual
Emily Solorzano
Emely Castro
Hugo Chaves Reyes
Aum Sharma
Kenya Lux Castro
Alejandra Felix
Carlos Lombrana

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Middle School Personnel

Great Bend Middle

Brenna Prendergast
Tessa Boone
Annalynn Fairchild
Gentry Vanskike
Kensie Coleman
Lukas Dietrich
Maci Reifschneider
McKenna Webb
Tyler Hammeke
Caylee Stettinger
Vivica Loera
Alex McQuade
Briley Ferguson
Mallory Garrod
Raquel Guerra

Hays Middle

Ryker Barrett
Bethany Eiden
Annabell Barenberg
Trey Medina
Kyler Kinderknecht
Jentry Myers
Emma Smith
Rayna LaFond
Mila Calvery
Amey Srivastava
Kian Noone
Liam Coveney
Micah Meers
Jaden Smith
Kincaid Demel
Justin Weilert
William Turner
Wayne Sammons
Paige Gilman
Will Reed
Natasha Janicki
Theodore Reed
Anderson Reed
Kate Pope
Adrianna Cobb
Avin Pilster
Ryleigh Kuehl
Asher Burgardt
Katharine Rigler
Ethan Gabel
Blythe Urban
Liam Baier

Hutchinson Middle - 7

Lyrica Pabon
Avery Dechant
Yoseline Maeda
Amelia Lutack
Layla Kakiuchi
Lucas Gray
Audrianna Flores
Kaci Koerperich
Prudence Long
Alivia Woodson
Maribella Perez-Silva
Kai Evans
Logan Ortiz
Joanna Wenger
Logan McGarraugh
Alexander Ibarra
Ember Tate
Jaidyn Marquez
Ady Tipton-Sanders
Leighton Frenya
Sophia Morphy
Genevieve Maley
LaReyna Trevino
Samarah Bushue
Analiya Aguilar
Logan Crumpler

Hutchinson Middle - 8

Raleigh Owen
Ellah McGarraugh
Ben Scott
Jenni Gullette
Ethan Lopez
Jaxson Heller
Sonny Hamilton
Aria Roman
Abby Adams
Ethan Moye
Kailani Tarr
Kaleah Bane
Layla West
Zoey Schletzbaum
Celynn Griffith
Lydia Hutcheson
Braxton Caley
Elaina Lundemo
Aspen Abernathy
Addy Kropf
Taton Crane

McPherson Middle

Vivi Bowman
Luke Bocox
Lilly Funk
Moses Thomas
Alexis Shandy
Cy Stucky
Nolan Brock
Jaylinn Johnson
Kaylee Anderson
Anna Kahle
Madison Pollman
Ronin Przymus
Chandler Cannon
Charles Casebeer
Ross Little
Charley Duerksen
Ty Johnson
Emily Taylor

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High School Personnel



Beloit High School

Eliana Weber
Zelma Krone
Ally Otte
Madison Larsen
Vanessa Strathman
Keira Schmitt
Antonio Alvarez
Gavin Wright
McKinley Bates
Kali Long
Kemper Adams
Chris Gantz



Dodge City High School

Rachel Centeno
Adelynn Garrett
Michaelangelo Lestrangle
Miguel Mejia Larios
Petrona Nicolas Miguel
Oriana Sierra
Miriam Raymundo
Jossanlly Tabora
Emiliano Castillo
Brandon Chach
Kendra Florez
Alexa Lizama
Alessandra Mendoza
Nataly Quintana
Heiby Ralios
Jacob Salvador
LuisDe La Cruz Reynoso
Avery Garrett
Luisa Guerra
Axel Antonio Garcia
Adrian Castro
Alejandro Chavez
Janet Luis
Alexandra Peña
Alexis Arambula
Bianney Echegoyen
Manuel Juan Francisco
Hope Moore



Garden City High School

Law K Htoo
Ailyn Arroyo
Hayden Schaffer
Alayna Workman
Liyanna Bencomo
Vianney Ortega
Samuel Cheney
Janet Garcia Macias
Josselin Claro
Delilah Garcia
Nayeli Ochoa
Breilyn Earl
Allyson Blanco
Kiahna Reyes
Ezekiel McMillan
Taily Tena Medrano
Jayden McMillan
Olive Mya
Georgiana Lozano
Kealie Bryant
Mina Rodriguez
Yaretzy Gonzalez
Itzel Alarcon
Samuel Gonzalez
Lilythe Knier
Macee White
Raelynn Kessler
Maribel Ayala
Liam Lopez
Camila Soltero
Sebastian Maldonado
Anahi Cruz



Dodge City High School

Alyssa Gusman
Samantha Harmon
Laura Lopez Vazquez
Elvin Ortiz Arroyo
Josue Pallares
Genesis Sobalvarro
Noah Gallagher
Joshua Garcia
Daira Martinez
Alisson Canola
Eva Cervantes
Julienne Marquez
Dayami Granillo
Lilianna Bradfield
Dante Avila
Cesar Bravo
Angelica Perez
Gabriel Sosa
Brenda Ralios
Camila Varela
Drew Williams
Brady Reyes
Evelyn Loosli
Raelyn Lopez
Jasmin Solis
Syriana Torres
Leannet Catalan
Meldoy Cruz
Evelyn De La Cruz
Matthew De La Torre
Ariana Fregoso
Cora Gutierrez-Ortiz
Stephany Palafox
Lesli Umana



Garden City High School

Robert Smith
Devin Pelton
Isacc Varela
Hunter Shafer
Alexia Peters
Jizelle Velasquez
Emelin Dominguez Romero
Kaeli Acker
Alexander Mezquita-Ramirez
Bryson Workman
Liliana Hernandez
Yaneli Armenta
Emelyn Caro
Amy Diep
Xochitl Vazquez
Izabel Martinez-Rivera
Jacob Bunch
Mila Sedgwick
Wah Ler Taw
Amy Sosa

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High School Personnel



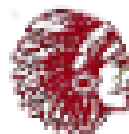
Great Bend HS

RJ Calvert
Ashlynn Pio
Olivia Scott
Mila Shives
Brooke Bodine
Zachary Goodenough
Yarlene Granados
Melanie Poblano
Roxana Rodrigues
Alejandra Aguilar
Natalia Loera
Camilla McQuade
Arianna Bott
Adrian Huitron
Ana Nava
Angel Owen
Arleth Sanchez
Olivia Loera
Evan Mason
Dominic Ortiz
Nevaeh Nagel
Adrian Castellanos
Ashley Leyva
Laynie Ochs



Hutchinson High School

Kenzie Campbell
Isabel Castaneda
Alyanna Cordero
Sarah Gable
Kyndal Richardson
Elliana Terriques
Ava Thimesch
Sophia Gray
Caspian Hayes
Ella Johnston
Coryn Knackstedt
Kyler Maley
Zoey Miller
Owen Price
Hazen Price
Fredy Tomas
Shia Dean
Kylee Dunn
Allie Henning
Ariana Tarr
Tayton Tuchardt
Isabella Sisler
Favian Flores-Lopez
Blaze Hargis
Maddy Mosley
Katheryn Richards
Izzabell Tenbraak
Gavin McGee



Hays High School

Janessa Miller
Michaela Lane
Bladyn Werth
Jackson Huwa
Jaylen Hughes
Carissa Sun
Emily Zolnierz
August Fitzhugh
Eliana Pineda
Martha Miller
Savannah Clingan
Elizabeth Gerstner
Jayleigh Weilert
Alex Hillebrand
Madelyn Wilkins
Kiana Sun
Audrey Gutierrez
Judah Rigler
Chase Baldwin
River Urban
Rowan Neeley
Jordyn Flavin
Eric Kuhl
Charlie Gray
Khandi Guzman
Kain Stanley
Leah Thomas
Levi Denham
Evie Dietz
David Wintch
Caleb LaFond
Bode Holloway
Xander Fitzhugh
Isaac Bloom



Hutchinson High School

Micah Christian
Catalina Hagebusch
Kinley Kilman
Cody Kimball
Carson Rasbold
Kira Dickman
Alivia Janzen
Bryson Kimball
Izabella Lopez
Lila Self
Kara Valdez
Naddilyn Wellington
Camiiyha Battle
Emma Leatherman
Ava Penner
Kirra Perry
Arya Byard
Roger Cukjati
Kinzlee Henson
Gabriel Marcum
Aiden Penner
Heide Penny
Ashtyn Valerie
Eva Downing
Jacob Bush



McPherson High School

Lillian Kahle
Elainah Wedel
Alice Hanes
Levin Schowengerdt
Mischa Clark
Katie Weir
Eli Corcoran
Alexandria Carlson
Rudy Jensen
Sophia Thomason
Maysen Wiens
Melody Kagle
Brittney Streckley
Jacob Juan
Lucia Leppke
Madison Langworthy
Colton Scheetz

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Conductor Biography

Dr. Blair A. Williams is Director of Professional Development for the American String Teachers Association. She has served our string teaching community in public school, higher education, civic and youth symphonies, and in the string studio for over 25 years. Her school ensembles consistently achieved superior marks at contests and festivals. Recent conducting and clinician engagements have included youth, regional, and all-city ensembles in Alaska, Kansas, Hawaii, Ohio, Oregon, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Utah, and Texas. She is on the conducting staff with the Manhattan (KS) Youth Symphony and frequently performs as a freelance musician.

Her presentations and research have been accepted or presented at international, national, and regional conferences and symposia. Her research interests include: music teacher education, community music, and music teacher recruitment. She is published in International Journal of Music Education, Journal of Research in Music Education, Update: Applications of Research in Music Education, American String Teacher, SmartMusic, and in volume 4 of Teaching Music Through Performance in Orchestra.

A frequent guest conductor, clinician, lecturer, and adjudicator, Dr. Williams enjoys working with and learning from teachers, musicians, and students across the country. Originally from Newton, Kansas, she holds degrees from The Ohio State University, Kansas State University, and Baylor University.

Mr. Cody Toll is a 6-12 orchestra director for the Manhattan-Ogden school district, where he has taught strings since 2013. He holds a bachelor's and master's degree in music education from Kansas State University. Mr. Toll has a passion for chamber music and has trained his top orchestra at Manhattan High to perform without a conductor, empowering the students to rely on each other in making expressive decisions and communicating during performance.

Over the last four years, the chamber orchestra has represented their school at numerous community events, served as a panel for a leadership workshop at Fort Riley, performed two concerts at the KMEA Convention, and traveled alongside the other two MHS Orchestras to festivals in New Orleans and at Carnegie Hall. Mr. Toll also enjoys performing on violin with the Manhattan Symphony, Salina Symphony, and his Americana band, Everyday Lights.

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Conductor Biography

Mr. Panya Amphone (He/Him) is in his 6th year as director of Orchestras and Mariachi at Mayberry Cultural and Fine Arts Magnet Middle School in Wichita, Kansas. He holds degrees in Music Education and Mathematic from Friends University and a Masters in Instrumental Music Education from Wichita State University with a certificate in Kodaly.

Mr. Amphone has had the opportunity to serve as an adjudicator and clinician around the state of Kansas for various orchestra festivals and is excited to be at the Western Kansas Orchestra Festival!

Mrs. Kristen Toll has been involved in string education in Manhattan KS since beginning her teaching career in 2015. She currently runs a private cello studio and conducts the Silver Orchestra, an ensemble within the Manhattan Youth Symphony in Manhattan, KS. Prior to this, Kristen taught general music and orchestra in USD 383 (Manhattan-Ogden) from 2015-2021 and was nominated as her school's Teacher of the Year in 2021. Having grown up in the musical community in Kansas herself, Kristen is enthusiastic about furthering quality music education in the area for students today. She has been a clinician at KSU's annual String Fling event on multiple occasions and enjoys connecting with music students from all across the state of Kansas.

Whenever possible, Kristen enjoys performing in and around Manhattan. She currently serves as principal cellist of the Manhattan Symphony Orchestra, and enjoys the opportunity to perform with mentors, peers, and students alike. She has also previously served as assistant principal cellist in the Salina Symphony. Kristen holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education with an emphasis in Special Music Education from Wichita State University. Additionally, she has earned her full certification in the Kodaly Teaching Philosophy, as well as partial Suzuki Teacher Certification