The 31st Annual
Suburban East Conference
Music Festival

Grand Finale
Concert

Stillwater Area High School
Monday, January 29, 2017 7:00 pm
Welcome to the Suburban East Conference Music Festival

On behalf of our nine member schools we welcome you to the annual Suburban East Conference Music Festival. The top bands, choirs, and orchestras from our respective schools spent the day working with three prominent music clinicians polishing and perfecting their own musical skills, and listening to performances by their peers from other schools. Tonight we conclude our music festival with a concert that features the finest vocal and instrumental musicians in the Suburban East Conference. We believe that the students in our All-Conference Band, Choir and Orchestra represent some of the very best high school musicians in the United States.

This festival is one of many activities hosted by the Suburban East Conference that promotes the fine arts. All nine member schools agree that the fine arts are an integral element of the education of a child. This music festival is just one example of how we are committed to the fine arts.

Stillwater Area High School and White Bear Lake Area High School are pleased and proud to be able to host the Suburban East Music Festival this year. We hope you enjoy the performance.

Rob Bach, Principal
Stillwater Area High School

Don Bosch, Principal South Campus
Dr. Alison Gillespie, Principal North Campus
White Bear Lake Area High School

Suburban East Conference Music Festival
Grand Finale Concert

Welcome

Superintendent Denise Pontrelli, Stillwater Area Schools

All-Conference Band
Emily Threinen
Flourish for Glorious John .................. R. Vaughan Williams
arr. John Boyd
Sunrise at Angel’s Gate........................... Phillip Sparke
Themes from Green Bushes .................. Percy Grainger
arr. Larry Daehn

All-Conference Choir
Tesfa Yohannes Wondemagegnehu, Conductor
Emily Urban, Accompanist
Sanctus.................................................. Randall Johnson
Weep Not for Him ...................... Tesfa Wondemagegnehu
Take Me to the Water............................ Rollo Dilworth

All-Conference Orchestra
Dr. Stephen Benham
Nimrod from The Enigma Variations ............. Edward Elgar
March Slave ........................................ Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Grand Finale
Dr. Stephen Benham
Combined All-Conference Band, Orchestra, and Choir
America, The Beautiful.............................. Arr. Camen Dragon
### Suburban East Conference Music

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All-Conference Clinicians

Band – Emily Threinen

Emily Threinen currently serves as Director of Bands at the University of Minnesota School of Music in Minneapolis-Saint Paul. In this position, she conducts the acclaimed Wind Ensemble, guides the graduate wind band conducting program, instructs undergraduate advanced conducting, and provides administrative leadership for all aspects of the University of Minnesota Bands. Prior to her appointment at Minnesota, Threinen served as Director of Bands and Artistic Director of Winds and Brass at Temple University's Boyer College of Music and Dance in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Before her work in Philadelphia, Threinen served as Director of Bands at Shenandoah Conservatory of Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia; Director of the Duke University Wind Symphony in Durham, North Carolina; Director of the Concordia University Wind Ensemble in Ann Arbor, Michigan; Conductor of the Dodworth Saxhorn Band in Ann Arbor, Michigan; and Director of Bands and Instrumental Music at Harding High School in St. Paul, Minnesota, receiving the Outstanding Teacher Award.

Threinen consistently works with composers, arrangers, and performing artists of varied disciplines. Residencies and projects with composers and new compositions are integral to her creative work. Threinen is published in multiple volumes of the GIA Teaching Music Through Performance in Band book series where she has been recognized as a strong scholarly contributor. She is an active guest conductor, clinician, conference presenter, and performer.

Threinen currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Conductors Guild and was elected to the American Bandmasters Association in March, 2016. She is an active member of these organizations: World Association for Symphonic Band and Ensembles (WASBE), College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA), National Band Association (NBA), National Association for Music Education (NAfME), Pi Kappa Lambda, and Kappa Kappa Psi as an honorary member. Threinen is a Yamaha Master Educator.

Choir – Tesfa Wondemagegnehu

Tesfa Wondemagegnehu, Director of Choral Ministries at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis, previously served as the conductor of The Radio Choir from American Public Media and as the assistant artistic director of VocalEssence. As a high school teacher, he was named Orange County Public School’s Teacher of the Year and received the Macy’s National Magic of Teaching Award. During his tenure at Freedom High School in Orlando, he led his choirs in performances at state conventions of the American Choral Directors Association and the Florida Music Educators’ Association.

Wondemagegnehu is widely in demand as a guest conductor and lecturer. He has performed, presented workshops, and conducted honor choirs across the United States, Canada, Germany, Austria, Hungary, and Costa Rica. Tesfa Yohannes Wondemagegnehu holds a Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting and Vocal Performance from the Florida State University and a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance from the University of Memphis.
Dr. Stephen Benham is Associate Professor of Music Education and Associate Dean at the Mary Pappert School of Music at Duquesne University. He has degrees from the University of Minnesota, the University of Michigan (M.M.), and the Eastman School of Music (Ph.D.). At Duquesne, Dr. Benham teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in music education and string pedagogy.

Prior to this, Dr. Benham held teaching positions in both public and private schools in Oregon, Michigan, and New York. Dr. Benham maintains a very active schedule as a guest conductor, clinician, speaker, and adjudicator, with professional appearances in more than 30 states and more than 25 countries in Europe, Africa, and Asia, including more than 200 clinics, multiple residencies, and extended workshops.

Dr. Benham is in high demand as a clinician, conductor, and speaker. His areas of expertise include string pedagogy, methods, curriculum, and assessment. His research interests include cultural issues in music education, increasing access to music instruction in underserved populations, and culturally relevant pedagogy, and his work has been featured in numerous international research seminars and conferences. He is the lead author the ASTA String Curriculum: Standards, Goals, Learning Sequences for Essential Skills and Knowledge in K–12 String Programs (Published by ASTA; distributed by Alfred) and Yes You Can! The Band and Choral Director's Guide to Teaching Strings (published by Carl Fischer). He has also authored several works for scholarly journals, handbooks, and encyclopedias, including publications by Oxford University Press and Sage Publications. He is also a member of the writing team for Alfred’s Sound Innovations: Creative Warm-ups—Exercises for Intonation, Rhythm, Bowing, and Creativity for Intermediate String Orchestra.

Dr. Benham is also an active consultant in the development of new music programs in communities without current string programs across the US, in addition to providing expertise to new music education projects in Europe and Africa. He is an internationally-recognized leader in the music education profession, having served in leadership positions in several states and is past-president of the American String Teachers Association.
### Violin I
- Christina Chea ............ FL
- Loren Eklund ............ R
- Owen Hisky ............ MV
- Spencer Kotys ............ FL
- Callie Kumz ............ ER
- Sangeun Lee ............ R
- Jenny Li ............ W
- Sunny Lim ............ MV
- Leah Marxhausen ............ W
- Lily Pope ............ FL
- Tyler Reitmann ............ P
- Nick Sandberg ............ ER
- Katie Schuenke ............ S
- Jennah Schwingler ............ S
- Chyenne Vang ............ R

### Violin II
- Andrius Adomavicius ............ W
- Haley Bovitz ............ ER
- Collin Frink ............ MV
- Daniel Frink ............ MV
- Anna Haselmann ............ P
- Madison Knotte ............ W
- Julie Ma ............ ER
- Luke Meyer ............ W
- Spencer Nelson ............ W
- Katherine Olson ............ FL
- William Potry ............ FL
- Hugh Riley ............ W
- Alexis Tao ............ ER
- Alejandra Torres ............ P
- James Wagner ............ S
- Samantha Woodworth ............ P
- Kidist Wosenyleh ............ R
- Douache Yang ............ R

### Viola
- Liam Adams ............ MV
- Callie Atwood ............ MV
- Nicole Babineau ............ FL
- Mike Cao ............ ER
- Sahar Ferdowsi ............ R
- Julia Lindell ............ FL
- Maggie Liss ............ S
- Linda Lubi ............ P
- Derek Nelson ............ P
- Ben Newcomb ............ W
- Cameron Olsen ............ W
- Savannah Sedlacek ............ R

### Cello
- Alessandro Amores ............ ER
- Kevin Chen ............ ER
- Micah Christianson ............ R
- Dylan Corcoran ............ FL
- Sam Crosby-Schmidt ............ W
- Jeffrey Deng ............ ER
- Daniel Hong ............ MV
- Emily Imm ............ MV
- Lance McDonald ............ P
- Alaina Runkel ............ R
- Julide Sengil ............ W
- Andrew Seong ............ MV
- Ethan Storm ............ ER
- Dylan Tischer ............ S

### Bass
- Jack Anderson ............ FL
- Michael Atkinson ............ ER
- Olivia D’Sousa ............ FL
- Cameron Kolodjski ............ MV
- Thomas Lindusky ............ P
- Bennett Shantz ............ S
- Abby Swanson ............ MV

### Flute
- Mikey Jay ............ CDH
- Desiree Martin ............ W
- Grace Zimmer ............ S

### Piccolo
- Yoo Jin Wang ............ MV

### Oboe
- Thomas Meyer ............ S
- Akiko Nakagawa ............ R

### Bassoon
- Abigail Canero ............ MV
- Ashley Olson ............ R

### Clarinet
- Sarah Willenbring ............ P
- Maya Yukanovich ............ S

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### Soprano I
- Rachel Caprella ............ R
- Audrey Carlson ............ R
- Gianna Epich ............ P
- Abby Feuer ............ ER
- Tori Johnson ............ FL
- Bethany Kinney ............ MV
- Luisa Kuah ............ W
- Molly Longtin ............ FL
- Fiona McKenna ............ R
- Adrienne O’Shea ............ CDH
- Camryn Peirce ............ WBL
- Julia Quinn ............ P
- Paula Vazquez ............ WBL
- Annaliene Voss ............ W

### Soprano II
- Chizubere Azonwu .... WBL
- Haley Djock ............ S
- Sylvia Elias ............ MV
- A. J Hofelman ............ W
- Claire Holton ............ ER
- Lauren Ivester ............ S
- Norah Larkins ............ S
- Nicole Larson ............ S
- Sabrina Martin ............ P
- Therese Mellum ............ CDH
- Sarah Munson ............ CDH
- Lily O’Connell ............ ER
- Eliana Scheett ............ MV
- Olivia Zins ............ P

### Alto I
- Ashlyn Aarness ............ S
- Emma Ecker ............ S
- Emma Hoyhta ............ MV
- Emily Krhin ............ P
- Ashley Long ............ ER
- April Moua ............ R
- Lily Neumann-Drenth ............ W
- Erin Parnell ............ R
- Bryn Pohlkamp ............ WBL
- Tiffany Richards ............ WBL
- Jerrry Schneeman ............ CDH
- Sophie Vogel ............ S
- Ellie Williams ............ R
- Maya Youngman ............ FL

### Alto II
- Abby Barsness ............ FL
- Amanda Branum ............ P
- Julia Dorn ............ P
- Madeline Hawkins/on .... FL
- Allison Krish ............ ER
- Yajaira Lansiouot ............ WBL
- Lucy Osafo ............ W
- Grace Regala ............ CDH
- Emma Schuld ............ CDH
- Mia Spieler ............ MV
- Nijeri Waitutta ............ W
- Rachael Wasson ............ MV

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### Suburban East All-Conference Orchestra 2017-2018
### Flute
- Nicole Dixon ................. FL
- Jenny Golding ............... WBL
- Karly Howard ................ P
- Sarah Hughes ................. W
- Cody Lachinsky .............. MV
- Molly McGrath ............... ER
- Allison Shaw ................. S
- Hannah Sweeney .............. S

### Oboe
- Sarah Bennett ................ W
- Sailaja Bommareddy .......... ER

### Bassoon
- Paula Brugos .................. S
- Lilly LaValley ................. WBL
- Colin Welch .................... S

### Bb Clarinet
- Sabrina Bush .................. WBL
- Steven Hernandez .............. P
- Anna Lee ....................... WBL
- Jacob Murphy ................. FL
- Benjamin Olson ............... ER
- Abby Oswald .................... P
- Cheyenne Warren .............. W
- Lynn Willems .................. CDH
- Rosie Yang ..................... R
- Megan Zamow ................... R

### Contrabass Clarinet
- Ben Heck ....................... R
- Cody Hudson ................. WBL

### Alto Saxophone
- Josie Baker ................... CDH
- Hayden Block ................ S
- Thoger Boyum ................. MV
- Jack Chojnacki ............... CDH
- Nicholas Larson .............. FL
- Faith Milon ..................... P

### Tenor Saxophone
- Brooke Holweger .............. ER

### Baritone Saxophone
- Samuel McElhone .......... FL
- Anna Novalany ............... S

### French Horn
- Laura Bailey .................... FL
- Luke Hermanson .............. MV
- Talon Krummel-Walter ....... P
- Aaron Norlinger ............... MV
- Emily Pounds .................. R
- Lindsey Sumstad .............. FL
- McCall Walker ................ ER

### Trumpet
- Justin Alpers ................. ER
- Akhil Chandra ............... MV
- Elise Roubinek ............... W
- Danny Gendreau .......... CDH
- James Hong .................... MV
- Liam Keiffer ................. R
- Simon Miller .................. W
- Bryan Park ..................... MV
- Mary Grace Shearon .......... CDH

### Trombone
- Garion Hall ................... MV
- Bennett Sherwood ............ R
- Carter Slette .................. ER
- Lavonte Smith ................. ER
- Ella Sneltjes .................. R
- Jacques Tousignant ............ W

### Euphonium BC
- Zachary Cerwinske .......... FL
- Jack Curtis .................... FL
- Laura Guck ..................... R
- Emma Stettner ................. ER

### Tuba
- Avery Abdouch ............... P
- Nathan Doely .................. S
- Nathan Haupt .................. S
- Maxwell Kelley ............... FL

### Percussion
- Kamilah Gobran .............. W
- Katelyn Jaksha ............... CDH
- Lucas Laingen ................. ER
- Katherine Miller .............. WBL
- ZACH Muetzel ................. CDH
- Will Rustad .................... P
- Ray White ...................... WBL

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### Tenor I
- Jordan Bergstrom .......... MV
- Gideon Bimpey ............... S
- Patrick Connors ............ CDH
- Jack Degonda ................. S
- William Dusek ............... CDH
- Boschee Lee ................ FL
- Bradley Manor ............... W
- Peter McBride ............... WBL
- Ayomide Ogundeji ......... R
- Jacob Olson .................. S
- Seufan Thao .................. W
- Ethan Williams ............... ER

### Tenor II
- Billy Booth .................. MV
- Grant Dunne ................. R
- Josh Edin ..................... R
- Noah Ellenberg .............. WBL
- Jack Johnson ................. ER
- Max Malacko ................. W
- Bryce Melton ................. FL
- William Novak ............... WBL
- Maxx Romleski .............. FL
- Adam Ryerse ................. ER
- Abraham Teuber .............. CDH
- Nathan Thao .................. P
- Jason Xiong .................. P

### Baritone
- Alex Bretoi ................... ER
- Matthew Colbert ............. MV
- Elliot Fobbe ................. CDH
- Giovanni Gonzalez .......... S
- Ryan Hall-Hunt ............. WBL
- Tony May ..................... ER
- Jack O’Brien .................. MV
- Seth Olson .................... S
- Thomas Perreira ............. WBL
- Jaden Pleasants .......... CDH
- Dane Ray ..................... R
- Jake Ross ..................... FL
- Austin Stonemark ............. P
- Aaron Yang ................... S

### Bass
- Rogers Akembom .............. W
- Jonah Border .................. R
- Austin Boreen ................. P
- Isaiah Bruholland ............ R
- Issac Letourneau ............. WBL
- Logan Mulvany ............... W
- Augustus Nelson ............. CDH
- Logan Olson .................. FL
- McCrossen Schiller ........... ER
- Andrew Springhorn ........... MV
- Alex Young .................... P
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