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Performer(s)

Merritt Denton; Chloe Harder; Grace Clark; Jeffery Alley Murdock; Bella Adams; Abigail Short; Hyun Kim; and University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. University Chamber Orchestra



UNIVERSITY OF
ARKANSAS

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UNIVERSITY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

THE MUSIC OF J.S. BACH (1685-1750)

Jesse Collett, conductor

CONCERT PROGRAM

Concerto for 2 Violins in D minor, BWV 1043

- I. Vivace
- II. Largo ma non troppo
- III. Allegro

Merritt Denton and Chloe Harder, violin

Arioso, from Cantata No. 156 "*Ich Steh, mit einmem Fuss in Grave*"

Grace Clark, viola

Bist du bei mir, BWV 508, from Anna Magdalena Notebook

Jeffery Allen Murdock, tenor

Brandenburg Concerto No. 5, BWV 1050

- I. Allegro
- II. Affettuoso
- III. Allegro

Bella Adams, violin
Abigail Short, flute
Dr. Hyun Kim, harpsichord

UNIVERSITY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

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VIOLIN I

Merit Denton
Isabella Adams
Dayton Strick
Landon Barker

VIOLA

Grace Clark
Nicolas Kitzmiller
John David Sharp
Nicholas Fidalgo

BASS

Logan Clark
Gabriela Gomez

VIOLIN II

Chloe Harder
Jenelle Sisco
Jackson Vessey
Leo Zhang

CELLO

Matthew Nelson
Beau Shock
Austin Dolan
Shawn Sproles
Moorea Swango

HARPSICHORD

Dr. Hyun Kim

BIOGRAPHIES

DR. JEFFREY ALLEN MURDOCK is internationally known as a conductor, clinician, and music educator. He currently serves as Coordinator of Choral and Vocal Studies, Associate Professor of Music, and Director of the Black Music Institute at the University of Arkansas. He is a 2016 Connor Endowed Faculty Fellow in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences, a 2018 recipient of the Golden Tusk Award, the 2019 Most Outstanding Faculty Member among all university faculty, and the 2021 GRAMMY Music Educator of the Year.

While Dr. Murdock is an accomplished classical musician, he is also a skilled Gospel musician. He has served on the conducting staff of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and has collaborated with Gospel recording artists, including Donnie McClurkin, Richard Smallwood, Mary Mary, Marvin Winans, Marvin Sapp, Lisa Knowles, Kathy Taylor, and numerous others.

Dr. Murdock is married to the Reverend R. Janae Pitts-Murdock, Senior Pastor of the Light of the World Christian Church Indianapolis, Indiana, and they have two amazing children, Jeffrey Allen Murdock, III, and John Patrick Alexander Murdock.

GRACE CLARK found her passion for viola performance while in the 6th grade. After being presented with several instruments, she was instantly drawn to the viola. Throughout her time in grade school and college, she has continued to perfect her technique and skills, as shown by the many accolades that she has received. Grace is currently a junior at the University of Arkansas where she is pursuing a B.M. in Viola Performance, as well as a B.A. in Geography and Cartography. After graduation, her plans are to pursue an M.A. in Cartography and work as a musician. Aside from studies, Grace works as a freelance violist in Northwest Arkansas, playing as a substitute violist in the Symphony of Northwest Arkansas and the Arkansas Philharmonic Orchestra. In her spare time, Grace enjoys staying home with her partner and their two cats. She is an avid reader and it's rare to find her without a book in her hand.

MERRITT DENTON is from Plano, TX and has been playing violin since she was 7 years old. She graduated from Plano Senior High School in 2021, where she was concertmaster for her school's top orchestra. Along with orchestra, Merritt was also involved in volleyball, track, and cross country throughout highschool. In her freetime, Merritt enjoys listening to Taylor Swift, learning new card games, and going on hikes with her friends. Merritt is a freshman at the UofA this year and is majoring in Music with a concentration in string performance. In the future, she hopes to become a 1st grade teacher and help children with learning disabilities. Woo pig!

CHLOE HARDER is from Conway, Arkansas, and started her journey with the violin in 6th grade. She graduated from Conway High school and played in the Conway High's Chamber and Concert Orchestras. Additionally, she was a member of the Arkansas Symphony Youth Orchestra. In her free time she likes to spend time outside, make art, watch the campus squirrels, and of course, listen to Taylor Swift. She is a freshman majoring in Music Education, and hopes to one day teach in Spanish-Speaking communities. Go hogs!

ABIGAIL SHORT is a junior from Greenwood, Arkansas. She is majoring in Music Education and Flute Performance, studying with Dr. Ronda Mains. During her time at the University of Arkansas, she has been a part of the Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony, University Symphony Orchestra, Flute Studio, Latin Ensemble, and Arkansas Intercollegiate Band. Abigail is a distinguished scholar, earning the title of an Honors College Fellow. She is also a member of the Sigma Omicron chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, an international music fraternity for women.

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DECEMBER

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free tickets required
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7:30 pm, Faulkner Performing Arts Center
free tickets required
- Tue 7 Latin American Ensemble**
7:30 pm, Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall
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