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## PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

### VIOLIN

Angel Alcantara Luna  
Ilana Buholzer  
Grace Chen  
Brayden Chuang  
Ezra Gedion  
Anya Gore  
Kylie Huang  
Lily Kendall  
Joylynn Lee

### VIOLIN CONT.

Jacqueline McInerney  
Micaela Miley  
Benjamin O'Brien  
Giovanna Ortiz  
Shivana Parekh  
Sarah Rapier  
Emma Susilo  
Marlee Yamamoto

### VIOLA

Jackson Alexander  
Delilah Barnett  
Kelly Berman  
Alexandra Bush  
Neena Chick  
Charles Dickey  
Lillian Evans  
Ethan Mainzer  
Julia Wilmarth

### VIOLONCELLO

Malachy Garbott  
Nicolas Huang  
Ella Naidoo  
Rena Parikh  
Camden Shapiro

### DOUBLE BASS

Clayton Powell

## SINFONIETTA

### VIOLIN

Ryan Bui  
Rowan Brown  
Keith Daniels  
Andrew Fan  
Zoe Fan  
Ashlyn Green  
Neekou Hashemi-Nejad  
Charles Hiatt

### VIOLIN CONT.

Mario Morales  
Abigail Seo  
Chloe Silagan  
Salem Spencer-Meade  
Jaclyn Wang  
Sofia Williams

### VIOLA

Emily Bryant  
Camille Jorenby  
Gwendolyn Rothermel  
Sophia Safa

### VIOLONCELLO

Austin Lee  
Ty Lockwood

### VIOLONCELLO

CONT  
Sabine McGregor  
Marguerite Mullen  
Emma Tretiak

### DOUBLE BASS

Jenna Ahmed

## CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

### VIOLIN

Daniel Block  
Kevyn Clark  
Xavier Dargan  
Victoria DaSilva  
Daichi Horiguchi  
Mizuki Horiguchi  
Audrey Lee

### VIOLIN CONT.

Andrew Liu  
Faye Liu  
Megan Shintaku  
Sofia Varieschi

### VIOLA

Vikram Arora  
Jack Kwon  
Taz Mullins  
Julia Vazquez

### VIOLONCELLO

Ozan Bayiz  
Owen Ramallo  
Courtney Yu

### DOUBLE BASS

Eric Ashkarian  
Kaleb Hsieh

## SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

### PRINCIPAL

#### VIOLIN

Daichi Horiguchi,  
*concertmaster*  
Audrey Lee,  
*associate concertmaster*  
Mizuki Horiguchi  
Andrew Liu  
Madison Oh

#### VIOLIN

Daniel Block  
Andrew Cherry  
Brian Chiu  
Lauren Chiu  
Jaylen Clark  
Kathy Clark  
Kevyn Clark  
Xavier Dargan

### VIOLIN CONT.

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Emily Doami  
Christopher Fan  
Karyn Fu  
Luke Green  
Joseph Hiatt  
Kaitlyn Le  
Cindy Lin  
Faye Liu  
Kayla Lowenberg  
Megan Shintaku  
Cara Susilo  
Shali Thai  
Sofia Varieschi  
Ben Vick

### VIOLA

Jack Kwon,  
*principal*  
Vikram Arora  
Nicolas Bacura  
Fiona DeFrance  
Alexander Holcomb  
Heather Jensen  
Katherine Mooney  
Katherine Mueller  
Taz Mullins  
Gabrielle Olivas  
Tasmin Owen  
Ethan Silagan  
Piper Stevens  
Julia Vazquez

### VIOLONCELLO

Owen Ramallo,  
*principal*  
Ozan Bayiz  
Ellie Chien  
Griffin Crisostomo  
Aidan Murphy  
Duncan Plexico  
Andrew Yang  
Courtney Yu

### DOUBLE BASS

Eric Ashkarian,  
*principal*  
Diya Dhawan  
Kaleb Hsieh  
Colin Wyse

# PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

## PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

- Variant On An Old English Carol . . . . . Robert W. Smith  
Prelude For String Orchestra . . . . . Elena Roussanova Lucas  
Tango d'Amour . . . . . Susan H. Day

## SINFONIETTA

- Overture to *The Messiah* . . . . . George Frideric Handel, *arr. Albert Stoessel*  
In the Company of Angels . . . . . William Hofeldt

*Joylynn Lee – harp*

- Blue-Fire Fiddler . . . . . Soon Hee Newbold

## CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

- Sinfonia No. 7 in D minor, I. Allegro . . . . . Felix Mendelssohn  
String Quartet in G minor, Op. 27, IV. Finale . . . . . Edvard Grieg

## SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

- Variations on *I Got Rhythm* . . . . . George Gershwin, *arr. Matthew Naughtin*  
Serenade for String Orchestra . . . . . Vasily Kalinnikov  
Folk Tune Air and Fiddler's Fury . . . . . Alexander Safford

*Daichi Horiguchi – violin solo*



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**PHILHARMONIC**



**SINFONIETTA**



**SYMPHONY**



**CHAMBER**

ANGEL ALCANTARA LUNA

**I play** the violin.

**Music highlights:** SCSBOA Festivals; Costa Orchestras Spain Concert Tour.

**Next year, I'll be attending** UCSB as a pre-bio major on a pre-health track.

**My favorite orchestra memory was** our concert tour in Spain. It was an unforgettable trip, and I hope to go back in the future.

**To my music family:** I'm grateful for all of the friends that I've made and for all of the great memories.



VIKRAM ARORA

**I play** the viola.

**Music highlights:** began to play the piano at five years old and learned repertoire such as Chopin's "Fantasie-Impromptu" and Beethoven's "Sonata Pathetique" in high school; also played piano for Mr. Nail's jazz band in Torrance freshman year.

**Next year, I'll be attending** UC Berkeley to study physical sciences.

**My favorite orchestra memory was** the Spain trip, especially performing at Palau de la Música Catalana. It was an amazing experience to be on tour while exploring the country.

**To my music family:** I am grateful for all of the viola sections over the years and the lifelong friendships that I have made. I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to perform music at such a high level, and I would like to thank my family for supporting me throughout the entire process.



ERIC ASHKARIAN

**I play** the double bass.

**Music highlights:** Elementary Honor Strings Mentor; Rotary Solo Music Competition; Eclectic Ensembles; Costa Orchestras Spain Concert Tour.

**Next year, I'll be attending** UCI studying chemistry.

**My favorite orchestra memory was** switching instruments with friends when there was a sub.

**To my music family:** I feel so grateful to have been a part of the Costa Orchestra family for the past four years, and I'm grateful for all of the memories and great music we made.



NICOLAS BACURA

*I play* the viola.

**Music highlights:** Costa Winter/Spring concerts; All District Orchestra Festivals; Costa Orchestras Spain Concert Tour.

**Next year, I'll be** playing baseball at Santa Clara University. **My favorite orchestra memory was** definitely the Costa Orchestras trip to Spain - every single one of the performances and all of the time spent in between were really unforgettable. It was a true once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

**To my music family:** It's honestly weird to think that going forward orchestra won't have a constant presence in my life. It has been something I've participated in since elementary school and something I'll always remember. I feel deeply grateful for every opportunity I've gotten by being a part of orchestra, including the constant life lessons and advice from Mr. Park from the time I first picked up an instrument in 3rd grade all the way through the end of high school. It has been an invaluable experience that has helped me become the person I am today.



LAUREN CHIU

*I play* the violin.

**Music highlights:** Costa Music with Meaning Club (Co-President); Level 10 Certificate of Merit Piano; Level 9 Certificate of Merit Violin with California Music Teacher Association Convention Honors; El Camino College Symphony Orchestra.

**Next year, I'll be attending** Brown University and majoring in biology as well as international and public affairs.

**My favorite orchestra memory was** getting my ears blown out by the piccolo six feet away during the "Bartered Bride Overture". #nopainnogain

**To my music family:** I am grateful for orchestra being a period of recovery in the middle of a busy day, where I can relax and enjoy playing music with my friends. Thank you Mr. Park for telling very lame but funny jokes. Thank you to everyone in orchestra for being wonderful musicians and people I'll miss.



KATHERINE CLARK

*I play* the violin.

**Music highlights:** Vocal Ensemble; Youth Musicians Ensembles; Certificate of Merit (Level 10 and Masters class; State recognition and received branch honors each year).

**Next year, I'll be attending** Honor Transfer program at Long Beach City, then to UCLA for Urban Architectural Design with emphasis in environmental sustainability.

**My favorite orchestra memory was** every concert being full of emotion.

**To my music family:** I feel grateful for having such a dedicated and thoughtful teacher like Mr. Park. All of my string teachers have left such a positive impact on me. I cannot express enough how much Mr. Park has helped me in my music career and my personal life. He really cares about each and every one of his students. I'm grateful I had mentors that taught me grades are just numbers, and those numbers cannot define one's creativity and brilliance.



KEVYN CLARK

**I play** the violin.

**Music highlights:** Rotary Solo Music Competitions; Philharmonic, Symphony and Chamber Orchestras.

**Next year, I'll be attending** UCLA and majoring in biochemistry on the pre-med track.

**My favorite orchestra memory was** having a daily outlet to destress. No matter how many exams or assignments I was worried about, I was able to walk into orchestra class and focus on music. Performing and rehearsing alongside friends was an exciting experience that I will never forget.

**To my music family:** I am so thankful for the meaningful relationships I have formed with the people I have met in orchestra. It has been amazing to grow up playing the violin as I learned the role of commitment and determination at a young age. I want to thank Mr. Park, Mr. and Mrs. Haslop, and Ms. Cavallaro for all of the support they have provided me. I also want to thank my parents for encouraging me in every step of this process. And of course, I am so grateful for my incredible private teacher, Mr. Wong.



VICTORIA DASILVA

**I play** the violin.

**Music highlights:** Founder and President of Costa's Music Production Club; Verified Artist on Apple Music and Spotify; singer, songwriter, guitarist, pianist, and of course, violinist.

**Next year, I'll be attending** UCLA to study electrical engineering.

**My favorite orchestra memory was** being able to perform on another continent with Costa orchestras, and it was an experience unlike any other. Performing in Spain at Palau de la Música Catalana was one of my most magnificent memories in orchestra. The concert hall was so beautiful and prestigious, and as an orchestra we felt so happy and accomplished to perform Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 2 and other intricate, beautiful pieces across such a marvelous country. I will forever cherish the memories of the 2019 Spain Tour.

**To my music family:** Being a part of Mr. Park's orchestras during my four years at Costa has been a true privilege. I am extremely grateful for Mr. Park for inspiring such musicality and ambition in all of his students. Because of him, we were able to perform advanced pieces in incredible venues for countless concerts and festivals, including those on our nationwide tour of Spain in 2019. Thanks to his passion for music and his love for all of his students, I have made incredible, unique memories in the Mira Costa orchestras that I will hold on to for the rest of my life.



DAICHI SKYE HORIGUCHI

**I play** the violin.

**Music highlights:** Bob Cole Conservatory Honors Orchestra; Bach Week: USC Thornton; Elementary Honor Strings Mentor; private teacher to elementary/middle school students (violin, guitar, drums); NTYME Chamber Orchestra; Diamond Bar Concerto Competition (grand prize); Antelope Valley Bach/ Concerto Competition (first prize); Rotary Solo Music Competition (first place 2 years); studio classes at Bob Cole Conservatory; masterclasses with Pacific Symphony/LA Phil Concertmasters.

**Next year, I'll be** studying aeronautical engineering at Stanford University and joining the Stanford Orchestra.

**My favorite orchestra memory was** the Costa Spain trip, especially the "Zigeunerweisen" solo at Zaragoza (and of course traveling around beautiful cities with everyone).

**To my music family:** These past four years in orchestra have been real fun and a phenomenal learning experience. I've truly enjoyed meeting everyone here, and feel that the friends made here are for life. Not only did I gain knowledge and experiences as a musician, I feel that I learned a lot as a leader and member of a community. I cannot thank Mr. Park and everyone that I have met here for everything. I'll miss this a lot.



JACK KWON

**I play** the viola.

**Music highlights:** Costa Pit Orchestra (viola); Jazz II (piano).

**Next year, I'll be attending** UC Berkeley undeclared.

As of now, I am not 100% sure what I would like to pursue but I see myself going into either economics or statistics. I hope to continue writing music in college and would love to break into the music industry, whether it be the field that I study or in the more artistic aspect.

**My favorite orchestra memory was** as a violist in Symphony in 10th grade. Despite the variety of different grade levels in the viola section, there was a strong connection between everyone. During class, we would always be talking when we weren't supposed to. Some of the most enjoyable memories I made with the violas was completing an escape room and watching "The Bachelorette". The dynamic we had in class definitely made orchestra even more entertaining.

**To my music family:** I am incredibly grateful for what orchestra has provided me. It has nurtured my love for music and pushed me to be more artistic. I have to thank Mr. Park for the past four years. His class has definitely helped me grow not only as a musician but as a person as well.





AUDREY LEE

**I play** the violin.

**Music highlights:** Costa Orchestras Student Leadership President; Colburn Youth and Chamber Orchestras; Young Nak Church Orchestra; American Youth Symphony.

**Next year, I'll be attending** Massachusetts Institute of Technology and majoring in electrical engineering and computer science.

**My favorite orchestra memory was** both the performance at the Bella Concert Hall in Canada and the performance at the Palau de la Música Catalana in Spain — two unforgettable culminating performances for two once-in-a-lifetime trips.

**To my music family:** Thank you to my orchestra friends, to my fellow leadership members, and to the orchestra boosters for making every experience so unforgettable. Thank you to Mr. Park for supporting me over the years and for opening my eyes to the world of music. And finally, to all of my orchestra kiddos, thank you for inspiring me to become a better person, a better musician, and a better friend to you all. Knowing that you are the future of our orchestra program makes me so excited for the excellence that the program will achieve through your efforts and with Mr. Park's guidance. Thank you for an incredible four years!



ANDREW LIU

**I play** the violin.

**Music highlights:** CSULB's Bob Cole Conservatory (studied with Moni Simeonov; performed in Honors Festival as concertmaster and guest soloist); Costa Eclectic Ensembles; Rotary Solo Music Competition (second place lower division 2018, 2019); Costa Orchestras Solo Music Competition (first place upper division 2021).

**Next year, I'll be attending** Princeton University, hopefully majoring in astrophysical sciences.

**My favorite orchestra memory was** eating Fire Noodles in Canada my freshman year and eating all of Audrey's maple candies to alleviate the spice.

**To my music family:** I am grateful to be a part of this orchestra family because it has carried me through the happiest and darkest times of high school. We all suffered through tough times together and got to share our joy with each other in times of victory. I have to thank everybody in orchestra for the wonderful experiences.



### MICAELA MILEY

**I play** the violin.

**Music highlights:** Costa Orchestras Spain Concert Tour; Costa Orchestras concerts and festivals.

**Next year, I'll be** studying finance and sustainable business at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. Go Zags!

**My favorite orchestra memory was** every time I would be carrying my instrument case at school, I would hear, "Oh my God, Micaela, you play the violin!?!?"

**To my music family:** I am so grateful to have been a part of such a great program. I made so many friends and memories that I can cherish for a lifetime. Thank you to my mom and grandpa Joe who inspired me to begin/continue playing the violin. I would like to thank Mr. Park for being an incredible teacher as well as a mentor.

### KATHERINE MOONEY

**I play** the viola.

**Music highlights:** Began orchestra career midway through the third grade with the violin. Six and a half years later, during her sophomore year, switched to the viola. Later that year, toured Spain with Philharmonic Orchestra as principal violist. Graduating as a member of Costa's Symphony Orchestra.

**Next year, I'll be attending** University of Rhode Island and studying pharmaceutical sciences.

**My favorite orchestra memory was** various viola meetups outside of class and the Spain Trip 2019; My favorite orchestra routine was vibrato practice.

**To my music family:** I feel grateful to have met so many of my closest friends in the orchestra program, as well as teachers and other musicians who were passionate about their classes and curriculum. Thank you to all these people, and to the orchestra boosters, for allowing me to thoroughly enjoy my high school orchestra experience.



### MARIO MORALES

**I play** the violin.

**Music highlights:** Mariachi Alma Juvenil; Harmony Project Double String Quartet; Harmony Project Symphony Orchestra.

**Next year, I'll be attending** UC Davis, majoring in materials engineering.

**My favorite orchestra memory was** all the people I had met while in the orchestra. From composers to athletes, and having met a mix of seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen has made me appreciate my Costa Orchestra career. Just being a part of such a huge orchestra and experiencing so many different events, whether it was Spain or a festival together as a group, is what makes up my most important orchestra memory.

**To my music family:** I thank Mr. Park and all the behind the scene people, whether it was the parents who volunteered for Spain, the orchestra boosters, or my fellow students. Being able to join a huge musical family at Costa, including band, choir, and orchestra, has made me appreciate just where I was - in a group where we as a musical family live together in harmony.



TASMAN "TAZ" MULLINS

**I play** the viola.

**Music highlights:** Accepted to Colburn Youth Orchestra; Royal Conservatory of Music Theory (Level 5-7 with honors and distinction); Principal Viola for Philharmonic and Sinfonietta Orchestras; Philharmonic Orchestra Excellence Award; Elementary Honor Strings Mentor; Costa Orchestras Tuning Crew Organizer; Royal Conservatory of Music Honors Recital.

**Next year, I'll be attending** Dartmouth College.

**My favorite orchestra memory was** from my sophomore year when one of the seniors spilled two-week-old milk all over my stand partner. The smell was absolutely awful and my stand partner kept apologizing but the entire viola section couldn't stop laughing. The smell was so bad that Mr. Park thought there was a dead animal in the storage room and then when the two seniors told him it was because one of them was covered in expired milk Mr. Park didn't believe them. He said that there was no way that it was milk because even expired milk couldn't smell that bad.

**To my music family:** I am so incredibly grateful for all four of my years in the Mira Costa Orchestra program where I have met some of the most important people in my life. I am so grateful for my viola section because there is no section like the violas; we aren't just a section we are a family. Mr. Park pushed our orchestra to be excellent, yet still created an orchestra family. Lastly, I'd like to thank my mom Angela Mullins for always being supportive of my viola career and always pushing me to excel in both the classroom and behind the music stand.



BENJAMIN O'BRIEN

**I play** the violin.

**Music highlights:** Winter and Spring concerts; All District Orchestras Concerts; various orchestra festivals; Costa Orchestras Spain Concert Tour.

**Next year, I'll be attending** Boston University in spring 2022, majoring in history on a pre-law track; I will be studying in London in summer 2022.

**My favorite orchestra memory was** without a doubt our Spain trip. I met so many people, got closer with existing friends, and overall had an amazing time seeing what Spain had to offer while giving the gift of music to anyone who would listen.

**To my music family:** Orchestra has given so much to me over the past four years. I have made so many friends and memories that will last a lifetime. I have enjoyed every year that I have spent with the Costa Orchestras, and will surely miss the time spent at rehearsals, concerts, festivals and just everyday practice. I want to thank Mr. Park too, for being an excellent teacher and director. I could not have asked for a better mentor these last four years.



GABRIELLE OLIVAS

**I play** the viola.

**Music highlights:** Costa Orchestras Spain Concert Tour.

**Next year, I'll be attending** University of California, Davis.

**My favorite orchestra memory was** after four years, I still cannot confidently play a 3 octave C Major scale.

**To my music family:** I am grateful to have been a part of such a welcoming community during my years in high school. I would like to thank Mr. Park, my parents, and all of my peers for encouraging me to work hard and never give up.

DUNCAN PLEXICO

**I play** the cello.

**Music highlights:** Costa Orchestras Spain Concert Tour; Elementary Honor Strings Mentor.

**Next year, I'll be attending** UCSB!

**My favorite orchestra memory was** going to Spain and getting to travel.

**To my music family:** I am so grateful that I was able to be a part of the Mira Costa Orchestras. It gave me the opportunity to meet tons of people and travel to amazing places. A very big thank you to Mr. Park for being the best orchestra director that could ever exist. Also a big thank you to the orchestra boosters who help fund every project.



OWEN RAMALLO

**I play** the cello.

**Music highlights:** Certificate of Merit for Piano; Bach Competition for Piano, Sonata Competition for Piano; Elementary Honor Strings Mentor; Costa Pit Orchestra; Costa Music with Meaning Club; AP Music Theory; Eclectic Ensembles; Costa Orchestras Tuning Crew.

**Next year, I'll be attending** Northeastern University.

**My favorite orchestra memory was** hanging out in the orchestra room after concerts and competitions.

**To my music family:** I'd like to thank Mr. Park and all the orchestra boosters. I'd like to thank our current orchestra student leadership team for working hard to make orchestra the most fun it could be, as well as everyone in orchestra for contributing to the program.



MEGAN SHINTAKU

**I play** the violin.

**Music highlights:** Costa Women's Choir and Vocal Ensemble; Costa Music with Meaning Club violin instructor; Certificate of Merit piano evaluations through level 10.

**Next year, I'll be attending** UC San Diego and majoring in neurobiology. I'm still deciding between joining the orchestra or an a cappella group, but in either case, I'm eager to continue making music in college!

**My favorite orchestra memory was** playing Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 2 with Symphony Orchestra my sophomore year and doing Valgrams with Chamber Orchestra my junior year.

**To my music family:** Orchestra, and music in general, was an essential part of my experience at Mira Costa, and I hope to keep music in my life beyond high school. Thanks to orchestra, I have had so many opportunities to perform, develop friendships, and learn more about music from great instructors and peers. To Mr. Park and all the musicians, current and alumni, with whom I have had the opportunity to play: thanks for making these past four years so memorable!



ETHAN SILAGAN

**I play** the viola.

**Music highlights:** Philharmonic and Symphony Orchestra concerts and festivals.

**Next year, I'll be attending** UC Davis, studying molecular and medical microbiology.

**My favorite orchestra memory was** going to Disneyland for a post festival celebration. Spending time with the orchestra on fun rides and enjoying Dole Whips while watching plays and shows was great.

**To my music family:** I'm grateful for an enriching learning experience as well as the occasional fun moments that make their way into a busy school day. I thank Mr. Park for being a punny teacher at times, but also being a highly knowledgeable teacher throughout my four years in orchestra. I'd also like to thank the viola section for actually being the best instrument section ever (totally not biased). Even sectionals felt fun with Mrs. Winship and Mrs. Ping so a huge thanks to them too.



PIPER STEVENS

**I play** the viola.

**Music highlights:** Costa Orchestras Student Leadership Viola and Lower Strings Representative; Costa Music with Meaning Club, teaching young students who do not have access to a music program how to play the viola.

**Next year, I'll be attending** Dartmouth College to study chemistry on a pre-health track while playing Division I volleyball.

**My favorite orchestra memory was** playing Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 2 in our Spain Send-Off concert. The piece is 45 minutes long, so by the end of the 3rd movement, I was exhausted, but right before the 4th movement started, I locked eyes with my stand partner and best friend, Katie Alcantara. Since it was her last concert as a graduating senior, we both started tearing up and played the best we ever had. I'll never forget that special moment and how much fun we had playing that piece.

**To my music family:** I am unbelievably grateful for my time in orchestra because of the people I have met and the lessons I have learned. I want to thank Mr. Park for always forgiving me when I talk during tuning, my parents for encouraging me to join orchestra in 3rd grade, and my sister Ivy for convincing me to stick with the viola throughout high school. Also, I wanted to thank my fellow violas for being the best section ever, and my stand partners for always making me laugh.

SHALIVAHANA THAI

**I play** the violin.

**Music highlights:** SCSBOA Festivals; Costa Orchestras Spain Concert Tour 2019.

**Next year, I'll be attending** UCR to major in biochemistry; my goal is to eventually apply to medical school and become a doctor.

**My favorite orchestra memory was** the final concert of the 2019 Spain trip at the Palau de la Música Catalana.

**To my music family:** I'm grateful for Mr. Park, Mrs. Haslop, and for the orchestra boosters who work hard to ensure students can continue to enjoy orchestra each and every day at school.



SOFIA VARIESCHI

**I play** the violin.

**Music highlights:** Rotary Solo Music Competition; Costa Orchestras Spain Concert Tour 2019.

**Next year, I'll be attending** Pratt Institute, majoring in Fine Arts.

**My favorite orchestra memory was** performing at the Palau de la Música Catalana in Spain.

**To my music family:** I am extremely grateful for the encouragement and assistance I have received from my family and teachers during my time in orchestra.



JULIA VAZQUEZ

**I play** the viola.

**Music highlights:** Costa Pit Orchestra for "Into the Woods", which was unfortunately cancelled due to the pandemic.

**Next year, I'll be attending** University of California, San Diego.

**My favorite orchestra memory was** playing Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 2 in the Palau de la Música Catalana in Barcelona on the Spain trip in 2019, and when there was spoiled milk in the instrument room and we thought there were rats in the concrete walls.

**To my music family:** Special thank you to Mr. Park, Mr. Elegino, Mr. McCormick and the orchestra boosters for making the program one of my most memorable experiences at Costa, creating special moments and friendships that will last a lifetime.



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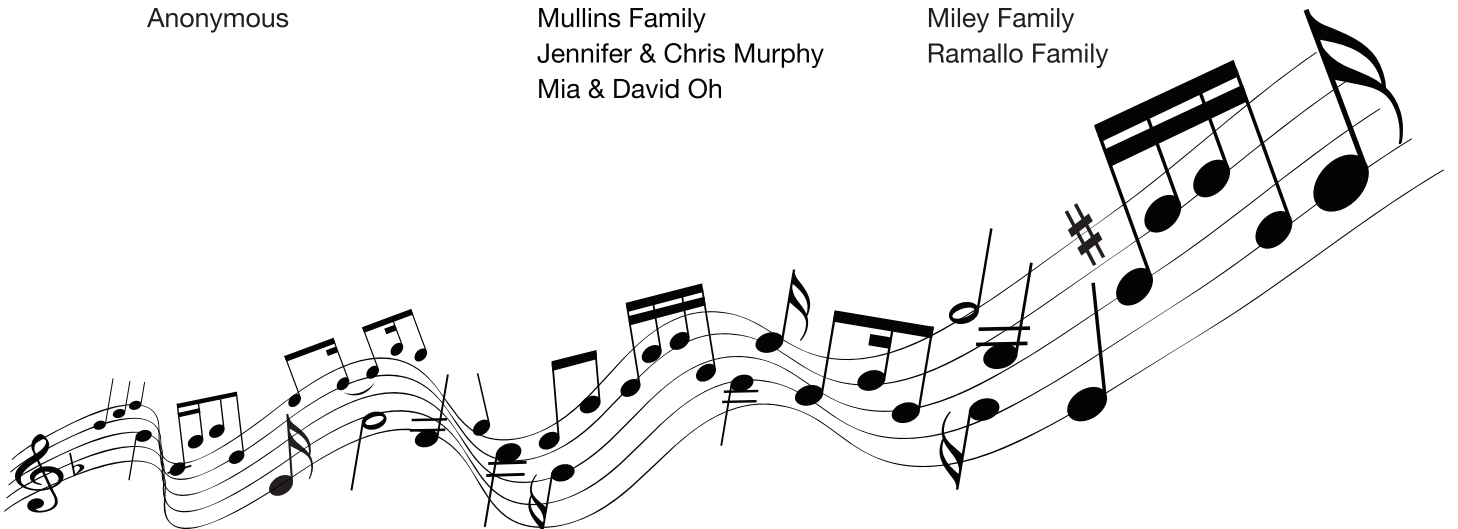
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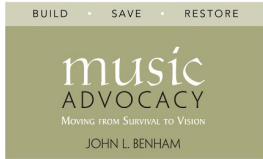


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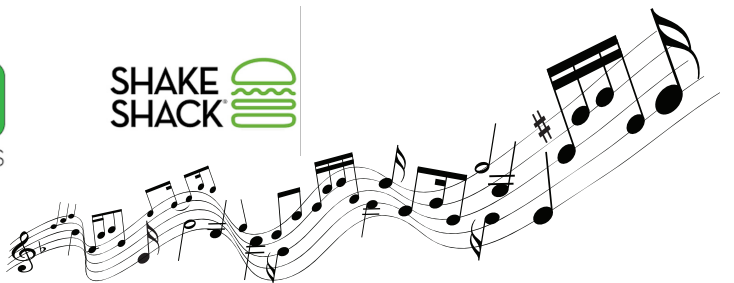
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