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MTSU
Symphony Orchestra

Carol Nies
Director

Saturday, October 4, 2025
8:00 p.m.

T. Earl Hinton Music Hall, Wright Music Building

Program

Capriccio Espagnol, Op. 34

I. Alborada

II. Variazioni

III. Alborada

IV. Scena e canto gitano

V. Fandango asturiano

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

(1844–1908)

The Sorcerer's Apprentice

Paul Dukas

(1865–1935)

Intermission

Intermezzo

from *Manon Lescaut*

Giacomo Puccini

(1858–1924)

Star Wars Suite

III. The Imperial March

V. Throne Room & End Title

John Williams

(b. 1932)

MTSU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Carol Nies, Director

Violin I

Heather Benz****
Caisyuan Lee***
Alexander Csaki
Ainsley Stewart
Elvis Duarte
Lena Kellum
Satoko Nomura
Michelle Aguilar

Violin II

Lake Nelson**
Lilly Smith*
Shelby Baltimore
Savannah Metoyer
Crisella Giron
Sanchez
Peter Mangum

Viola

Jayden Po'e**
Julianna Brown*
Guinevere Smathers
Caleb Williams

Cello

Jayna Powell**
Sam Grando*
Tobey Stokes*
Elijah Cobb
Elloise Layus
Brody King

Double Bass

Coda Clouser**
Garrett Guthrie*
Stephan Rachford
Elliot Ragland
Andrew Rybiski
Baruc Teil Leon

Flute

Katherine Beatty**
Grace Gonzalez-
Whitten**
Jonathan Oldham**
Emma Parker
Isabel Martinez

Piccolo

Katherine Beatty**
Grace Gonzalez-
Whitten**

Oboe

Cami Smith**
Roman Tillis
Mai Gibbons

English Horn

Cami Smith**
Roman Tillis**

Clarinet

Yassin Adams**
Eric Sullivan**
Ethan Bullock
Lukas Sharp
Nathanael Taylor

Bass Clarinet

Yassin Adams**
Ethan Bullock**

Bassoon

Charlie Miller**
Cadence Russell**
Austin Mills

Contrabassoon

Mario Puentes**

French Horn

Perry Herrington**
Jaden Keith**
November Varden**
Brent Webb**
Rebekah Rawlings

Trumpet

Sarah Browning**
Wyatt Murphy**
Sam Miller
Corbin Kersey

Trombone

Jocelyn Bullock**
Lucas McAlister
Levi Parlier
Michael Welch

Tuba

Charlie Pettyjohn**

Timpani

Ethan Christian**

Percussion

Ethan Christian**
Kiefer Burks
Elliot Ragland
James Woods
Aiden Brazzell

Harp

Elizabeth Johnson**

Orchestra Managers

Coda Clouser
Austin Mills
Noumouke Keita
Elliot Ragland
Katherine Beatty
Aiden Brazzell
Cameron Davis

Orchestra Librarians

Coda Clouser
Caisyuan Lee
Noumouke Keita
Aiden Brazzell
Cameron Davis

**** Concertmaster

*** Assistant Concertmaster

** Principal

* Assistant Principal

CAROL NIES

Carol Nies, director of the MTSU Symphony Orchestra, also serves as director of the Rome Music Festival (Italy) and the Summer Orchestral Institute at MTSU. She has served as a cover conductor and a conducting assistant for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the associate conductor of the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, director of the Curb Youth Symphony (Blair School of Music), director of the Nashville Youth Orchestra program (Blair School of Music), guest conductor of the Rome Festival Orchestra, and guest conductor of the Rome Festival Opera (*Carmen*, *Falstaff*, *La bohème*, *Die Zau-berflöte*, *Le nozze di Figaro*, *Don Giovanni*, *L'elisir d'amore*, *Cavalleria rusticana*, and *Il barbiere di Siviglia*). She has also served as the director of the Cincinnati Contemporary Music Ensemble, the Branford College Chamber Orchestra (Yale), and Opera-To-Go (Cincinnati).

Guest conducting engagements have included concerts with the Hradec Kralove Philharmonic (Czech Republic), the Black Sea Philharmonic (Romania), the River Cities Symphony (Ohio), Music Under Construction (Contemporary Music Series, New York City), the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts Orchestra and the New York All-State String Orchestra. She is also an active clinician for high school and university orchestras. Future conducting engagements include the 2026 Rome Music Festival.

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