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Heather Benz, violin

with

Juanita Benz, narrator and Gyuhee Kim, piano

Senior Recital | Friday, November 21st, 2025 | 8pm T. Earl Hinton Hall

Violin Sonata No. 2 in D Major, Op 94a I. Moderato	Sergei Prokofiev (1891-1953)
Song of the Phoenix	Lauren Bernofsky (b. 1967)
Souvenir d'un lieu cher, Op. 42 III. Mélodie	Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)
Ferdinand the Bull	
	Juanita Benz, narrator

Today, I stand on this stage with nothing but gratitude. I owe much thanks to Dr. Dawson and the members of the MTSU String Studio for their continued teaching and encouragement. Your words have pushed my musical ability to lengths I did not think possible. To my friends and my family, for being a source of inspiration and pillars of support –thank you. Although I cannot fully express the significance you have, know that I am who I am because of your influence.

Finally, I must thank God, for nothing is possible without Him. It is through endless grace and mercy that I stand here, and I can only hope to represent a sliver of the goodness of God.

Soli Deo Gloria.

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