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MTSU
Symphony Orchestra

Carol Nies
Director

Saturday, October 17, 2026
8:00 p.m.

T. Earl Hinton Music Hall, Wright Music Building

Program

Overture to *La gazza ladra* — Gioachino Rossini (1792–1868)

The Three-Cornered Hat, Suite No. 2 — Manuel De Falla (1876–1946)

I. The Neighbor's Dance
II. The Miller's Dance
III. Final Dance

Intermission

Symphony No.8 in G Major, Op. 88 — Antonin Dvorak (1841–1904)

I. Allegro con brio
II. Adagio
III. Allegretto grazioso
IV. Allegro ma non troppo

MTSU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Carol Nies, Director

Violin I
Alexander Csaki****
Cai-Syuan Lee****
Satoko Nomura****
Elvis Duarte
Lena Kellum
Melody Rogal

Violin II
Lilly Smith**
Savannah Metoyer*
Alexandria Martin

Viola
Jayden Po'e**
Simon Luhn*
Jazelle Conner
Chase Alexander
Caleb Williams
Kathleen Ong-Halleron

Cello
Brody King**
Elloise Layus*
Emily Weeks*
Spoon Rybiski
Erick Hedlund
Elle Foss

Double Bass
Coda Clouser**
Garrett Guthrie*
Michael Reed
Stephen Rachford
Baruc Leon Tauil

Flute
Isabel Martinez **
Katie Adair**
Jaida Anthony
Mark Mehaney

Piccolo
Isabel Martinez**
Mark Mehaney**

Oboe
Roman Tillis**
Jack Vickers

English Horn
Roman Tillis**

Clarinet
Nathanael Taylor**
Ethan Bullock
Quinn Kindinger
Kelsey Rice

Bassoon
Charlie Miller**
James Orme**
Austin Mills

French Horn
Joseph McCoy**
November Varden**
Pax LaDuke
J. Mike Oshop
Alexander Singh

Trumpet
Sarah Browning**
Corbin Kersey
Isabelle Motsenbocker
Aidan Taylor

Trombone
Lucas McAlister**
Elijah Vann
Ashton Collier

Tuba
Peter Pontes**

Timpani
Ethan Christian**
Stephen Bryant**

Percussion
Ethan Christian**
Stephen Bryant**
Brayden Bishop
Maya Shepard

Harp
Kaelen Allen**

Orchestra Managers
Coda Clouser
Cai-Syuan Lee
Fei Lo
Baruc Leon Tauil
Austin Mills

Orchestra Librarians
Coda Clouser
Cai-Syuan Lee
Fei Lo
Baruc Leon Tauil
Cameron Davis

Assistant Conductor
Fei Lo

**** 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 MTSU Summer Orchestral Institute (NSOI). 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 Zauberflöte, 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 2027 Rome Music Festival.

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