

CENTRAL COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF VISUAL AND
PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS

**College Community
String Orchestra
Fall Concert**

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

7:30 pm

**Douwstra Auditorium
Hoekstra Family Stage**

Program

Serenade for String Orchestra, Op. 20

Edward Elgar
(1857-1934)

- I. Allegro piacevole
- II. Larghetto
- III. Allegretto

“Meditation” from *Thaïs*

Jules Massenet
(1842-1976)

Luci Laidlaw, violin

10-minute intermission

Simple Symphony

Benjamin Britten
(1913-1976)

- I. Boisterous Bourrée
- II. Playful Pizzicato
- III. Sentimental Saraband
- IV. Frolicsome Finale

Ensemble Personnel

Conductor

John Helmich*

Violin I

Luci Laidlaw^

Jennifer Watters '19

CharLee Eekhoff '98

Loic O'Neil

Anna Christensen*

Hannah Galloway

Viola

Charles Miranda

Payton Kizer^

Quin Hull^

Caitlyn McCracken

Kris DeWild '90

James Ellerston '72

Harp

Kris DeWild '90

Violin 2

Kenneth Ryerson

Mackenzie Biggs^

Elizabeth Van Gorp

Anne Parrish

Cello

Emily Airhart

Patrick De Ronde

Nathan Parrish

Ronin Dennill

Christopher Ellerston '12

Pat Ancell

Double Bass

Heidi Lyons

*Denotes Central Faculty

^Denotes Central Student

About the Artists

Violinist **John Helmich**, a Davenport, Iowa, native, received his Bachelor of Music degree in Violin Performance and his Master of Music degree in Violin Performance and Literature from the Eastman School of Music. While there, he was awarded the Howard Hanson Scholarship and graduated with High Distinction. His primary teachers included Oleh Krysa and Timothy Ying. During his studies at Eastman, he was coached extensively by the Ying Quartet with additional master classes and coachings with Zvi Zeitlin, Ilya Kaler, Marilyn McDonald, Miriam Fried, Pamela Frank, the Turtle Island String Quartet and the Tokyo String Quartet.

An avid soloist, as well as chamber musician, Mr. Helmich has performed in concerts and recitals throughout the United States. He is currently a member of the Derazey Piano Trio, the Belin Quartet, the Des Moines Metro Opera, and the Des Moines Symphony. He has performed on concert series at the Des Moines Art Center, the Des Moines Salisbury House, as well as for the World Food Prize and the Iowa Gubernatorial Inauguration Ceremony. He has served as Principal Second Violin of the Des Moines Metro Opera and is currently Associate Concertmaster. He has also performed in opera productions with Drake University, Simpson College and the University of Iowa. He is currently a member of the first violin section of the Des Moines Symphony. In addition, Mr. Helmich

has collaborated with today's pop and jazz musicians including Josh Groban, Amy Grant, Max Wellman and Mannheim Steamroller. He has also performed with numerous national touring Broadway shows.

Mr. Helmich has served as Teaching Artist of Violin at Drake University. He also teaches violin and coaches chamber music groups at the Des Moines Symphony Academy. His students have been accepted into the nation's top music schools, including the New England Conservatory, the Eastman School of Music, Oberlin, Northwestern University, and the Peabody Conservatory.

About the College Community Orchestra

The Central College Community Orchestra is a unique and diverse ensemble comprised of musicians from many locations in the state of Iowa. Membership has included Central College students, Central College professors from multiple academic areas, professional musicians, retired teachers, retired band directors, current high school band directors, current high school orchestra directors, current elementary and secondary teachers in diverse academic areas, high school students, and community members from many walks of life and professions.

If you are a musician interested in joining the Central College Community Orchestra, please contact Hannah Stephenson in the Central College Music office at:
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Thank you for attending tonight's performance and for your support of music and the humanities!