American Festival for the Arts. In addition to her teaching, she is an active freelance cellist and private instructor in the Houston area. Mrs. Mathews is a member of the Texas Orchestra Directors Association and the Texas Music Educators Association. She lives in the Katy area with her husband, David, and three children, William, Lauren, and Julia.

Matthew W. Porter graduated cum laude from Texas Tech University School of Fine Arts with a Bachelor of Music leading to teacher certification. Mr. Porter studied cello with Dr. Alexander Ezerman and conducting with Mr. Gary Lewis. While pursuing his undergrad degree Mr. Porter spent two years apprenticing violin repair with the late Dr. George Robinson. He has performed with several professional orchestras in Texas & New Mexico including principal cellist of the Southwest Symphony of New Mexico. In 2004, Mr. Porter was hired as the first orchestra director of the newly opened Beckendorff Junior High School in Katy, Texas. Under his direction the orchestra program grew from 64 to over 250 string players that consistently earned top honors and awards each year. A few of these awards include an invitation to perform at the 65th annual Midwest Clinic in Chicago and winning the title of Texas Music Educator Association's 2012 JH/ MS Honor Orchestra. In 2006, Mr. and Mrs. Porter founded the annual Katy ISD Summer Orchestra Camp to provide enrichment opportunities for Katy ISD string students during the summer break. Just this past fall Mr. Porter accepted a position opening the newest high school orchestra program in Katy named Tompkins HS. He is an active freelance cellist, clinician and adjudicator around the state. In addition to his teaching, Mr. Porter serves as High School Orchestra Coordinator for TMEA Region 23, Chair of UIL Prescribed Music List Committee and is a member TODA, TMEA, TMAA and the professional music fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. Mr. Porter currently resides in Katy, Texas with his wife Bryanna and their three blonde monsters Madeline, Kendall and Molly.

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Violin
Brian Causey
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Hannah Kim
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Kevin Shi
Norman Wang
Jerry Zhang
Sarah Zhang

Viola
Neel Bhobe
Marcus Fundora
Aidan Lynch
Hannah Martinez
Alexis Mitrushi
Nishanth Napa
Sydney Nowaski
Eponine Ramos
Sathvik Srikalyani

Cello
Kaloyan Bratanov
Camila Bohorquez
Sean Koo
Sofia Lopez-Pirela
Harish Rajanala
Sarah Rogers
Stefania Santana

Bass
Bobby Simmons
Mateo Delaguila
Brendan Collum

Bryanna Porter received her Bachelor of Music and Texas teacher certification from Texas Tech University's College of Visual and Performing Arts where she studied violin with Dr. John Gilbert. While attending Texas Tech Bryanna performed with many Texas and New Mexico orchestras including the Abilene Philharmonic the Southwest Symphony and the San Angelo Symphony Orchestra to name a few. Mrs. Porter began her teaching career in 1999 as a private violin instructor in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Prior to her work at WoodCreek Junior High Bryanna was the orchestra director at West Memorial Junior High School in Katy where the school's orchestra enrollment flourished. In 2006 Bryanna and her husband Matthew were responsible for founding Katy ISD's Junior High Orchestra Camp to provide enrichment opportunities for Katy ISD string players over the summer months.

Mrs. Porter is in her third year as orchestra director at WoodCreek Junior High. Over the past three years the WCJH Orchestras have consistently received top honors including multiple Sweepstakes Awards at the Texas UIL Concert and Sight-reading Contest, outstanding in class and overall outstanding orchestra at Choice Music Festival events. Mrs. Porter is a member of the Texas Orchestra Directors Association and the Texas Music Educators Association. In addition to her teaching Bryanna is an active judge and clinician as well as an active freelance violinist in the Houston area.

Kate Mathews graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Houston Honors College where she received her Bachelor of Music in Cello Performance and Music Education from the Moores School of Music. While attending the University of Houston, she studied cello with Anthony Elliott and Lazlo Varga and performed in master classes with cellists including Carter Brey and Sharon Robinson. While in school, Mrs. Mathews performed with many Texas orchestras as a section cellist including the Woodlands Symphony where she served as principal cellist. Mrs. Mathews also worked for many years as the cello section and chamber music coach for the Houston Youth Symphony. In 1995, Mrs. Mathews began teaching in Spring Branch ISD where she revitalized the string programs at Northbrook High School and Landrum Middle School where the program grew from zero to over 200 students in two years. While in Spring Branch, Mrs. Mathews helped implement after school string programs at several elementary schools which further established the string programs in the area. After moving to Katy ISD, she began teaching at West Memorial and Memorial Parkway Junior High Schools. Mrs. Mathews is a certified Suzuki instructor and has attended workshops at the Suzuki Institute of Chicago and in the Houston area. Orchestras under her direction have consistently earned sweepstakes awards at the Texas UIL Concert and Sight-reading Contest competitions as well top honors at other competitions and festivals.

Prior to her current position as assistant director at WoodCreek Junior High, Mrs. Mathews was the low strings specialist at St. John's Private School in Houston. Mrs. Mathews is also on the cello faculty and is a chamber music coach with the

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			Grade	
1.	Dragonfly *Alfred Music*	Doug Spata	2	2:29
2.	Aspen Glow *Grand Mesa Music Publications*	Susan Day	1	2:54
3.	The Arethusa *Neil A. Kjos Music Company*	Deborah Baker Monday	2	2:58
	Aidan Lynch, Marcus Fundora, percussion			
4.	Possibilities *FJH Music Company, Inc.*	Brian Balmages	3	4:41
	Alexis Mitrushi, piano			
	Hannah Kim, Brian Causey, Hannah Martinez, Camila Bohorquez, soloists			
	Brook Green Suite *G. Schirmer/Hal Leonard Corporation*	Gustav Holst	4	
5.	I. Prelude			2:06
6.	II. Air			2:54
7.	Early One Morning *LudwigMasters Publications*	English Folk Song/arr. Andrew Balent	1	1:24
	Matthew Porter, Conductor, Director of Orchestras, Tompkins High School			
8.	Medieval Strings *C. Alan Publications*	Marc Allison	1	1:34
	Bob Bryant, Conductor, Executive Director for Fine Arts, Katy ISD			
9.	The Red Gully *Carl Fischer*	George Sweet	2	3:20
10.	North Star to Freedom *FJH Music Company, Inc.*	Soon Hee Newbold	3	4:45

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