



KIDS 4 HARMONY

**2024**  
**SUMMER**  
**GALA**  
**CONCERT**



**JUNE 25**

SEIJI OZAWA HALL, TANGLEWOOD

WITH GUEST ARTIST

**OWEN YOUNG, CELLIST**  
BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

# Welcome

from our 2024 Gala Co-Chairs

On behalf of the 18 Degrees Board of Directors, the Kids 4 Harmony Advisory Committee, and this year's Gala Committee, we welcome you to our 2024 Summer Gala Concert. We especially thank tonight's honorees, Drs. Carolyn and Eli Newberger, both musicians themselves and passionate advocates for the program and its impact on education, personal development, family well-being, and social justice at large. Their dedication helped establish Kids 4 Harmony and secure its success as a local example of Venezuela's El Sistema music for social justice movement.

Through the generosity of a community of supporters, Kids 4 Harmony has flourished and grown. After 12 years of positive outcomes for young people and their families in Pittsfield and North Adams, it is safe to say that none of this would have been possible without your support.

The proof is in the listening. Tonight, you will hear an original composition by a Kids 4 Harmony student, performances by our Advanced String Ensembles, Elayne P. Bernstein Ensemble, and second-year students (on the stage of Ozawa Hall for the first time), as well as a collaboration between BSO cellist Owen Young and K4H Chamber Players.

If you enjoy what you experience tonight, we hope you will continue to generously support Kids 4 Harmony so that the program will continue to flourish for years to come. We cannot thank you enough.

With gratitude,

**Carole Siegel and Ed Bride**

2024 Gala Co-Chairs



## 2024 Gala Committee

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# Tonight's Program

Honoring Drs. Carolyn and Eli Newberger

## CONDUCTOR, JORGE SOTO

### Second-Year Students, Advanced String Ensembles, and the Elayne P. Bernstein Ensemble

*Perpetual Motion*

Carl Bohm (1844–1920)

## STUDENT WELCOME

*Pieces of Eight*

Richard Meyer (b. 1957)

### Advanced String Ensembles, and the Elayne P. Bernstein Ensemble

*The Old Boatman*

Florence Price (1887–1953)

### Elayne P. Bernstein Ensemble

*Komorebi Dansu*

Davis Albayeros, K4H Student (b. 2007)

## RECOGNITION OF SENIORS

## INTRODUCTION OF GUEST ARTIST, OWEN YOUNG, BSO CELLIST

### Owen Young and Kids 4 Harmony Chamber Players

*Pièces en Concert*

François Couperin (1668–1733)

## CLOSING REMARKS

### Kids 4 Harmony Chamber Players, Alumni, and Teaching Artists

*Dancing Strings I*

Che-Yi Lee (b. 1970)



# Our Honorees

## Drs. Carolyn & Eli Newberger

Over the past ten years, we have had the joy and privilege of watching Kids 4 Harmony grow and prosper. It's been very much a community effort, from José Antonio Abreu's insight about the power of music to elevate children's lives in Venezuela, to Mark Churchill's dedication to training a new generation of teaching artists through El Sistema USA, to the imagination of Carolyn Burns, the then CEO of Berkshire Children and Families, now known as 18 Degrees, who sought to create a program that would build on children's strengths and capabilities.



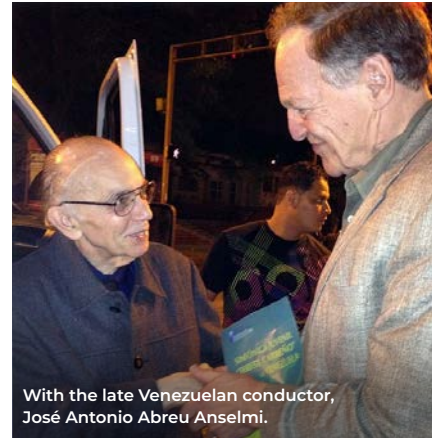
Add to that mix a board willing to take a leap, friends who contributed talent and treasure over the years, the continuing investment made by 18 Degrees, the brilliant and dedicated teaching artists who have brought musical excellence to the program, and the parents and family members who show up at every performance, and provide the time, space, and encouragement that enables their children to grow and thrive. It was an experiment that has proven more successful than we could have imagined.

We celebrate and delight in the children as they mature into musicians, scholars, and mentors to each other. The first generation of Kids 4 Harmony is now in college or college bound, several with musical careers in their future. Even before reaching college, students are accomplishing wonderful things through the opportunities this program provides. Bravo, community! Bravo, children! We could not be more proud!

### Carolyn and Eli Newberger



Eli and former 18 Degrees CEO, Carolyn Burns.



With the late Venezuelan conductor, José Antonio Abreu Anselmi.

## About the Newbergers

Eli and Carolyn Newberger retired to the Berkshires after long careers at Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. Both are nationally recognized experts on child abuse and family violence. Eli is a musician as well as a renowned pediatrician. Carolyn is an artist, writer, and musician following her career in clinical and research psychology and human development.



Carolyn, Eli and their daughter, Mary-Helen, in Burkina Faso.

Their deep commitment to children and families began in 1967, when they traveled to Upper Volta, now Burkina Faso, for two years with the Peace Corps, where Eli was the Peace Corps doctor. Throughout their careers, both Carolyn and Eli have been passionate advocates of child welfare and family well-being, collaborating for 30 years together at Boston Children's Hospital.

Once a fixture in Boston's jazz scene, *Eli and the Hot Six* was their band honoring the New Orleans tradition, featuring Eli on tuba and Carolyn on washboard. Carolyn has also played flute and piccolo professionally. At his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday gig at Scullers Jazz Club in Cambridge in 2015, Eli told the crowd, "The amygdala in the brain is the center for our cessation of stress... This is also where music enters our brain." Both Eli and Carolyn have been passionate proponents of music's power to reduce stress, heal trauma, and transform lives.



# Owen Young

## Guest Artist

We welcome Owen Young, distinguished cellist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra since 1991, and the *John F. Cogan Jr., and Mary L. Cornille chair, endowed in perpetuity.*



Mr. Young is a strong advocate for breaking down socio-economic barriers to music, aligning with Kids 4 Harmony's goal to create access to opportunities through music.

Cellist Owen Young joined the BSO in August 1991. A frequent collaborator in chamber music concerts and festivals, he has been featured as concerto soloist with numerous orchestras. Young has appeared in the Tanglewood, Aspen, Banff, Davos, Sunflower, Gateway, Brevard, and St. Barth's music festivals and is a founding member of the innovative chamber ensemble Innuendo. His performances have been broadcast on National Public Radio, WQED in Pittsburgh, WITF in Harrisburg, and WGBH in Boston. He has performed frequently with singer/songwriter James Taylor, including the nationally televised concert "James Taylor Live at the Beacon Theatre" in New York City.

Young was formerly on the faculties of Boston Conservatory, New England Conservatory School of Continuing Education, and Longy School of Music. He is currently on the faculty of Berklee College of Music and is active in Project STEP — String Training and Education Program for students of color. From 1991 to 1996 he was a Harvard-appointed resident tutor and director of concerts in Dunster House at Harvard University.

His teachers included Elinor Osborn, Michael Grebanier, Anne Martindale Williams, and Aldo Parisot. Young holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from Yale University. He was a Tanglewood Music Center Fellow in 1986 and 1987.

After winning an Orchestra Fellowship in 1987, he played with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra in 1988 and with the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1988–89. He was a member of the New Haven Symphony Orchestra in 1986–87 and of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra from 1989 until he joined the BSO in 1991.

## A Letter from Our President

**Stephanie Steed, President & CEO of 18 Degrees**

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our Kids 4 Harmony Summer Gala Concert, a wonderful evening of music performed by our Kids 4 Harmony students, alumni, and staff. Tonight, we're honored to recognize Drs. Carolyn and Eli Newberger, whose invaluable contributions and support have played a vital role in the development of K4H. We're grateful for their continued commitment, as well as for the generosity of our Gala Benefactors, community partners, and supporters. A special thank you to our 2024 Gala Committee and esteemed co-chairs Ed Bride and Carole Siegel, for their guidance and support ensuring a successful event.

I'm also excited about our collaboration with Owen Young, a distinguished member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Young's talent and resolve to music education and social justice perfectly align with the values of 18 Degrees. We are incredibly grateful to welcome him to the stage alongside Kids 4 Harmony for the first time.

To the families, thank you for your perseverance and pride as you continue to nurture your student's well-being and growth. Congratulations to our three graduating seniors! We wish them success as they take steps along new paths. I'm immensely proud of everyone's achievements.

The success of this program must also be credited to our exceptional K4H staff. Through their dedicated teaching and guidance, students performed in several concerts throughout the Berkshires and have seized opportunities to participate in regional and national festivals, competitive events, and leadership roles.

As we listen to this evening's performance, let's reflect on the positive impact of music and its ability to build community and inspire leadership. Thank you for joining us tonight and helping to continue connecting talent with opportunity through Kids 4 Harmony.

With appreciation,

**Stephanie Steed**

*President & CEO, 18 Degrees*



# Tonight's Performers

## Elayne P. Bernstein Ensemble

Remembering the generosity of the late  
Elayne P. Bernstein and her family.

★ Kids 4 Harmony Chamber Players

### VIOLIN

Davis Albayeros, 11<sup>th</sup> grade ★

Lisa Chen, 11<sup>th</sup> grade  
*Teaching Assistant* ★

Jenny Daley, 11<sup>th</sup> grade ★

Atlas Lescarbeau, 11<sup>th</sup> grade ★

Andrew Tullock, 11<sup>th</sup> grade  
*Teaching Assistant* ★

Nicolina Paredes, 10<sup>th</sup> grade

Gloria Yankey-Addo, 10<sup>th</sup> grade

### VIOLA

Mars Burdick, 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Tyler Garrett, 12<sup>th</sup> grade ★

Ethan Maisonneuve, 12<sup>th</sup> grade ★

Mady Wilson, 11<sup>th</sup> grade ★

### CELLO

Zoë-Ruth Brizan, 11<sup>th</sup> grade ★

Bella Maisonneuve, 11<sup>th</sup> grade  
*Teaching Assistant* ★

Jason Sosa, 11<sup>th</sup> grade ★

Allison Albayeros, 10<sup>th</sup> grade

Sirus Frenkel, 10<sup>th</sup> grade

## Advanced String Ensemble

### VIOLIN

MarlieAnna Auger, 9<sup>th</sup> grade

Bailey Manley, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Isabella Cortes Mendez, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Maddy Davis, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

David Ortiz, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Emma Babbs, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Emma Proskin, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

### VIOLA

Sora Knight, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Santi Bedard-Torres, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

### CELLO

Jaden Snow, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Sakora Knight, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Alaisia DiSola Staples, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Anastasia Maguire, 5<sup>th</sup> grade



## Second Year Students

Brook Phillips, Violin, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Caroline Sanchez-Perez, Violin, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Debora Annor-Baah, Violin, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Emma Hall, Viola, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Isabella Lewis-Sondrini, Viola, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Jassiel Almanzar, Violin, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Kaylani Wells, Cello, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Logan Furness, Cello, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Lucas Davis, Violin, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Maria Lescarbeau, Violin, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Nayomi Martin, Violin, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Nevaeh Kenner, Viola, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Rujo Moore, Cello, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Silas Wells, Violin, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Sofia Martinez, Violin, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Adalie Saltamartini, Violin, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Alejandra Sanchez-Perez, Cello, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Annabelle Davis, Viola, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Liz Almanzar, Violin, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Ramona Miksic, Violin, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

## Pianist

Charles Tsui

## Kids 4 Harmony Alumni

Heather Cruz, Cello  
*Ithaca College '28*

Katerina Livermore, Violin  
*Princeton University '28*

Geivens Dextra, Violin  
*UMass Amherst '27*

Leila Paredes, Violin  
*UMass Amherst '26*

Gerdrose Jean-Louis, Cello  
*Ithaca College '25*

## Kids 4 Harmony Staff

Dorian Jackman, Bass  
*Cello Teaching Artist*

James Bergin, Viola  
*Teaching Artist*

En-Ting Hsu, Viola  
*Lead String Teaching Artist*

Rachel Powers, Violin  
*Assistant Artistic Director*

Jahna Stanton, Violin  
*Teaching Artist*

Alicia Stevenson, Violin  
*Teaching Artist*

Jorge Soto, Violin  
*Teaching Artist and Conductor*

## Volunteers

Lucy Haber, Viola

Ria Kedia, Violin  
*Williams College '24*

Audrey Shadle, Violin  
*Williams College '24*





# Alumni on Stage Tonight

## Kids 4 Harmony

**Geivens Dextra**, Violin  
*UMass Amherst '27, Violin Performance*

Being a part of Kids 4 Harmony helped me discover my love of music, and it's the reason I want to pursue a career in music. Because of the program, I established lifelong friendships. I'm glad to stay in contact with the staff to whom I am forever thankful for the help and support they've given me over the years and still provide today.

**Gerdrose Jean-Louis**, Cello  
*Ithaca College '25, Cello Performance*

Kids 4 Harmony showed me the diverse experiences you can have as a musician and how you can use music to connect with people. I'm proud to now be here as a Cello Teaching Artist. My favorite memory is the early morning bus rides to Longy. I really enjoyed traveling with my friends to play music in Boston.

**Heather Cruz**, Cello  
*Ithaca College '28, BMO*  
*(Bachelor of Music with outside field, political science)*

The discipline and dedication Kids 4 Harmony instilled in me shaped my approach to life. As I grew into the young woman who decided to study abroad all the way in Tanzania, the program has helped me become who I am today. Kids 4 Harmony showed me the transformative power of classical music and music education.

**Katerina Livermore**, Violin  
*Princeton University '28*

Kids 4 Harmony taught me a lot about connecting with people from all different backgrounds. Throughout my life, and especially during my gap year in Bolivia, the program helped me learn how to build meaningful relationships by finding common ground through music. I'm so thankful to Kids 4 Harmony for bringing us together through the power of music.

**Leila Paredes**, Violin  
*UMass Amherst '26*

Music is a part of who I am and how I observe the world. I'm so grateful to Kids 4 Harmony because I was able to focus my curiosity on music. If it weren't for the program and all my teachers over the years, I might not have been able to study music and discover my passion.





# Meet Our Students



**Ethan, Viola, 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite artist/composer: Oliver Messiaen. Favorite piece: The Borodin Quartet. Proudest K4H moment: Getting accepted into college.



**Mars, Viola, 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite memories: When we first played with Emanuel Ax at Tanglewood and when we played in Boston and did a flash mob.



**Tyler, Viola, 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite artist: Monstrosity. I have a deep love for heavy metal! Favorite piece: *The Borodin Quartet*. This piece really challenged us and is one of the most beautiful pieces I've ever heard. Proudest Moment: Joining K4H Chamber Players a few years ago and getting into the YOLA National festival last summer.



**Andrew, Violin, 11<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite artist: Tyler, the Creator. His music is unlike anything else and his themes and style change significantly with every album. Favorite piece: Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 4*. The 4<sup>th</sup> movement is pure exhilaration and fills the soul with a feeling of rambunctious victory.



**Atlas, Violin, 11<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite artist: Dance Gavin Dance. Favorite piece: *Por Una Cabeza*. It's a wonderful piece and I've played it a lot with CIAO! Favorite memory: My first Gala concert with Emanuel Ax. It was an incredible opportunity and a defining moment in my musical career.



**Bella, Cello, 11<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite piece: *El Último Baile*, composed by fellow K4H student Davis Albayeros. Favorite K4H memory: Working with Mr. Sean on composition when I was an elementary school student.



**Davis, Violin, 11<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite composer: Tchaikovsky. You can feel all his emotions when performing his pieces. Favorite piece played: Mendelssohn's *String Quartet No. 6* with the K4H Chamber Players. Favorite K4H memory: Playing with my friends at the 2023 Gala and playing soccer during breaks at Pittsfield High School.



**Ginamarie, Cello, 11<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite artist/composer: Oliver Messiaen and Bruno Mars. Proudest achievement: Getting into YOLA on my 12th birthday. It was an awesome birthday present, and it taught me I could achieve things that might feel impossible. Favorite memory: Playing soccer out in the field during our breaks.



**Jason, Cello, 11<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite composer: Tchaikovsky. Favorite memory: The Kids 4 Harmony picnic we had before the last rehearsal for the 2023 Gala. It was so fun and I loved hanging out with everyone!



**Jenny, Violin, 11<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite artist: Laufey. She is a singer/songwriter who plays piano, guitar, and cello. She is extremely inspiring because she is reintroducing music that isn't so popular in this generation (like jazz and classical). Favorite piece I've played at K4H: Mendelssohn's *Quartet No. 6 in F minor*. It was one of the most challenging pieces that I have played!



**Lisa, Violin, 11<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite composer: Bach. Favorite piece you've played at K4H: *Por Una Cabeza*. A favorite K4H memory: Field Day.



**Mady, Viola, 11<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite composers: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, York Bowen, and Ludwig van Beethoven. Favorite piece: The 3<sup>rd</sup> movement of Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Minor*. Favorite memory: Growing closer with all the amazing musicians around me.



**Zoe-Ruth, Cello, 11<sup>th</sup> grade**

I do not have a singular favorite composer; however, Mendelssohn, Chopin, and Rachmaninoff are in my top three.



**Allison, Cello, 10<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite artist: SZA. Favorite piece: The Hamilton piece. Proudest moment: Being able to play in an orchestra with my brother.



**Gloria, Violin, 10<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite music artist: Drake. Favorite memory: When we played Star Wars music in the dark with light saber bows!



**Nico, Violin, 10<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite piece played with K4H: *Por Una Cabeza*. Proudest moment: When I wrote my own composition.



**Sirus, Cello, 10<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite artist: Vincent Antone. Favorite memory: Having a pizza party the day after a concert and getting to enjoy time with my friends.



**Katie, Violin, 9<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite artist: Rod Wave. Proudest K4H achievement: Making it into the Gala at Tanglewood last year and performing alongside my friend Marlie.



**MarlieAnna, Violin, 9<sup>th</sup> grade**

My favorite piece this year was *Pieces of Eight*. My proudest achievement was being able to mentor newer students and having a chance to play at bigger events and venues like Tanglewood.



**Bailey, Violin, 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

My favorite piece that I played this year is *The Nutcracker Suite*. Proudest moment: Learning how to shift and create vibrato on the violin.



**Isabella, Violin, 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite artist: Romeo Santos and SZA. Favorite piece: *La Paloma* because it reminds me of my culture. Proudest moment: Auditioning for YOLA and being selected for Ravinia in Chicago. Favorite memory: My first Tanglewood Gala. I was so nervous but then I blended in with the music and became one with everyone.





**Sora, Viola, 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite music: I really like *Ever After* by Robyn. My favorite piece this year is *Pieces of Eight*. Memorable moments: I enjoy going to PHS to see my friends and teachers, old faces and new. Also, the success of beginners! Last year, they were just starting. They've grown so much!



**Jaden, Cello, 7<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite artist: Frank Sinatra. *Festival Rondo* is my favorite K4H piece because it is the perfect amount of challenge and enjoyment. Proudest moment: Auditioning for YOLA. Even though I didn't make it in, I put in a lot of effort and I'm grateful for the experience.



**Maddy, Violin, 7<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite artist: Taylor Swift. Favorite K4H memory: Playing at Tanglewood.



**David, Violin, 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite artist: Woody Jackson because the songs are about old western games. *Pieces of Eight* is my favorite K4H piece because I like the rhythm.



**Sakora, Cello, 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

I like how welcoming the teachers are. They try so hard to help every student. Proudest moment: Learning so many songs and feeling confident that I can learn them! Favorite memory: My first casual concert performance at Zion. I got to show off how much I learned and progressed.



**Santi, Viola, 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite artist: Eminem. Favorite piece played: *La Paloma*. I like how it sounds. Proudest moment: Learning how to shift on viola. Favorite memory: Playing outside during breaks with my friends.



**Alaisia, Cello, 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

Favorite artist: Nirvana. Favorite piece: *Sad and Lonely Bird*. It sounds cool. My proudest achievement is learning about reading music and understanding all the different musical markings. Favorite memory: Playing soccer outside with everyone.



**Anastasia, Cello, 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

My favorite music to listen to is country rap. Favorite K4H piece: *Festival Rondo* because it just sounds so good. My proudest achievement is graduating into the ASE (Advanced String Ensemble).



**Emma B., Violin, 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

*Perpetual Motion* is my favorite piece because it is so fast. My proudest achievement is auditioning for YOLA. I never thought I would be able to do anything like that at my age. Favorite memory: I loved doing African dance this spring.



**Emma P., Violin, 4<sup>th</sup> grade**

My favorite artist is AJR. My favorite song we've played for K4H is *Perpetual Motion*. I'm proud of myself for learning how to play it because it was a good challenge.

## Our Second-Year Students & Beginners



**PITTSFIELD SECOND YEARS**  
From Top Left: Debora (5th Grade), Kaylani (5th), Lucas (5th), Silas (5th), Liz (4th), Jassiel (5th), Logan (5th), Bethany, not pictured (5th)



**NORTH ADAMS SECOND YEARS**  
From Top Left: Maria (5th Grade), Brook (5th), Caroline (5th), Nayomi (5th), Rujo (5th), Alejandra (4th), Emma (5th), Sofia (5th), Isabella (5th), Nevaeh (5th), Adalie (4th), Ramona (4th), Annabelle (4th)



**MORNINGSIDE BEGINNERS, 3RD & 4TH GRADES**

*Our beginners have come so far as new musicians this year. We're excited to see what they will accomplish next year as their Kids 4 Harmony journey continues!*

— MS. RACHEL

## The Kids 4 Harmony Team

### Sean Elligers

Artistic Director and Theory/  
Composition Teaching Artist

9 years with K4H, MA in Music  
Education and Trumpet Performance,  
UMass Amherst

### Rachel Powers

Assistant Artistic Director

2 years with K4H, BM in Violin  
Performance, University of Michigan-  
Flint; Executive Graduate Certificate,  
Global Leaders Institute

### En-Ting Hsu

Lead String Teaching Artist

2 years with K4H, MM in Viola  
Performance, Indiana University  
Bloomington

### Alicia Stevenson

Teaching Artist, Former Artistic Director

12 years with K4H, MA in Music  
Education, Longy School of Music

*Ms. Alicia has helped many students, including me, overcome challenges whether with music or personal matters. We can tell she cares, and she never fails to put a smile on our faces! — BAILEY*

### Jorge Soto

Violin Teaching Artist and Conductor

11 years with K4H, MM in Conducting,  
New England Conservancy; Principal  
Conductor of the New Philharmonia  
Orchestra, Newton, MA

### Jahna Stanton

Violin Teaching Artist

First year with K4H, BM Saint Rose  
College, MM Kent State University

### James Bergin

Violin/Viola Teaching Artist

8 years with K4H, BA in Music Theory,  
New England Conservatory of Music;  
Artistic Director, CIAO! Ensemble;  
Berkshire Symphony member

### Ignacy Gaydamovich

Cello Teaching Artist

8 years with K4H, DMA, University  
of Hartford; Faculty at Hartt School  
Community Division

### Monroe Randall

Cello Teaching Artist

2 years with K4H, BA Music & BA  
Social Thought and Political Economy,  
UMass Amherst

### Arianna Suarez

Cello Teaching Artist

2 years with K4H, Williams College '25

### Dorian Jackman

Cello Teaching Artist

First year with K4H, BM Illinois  
State University, Double Bass  
Performance; DM and MM Indiana  
University-Bloomington, Double Bass  
Performance





### **Gerdrose Jean-Louis**

Cello Teaching Artist

First year with K4H, Ithaca College '25,  
Cello Performance; K4H Alumni

### **Susan Eiffert**

Pittsfield Family Liaison

5 years with K4H, LICSW in Medical  
and Clinical Social Work, Intellectual  
and Physical Disabilities

### **Kathy Quinn**

North Adams Family Liaison

9 years in K4H, Dual Certification in  
General and Special Education; NAMI  
Advocate and Community Organizer

*Mr. Jorge knows how to balance  
fun and hard work. His energy  
gives us motivation, even after a  
long day at school. — GINA*



## **Thank You!**

### **2023–2024 Volunteers and Teaching Assistants**

#### **Ria Kedia**, Violin

Williams College '24;

2 years with K4H

#### **Polly Kurasch**

18 Degrees Volunteer;

2 years with K4H

#### **Audrey Shadle**, Violin

Williams College '24;

2 years with K4H

#### **Jennifer Daley**

11<sup>th</sup> grade;

2023–2024 Volunteer Mentor

#### **Andrew Tullock**, Violin

11<sup>th</sup> grade;

Teaching Assistant;

EPB & Chamber Players

#### **Lisa Chen**, Violin

11<sup>th</sup> grade;

Teaching Assistant; Elayne P.

Bernstein Ensemble (EPB)

#### **Bella Maisonneuve**, Cello

11<sup>th</sup> grade;

Teaching Assistant;

EPB & Chamber Players

*I like all of the staff and  
volunteers because they  
each come with different  
perspectives on music, yet  
always teach in a way that's  
understandable. — JASON*

# **2024 Benefactors**

## **Kids 4 Harmony Summer Gala Concert**

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