

EUCLID
Symphony
ORCHESTRA



2023-2024 Concert Season

November 5, 2023

December 10, 2023

April 7, 2024

June 2, 2024

Jimmie A. Parker, Sr.

Music Director

Mission Statement

The Euclid Symphony Orchestra cultivates community through music, fosters appreciation of orchestral music, educates children about the orchestral genre and provides an outlet for musicians to perform and develop musicianship.

History

The Euclid Symphony Orchestra was organized on January 8, 1961, after a three year effort by Melvin Robb, then Principal of Euclid Central Junior High School. Though not a musician himself, Mr. Robb felt that a community needed an orchestra and sixty musicians from Euclid, East Cleveland, South Euclid and Willoughby joined together to form Euclid Orchestra, as it was originally known. Support was given by the Euclid Inter-Service Club Council and member service clubs. We have been fortunate to have many musical directors. In 1961, Harry Hershey was appointed first director.

Today, the orchestra presents five concerts a season, as well as a children's concert, at the Shore Cultural Centre in Euclid, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Managed by a volunteer board, and funded solely through donations and ticket sales.

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Euclid Symphony Orchestra, thank you for your continued support of live orchestral music. We are so grateful that you are joining us for our 62nd season and we sincerely hope you enjoy today's concert!

Any support you can give helps us fulfill our mission to cultivate community through musical experiences, introduce children to the orchestral genre, and provide an outlet for creative expression for area musicians. Helping us reach our \$20,000 goal allows us to purchase new music, present guest artists and contribute to our continual operating expenses. All donations received will be listed in the remaining 2023-2024 concert season programs.

Together we can keep our music playing for years to come. Thank you for your time, consideration and continued support in making a difference in our community.

Yours in Concert,

Rachel Schindler Beach
President, Euclid Symphony Orchestra

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Your feedback is important. If you have any concerns or additional questions, feel free to speak to one of our board members, or email Euclid Symphony Orchestra at

euclidorchestra@gmail.com

We will share your comments with our musicians and with our board to discuss how we can improve upon your experience.

You may also find us on Facebook at
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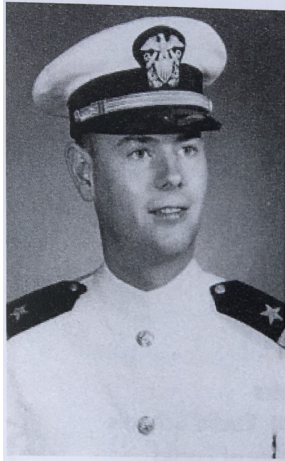
Jimmie A. Parker Sr. is a multifaceted musician and entrepreneur whose passion for music and commitment to excellence have propelled him to success as a musician, conductor, composer, and educator. As the CEO of Dominion Global Music Group, The Color of Music Inc, and Its Just Music LLC, Jimmie has established himself as a leader in the industry, with a passion for classical, jazz, and contemporary music. From a young age, Jimmie showcased his musical talent, discovering his gift at the age of five. By the age of ten, he was already playing the organ and piano at his local church, demonstrating a natural aptitude for music. This early passion led him to pursue formal training in classical piano and contrabass performance at the School of Creative and Performing Arts in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Jimmie's musical prowess extends beyond performing and recording. He currently serves as the principal keyboardist for the Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra and a past student conductor of the Cleveland State University Symphony Orchestra and Cleveland State University Big Band. He has also performed with the Lakeland Symphony, Lakeland Civic Band, Cleveland Wind Ensemble, and the Skatch Andersson Big Band. His involvement in these prestigious ensembles highlights his exceptional musical abilities and dedication to excellence.

Furthermore, Jimmie A. Parker, Sr. is a respected professor at Case Western Reserve University, where he teaches Digital Music Composition and Production. He also shares his passion for the creative arts as a music fundamentals teacher at the Superior School for the Performing Arts in the East Cleveland School District. His commitment to education is evident through his renowned seminar master class, "The Color of Music" where he continues to impart his knowledge and expertise to aspiring musicians. This comprehensive program imparts valuable knowledge and skills to musicians who support various groups and organizations, emphasizing the collaborative spirit needed to deliver an inspirational and harmonious musical product, all while nurturing the creative arts and inspiring young minds through his love for music.

His full Bio can be found on his website:

<https://jimmieparker.com/>



Tom Baker

Euclid High School
Class of 1954

Tom Baker graduated from Euclid High School in 1954 and went on to attend Harvard University where he played in the band, did some debating, became chief announcer for Harvard broadcasting on WHRB, did the daily evening news, and ultimately graduated in the top third of his class.

Tom Baker Young Artist Competition

In the 2019-2020 season, the Euclid Symphony Orchestra held its inaugural Young Artists Competition, named after long-time friend, donor and board member of the ESO Tom Baker.

The competition is open to students age 18 and younger who are advanced musicians (instrumental or vocal) capable of playing appropriate level repertoire, including concerto-level (or equivalent) virtuosic works.

The competition winner will receive a \$500 cash prize and a performance with the Euclid Symphony Orchestra.

Please join us for our final concert of the 2023-

2024 season:

June 2, 2024

At the Shore Cultural Centre

Euclid, Ohio

2024 Tom Baker Young Artist Competition Winner Louis Wang



Louis Wang, 16, from Great Neck, New York, is currently a junior at Solon High School in Ohio. He started his formal music training in piano at the age of four and cello at the age of ten. By 5th grade, Louis achieved New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Level 6 certification for piano and Level 5 in cello with perfect scores for both instruments. He shifted his focus to concentrate on cello after moving to Ohio five years ago and has been playing as a member in the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra (COYO) performing regularly at the Severance Hall since 2021. Taking a break from piano for

more than three years, Louis has rekindled his passion for piano after attending one of Kissin's concert in Cleveland and had since been independently exploring various pieces in which he found a deep connection with Rachmaninoff's piano concertos.

Louis has participated in local and state auditions and competitions and has received many awards. He was the winner for the Cleveland Cello Society Scholarship Competition junior division in 2020 and performed as a soloist in the 2021 winner's recital livestream in Bop Stop at the Music Settlement. He sat as the principal cellist in the 2023 OMEA Northeast Regional Orchestra and has been selected to participate in the 2024 OMEA All-State Orchestra. Louis was also the winner of the 2024 Frieda Schumacher Young Artist Competition and the 2024 Euclid Symphony Orchestra's Young Artists Competition.

In his free time, Louis enjoys playing video games and basketball with his friends as well as watching music documentaries. His favorite place to be is grandma's house in Flushing, Queens NY.

Louis is currently studying cello with Mr. Paul Kushious (Cleveland Orchestra and Oberlin Conservatory), and piano with Ms. Julia Russ (Cleveland Institute of Music).

Program
April 7, 2024

Fidelio Overture, Op. 72 Ludwig van Beethoven

Piano Concerto No. 2 in C Minor Sergei Rachmaninoff
Op. 18

Soloist Louis Wang
2024 Tom Baker Young Artist Competition Winner

Intermission

Symphony No. 2 in D Major Johannes Brahms
Op. 73

EUCLID SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Jimmie A. Parker, Sr., Music Director

Violin I

Maria Viñas, concertmaster*
Kathy Wagner
David Clare
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Elyse Burrus

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Emily Sparks*
Lauren Turakhia

Clarinet

Brendan Gittens*
Saam Cabot
Ed Cryzewski

Bassoon

Diana Danner*
Derek Straufstetter

Horn

Dana Westfield*
Dana Bjorklund
Jank Ganz

Trumpet

Bob Siktberg*[♪]
J. Laurence Allen [♪]

Trombone

Xavier Ali*
Fred Clark
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Tuba

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Percussion

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[♪]= 50 year member

[♪]= 25 year member

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