

Ann Schaffner Concert Series  
presents

# The Olin Conductorless Orchestra



Friday, May 10, 2019

1:30–2:15 PM

Milas Hall Mezzanine

Olin College  
1000 Olin Way  
Needham, MA 02492



**Olin College**  
of Engineering

## *Ann Schaffner*



*Ann Schaffner was Director of Institutional Research and Improvement at Olin (2001–2011) and helped found the College. She received a BA in English and Music from Smith College and an MA in Medieval Studies from the University of Toronto. Later she earned an MS in Library Science and an MBA from Simmons College. She was an Associate University Librarian at Brandeis University before joining Olin.*

*A member of the Vermont Land Trust, the Catamount Trail Association, Habitat for Humanity, and the Hyde Park Community Circle, Ann contributed her skills and energy to causes large and small. Music was always very important to her. As a vocalist, she sang with notable ensembles, including Village Harmony and the Montpelier Gospel Choir. As a listener, she graced virtually every student performance during her ten years at Olin.*

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*This concert is the seventh in the Ann Schaffner Concert Series, offered in memory of former Olin staff member Ann Schaffner and made possible through a generous gift by Stu Schaffner.*

### **Mix and stir ...**

**OCO navigators:** Kyle Emmi and Margaret Rosner

**Sibelius transcribers:** Kyle Emmi, Anne Ku, Justin Kunimune, Junwon Lee, and Brandon Zhang

**Head transcribers:** Anne Ku and Justin Kunimune

**Adjudication and professional coaching:** Michael Avitabile (Hub New Music), Charles Peltz (New England Conservatory), Sam Solomon (Boston University), Megumi Stohs (A Far Cry), and Diana Dabby (OCO professor)

**Re-orchestrations:** Diana Dabby

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Program

Medley from <i>Pirates of the Caribbean</i>	K. Badelt/T. Ricketts*
Rondo from the <i>Serenade for Winds</i> , K. 361	W.A. Mozart*
Marche Hongroise from <i>La Damnation de Faust</i>	H. Berlioz*
Waltz from the <i>Serenade for String Orchestra</i> , op. 48	P.I. Tchaikovsky*
<i>Danzon No. 2</i>	A. Marquez*

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\*The **Badelt/Ricketts** *Pirates* medley was scored for 2 flutes, oboe, 2 clarinets, bass clarinet, bassoon, 3 trumpets, 4 horns, 2 trombones, bass trombone, tuba, timpani, percussion, piano, and strings. **Mozart** wrote the *Wind Serenade*, K. 361, for 2 oboes, 2 clarinets, 2 basset horns, 4 horns, 2 bassoons, and double bass. **Berlioz** composed the Hungarian March for piccolo, 2 flutes, 2 oboes, 2 clarinets, 2 bassoons, 4 horns, 2 trumpets, 2 cornets, 3 trombones, tuba, ophicleide, timpani, percussion, and strings (34 violins, 14 violas, 12 cellos, and 6 double basses). **Tchaikovsky** wrote his *Serenade* for full string orchestra (26 violins, 10 violas, 8 cellos, and 6 double basses). **Marquez** scored *Danzon No. 2* for large contemporary orchestra consisting of 2 flutes, 2 oboes, 2 clarinets, 2 bassoons, 4 horns, 2 trumpets, 2 trombones, bass trombone, tuba, timpani, percussion, piano, and strings (38 violins, 14 violas, 12 cellos, and 8 double basses).

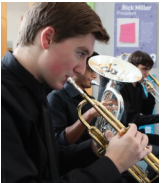
OCO has always had an unusual combination of instruments, so the above works have been re-orchestrated to suit OCO's current instrumentation: 6 violins, 1 cello, 2 flutes, alto flute, alto sax, trumpet, euphonium, tenor trombone, piano, timpani, and percussion.

# OCO

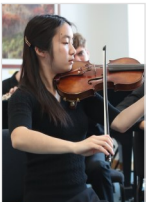
Serena Chen, Anne Ku, Margaret Rosner, Annie Tor,  
Brandon Zhang, Lydia Zuehsow—violins  
Rachel Won—cello  
Jeremy Ryan, Eric Miller—flutes  
Shashank Swaminathan—alto flute  
Jack Mao—alto sax  
Kyle Emmi—trumpet  
Aditya Sudhakar—euphonium  
Paul Nadan—trombone  
Joseph Lee—timpani  
Jonah Spicher—piano



Serena Chen '19 is from Plano, TX., and is majoring in Engineering with Computing. They have been playing violin for 11 years. Next fall they'll enter the PhD program in Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University.



Kyle Emmi '21 is a trumpet player from Clovis, CA. In his spare time he enjoys building rockets and explaining to people where Clovis is on a map of California. This is Kyle's second year in OCO and he has immensely enjoyed being a part of this special group. In addition to this ensemble, Kyle is also an active member of the Olin Rock Orchestra and Olin Jazz Orchestra.



Anne Ku '19, from Palo Alto, CA, is an Electrical and Computer Engineering major. She is currently in her fourth and final year in the Olin Conductorless Orchestra. She has been an active musician for 15 years and does not plan to stop. After graduation she'll be working as a software developer for the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative.



Joseph Lee '19 was born and raised in Huntsville, AL, and has enjoyed playing timpani in OCO since first coming to Olin in 2015. He also loves composing music and plays both piano and harp. He spent a semester in Canterbury, England studying music composition where one of his compositions was performed live. In his free time he works on many projects, including building a harp and a 200 mph high speed drone. After graduation he'll be working at FormLabs in Cambridge, MA.



Jack Mao '22 is an alto saxophone player from Grafton, MA. He loves music. Outside of music, Jack enjoys basketball, coding, video games, and learning about outer space.



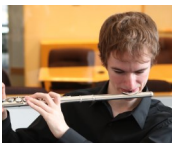
Eric Miller '19, from Granville, OH, has been playing flute for 13 years. He is majoring in Robotics, which he describes as "basically just an excuse to take whatever classes I want to." After graduation he will be working at Skydio in Redwood City, CA.



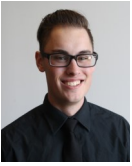
Paul Nadan '20 is from San Carlos, CA, and has been playing music since he picked up the euphonium in fifth grade. He added the trombone to his repertoire two years later to play in a jazz band, and this is his third year playing trombone in OCO. Besides music, his interests include books, board games, robots, and space exploration. He is majoring in Mechanical Engineering [Aerospace].



Margaret Rosner '20 is a violinist from Tacoma, WA. She is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. This year she is co-navigator of OCO.



Jeremy Ryan '20 is from Medical Lake, WA. In addition to flute and piccolo, he also plays (with various aptitude) accordion, mallet percussion, musical saw, ping pong, Sibelius, and piano. He is majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering.



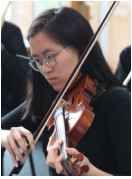
Jonah Spicher '21 is from Casper, WY. He has played piano for more than ten years, spending three years as an accompanist for several different choirs. He is majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering.



Aditya Sudhakar '22 is a euphonium player from Katy, TX. In his spare time he enjoys building racecars and is an active member of Olin Electric Motorsports.



Shashank Swaminathan '22 is a flute player from Novi, MI. In his spare time he enjoys building boats. Shashank is also an active member of Olin Aquatic Robotic Systems and an amateur woodworker.



Annie Tor '22 is a violinist from Pleasanton, CA. In her spare time she enjoys building friendships. In addition to OCO, Annie is an active member of Olin Electric Motorsports and a friend to many.



Rachel Won '21 is from Saratoga, CA. Her major is Mechanical Engineering. She has been playing the cello for 9 years and has played in the California Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, Hopebox Charity Orchestra, and J'adore Cello, a 16-cello ensemble.



Brandon Zhang '21 is from Tenafly, NJ, and is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He picked up violin in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. He enjoys math, rocketry, and board games. This is Brandon's second year in OCO, and he has enjoyed every second of it!



Lydia Zuehsow '19 is a violinist from Chicago, IL. She enjoys building intelligent robots in her free time, including but not limited to: a CNC M&M printer, a dinosaur head that moves to stare intently at you, a sassy tour guide bot, a stargazing vacuum, flying ornaments, and smart office supplies. After

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## *About OCO...*

The Olin Conductorless Orchestra (OCO)—an ensemble, minus conductor—features instrumentalists in leadership, communicative, and collaborative roles. Dedicated to orchestral performance in the concerted spirit of chamber music, the orchestra forges individual participation, active listening, and group-motivation into performances that have established it as the only conductorless orchestra composed of engineers—in the world!

Recent performances outside Olin include The Great Hall at Cooper Union in New York City and Powers Hall at the Needham Town Hall, both of which received standing ovations. In April 2019, OCO performed an invited concert for the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) Zone 1 Conference in Niagara Falls, NY. OCO's performance was the first time ASEE had ever hosted an orchestra composed of student engineers; the concert received a standing ovation.

Since its fall 2002 inception, OCO has been a Project-Based Learning (PBL) course where students operate the classroom, and the professor contributes as guide-on-the-side, coach, and re-orchestrator of works chosen by the group. In helping to run rehearsals, students develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills in a large team environment. With an essentially flat hierarchy that incorporates an ever-evolving sense of culture and cooperation as a working ensemble, OCO functions as a team of musicians—regardless of position—comprising students, faculty, and external guests, all dedicated to making good music with intensity, camaraderie, excitement, and humor.

