



SUNDAY, JULY 5 / 5:00 PM

HENRY SCHWAB
VIOLIN & VIOLA COMPETITION FINALS

SCHWAB SUMMER ORCHESTRA

NICOLE ALEXANDER, VIOLIN: PHOTO BY BRANDON T. KING / THEOTUS MEDIA





SCHWAB ACADEMY ORCHESTRA
ASHLEY WALTERS, CONDUCTOR

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026
VENTURA COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

PROGRAM

Violin Concerto No. 1 in G minor, Op. 26 (1868).....Max Bruch
(1838–1920)

I. Vorspiel: Allegro moderato – Kayden Chu, violin

II. Adagio – Emily Zhang, violin

Violin Concerto in C major, Op. 48 (1948).....Dmitry Kabalevsky
(1904–1987)

I. Allegro molto e con brio – Ryan Walker, violin

Violin Concerto in E minor, Op. 64 (1844).....Felix Mendelssohn
(1809–1847)

I. Allegro molto appassionato – Isabella Zhou, violin



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ABOUT THE ACADEMY

Made possible through the extraordinary generosity of Miriam Schwab, Ventura College’s **Miriam & Henry Schwab Academy of Music** was created to provide opportunities in chamber music and orchestra to student instrumentalists through three main components.

The Schwab Summer Academy is an intensive program held each July. Participants study and perform a series of concerts alongside notable professional mentors. The **Extension Program** extends this mentorship throughout the year.

The Summer Academy dovetails with the finals of the **Henry Schwab Violin & Viola Competition**, established in memory of Miriam’s late husband Henry – a celebrated concert violinist. This competition highlights talented young soloists performing concertos accompanied by the full Academy Orchestra.

Miriam – a violinist herself who played with the Ventura College Symphony Orchestra for over a decade – highly valued the **importance of exceptional music instruction** in our community. At the time of her passing, Miriam’s bequest made history as the largest gift ever made to a community college in Southern California.

“The Schwab Academy teaches more than just music,” says music director **Ashley Walters**. “It teaches students to develop a strong work ethic, how to work as a team player to meet goals, and provides students of all ages with an incredible community that can offer support and guidance as they pursue their dreams.”

SUPPORT

Miriam Schwab’s passion for music and her generous support of student musicians made the The Schwab Academy of Music possible. If you would like to help us strengthen and grow Miriam’s vision for the Academy, please consider making a donation through the **Ventura College Foundation**. For more information, contact Director of Development, Pete Parker.

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- Anthony Mansueto
- Brent Wilson
- Jamie Birkett
- David Howarth
- Anne Paul King
- Janeene Nagaoka
- Andrea Rambo
- Jeanne Tanner

FLUTE

Bonnie Griffin
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Rachel Berry

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Tracy Clark
William Chu

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Anna Tellez
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Susan Philbrick
Hannah Kelley

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