



# UMO NEWSLETTER

## ABOUT THE UTAH MEDICAL ORCHESTRA

The Utah Medical Orchestra (UMO), a volunteer community ensemble comprised of healthcare workers in Salt Lake City, was founded in 2021 by medical students at the University of Utah School of Medicine. Under the baton of Dr. Matthew Mainella, musicians come together for weekly rehearsals and biannual performances in a collaborative, creative environment that transcends hospital hierarchies.



### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Open House & Wind/Brass Auditions

Tuesday August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7:00-9:00pm  
Alumni Hall, Health Sciences Education Building (EHSEB)

#### First Rehearsal

Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7:00-9:00 PM  
Alumni Hall, EHSEB

#### Fall Concert

Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 4:00pm  
Libby Gardner Hall, free admission

#### Spring Concert

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7:30pm  
Libby Gardner Hall, free admission

## A YEAR IN REVIEW

Wow! We did not think we could top our inaugural year, but the 2022-2023 UMO season proved to be *exhilarating* with fierce performances of Haydn and de Falla, a rendition of Elgar's "Nimrod" variation that had the audience holding back tears, a resounding celebration of Rachmaninoff's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, and the loveliest flute choir playing a Sound of Music medley... and that doesn't even begin to cover our concerts! UMO members and ensembles also performed at the AAMC meeting in Salt Lake City, white coat ceremonies, the chapel concert series at the U of U hospital, and events across the School of Medicine and in the Salt Lake City community. We grew our ensemble size significantly with the addition of winds and

brass and our chamber ensembles continued to amaze us with their talent and enthusiasm. We are confident that the UMO will continue to grow and improve, and we are looking forward to a new season filled with great people making incredible music.



The UMO continues to invite healthcare professionals of any level of musical experience to join our group. No auditions are required (other than placements for new winds and brass). As always, feel free to reach out to anyone in the UMO leadership for more information and we are looking forward to seeing you soon!

## UNIVERSITY OF UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY SPONSORSHIP

We are excited to officially announce a new partnership with the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Utah! With incredible support from Perry Fine, MD, and Talmage Egan, MD, we have a wonderful opportunity to provide a lasting environment for music making and community building within our already blossoming group.



## SUPPORT THE UMO

Thank you to those who have generously donated their time and money to help sustain the UMO! Thanks to our new partnership, monetary donations will be tax deductible, and will be accepted through the Department of Anesthesiology. If you are interested in supporting the UMO financially or otherwise, please contact us for more information.

## UMO LEADERSHIP UPDATE

In Spring 2023, we saw the graduation of our founder and president emeritus, AnnaLeah Eliason, MD, who is beginning an anesthesiology residency at the University of Utah (we are glad she is staying in Utah!). We are excited to collaborate with Dr. Perry Fine, anesthesiologist and UMO cellist as our faculty advisor. We look forward to leading the UMO with professionalism and grace in our new roles and we anticipate a wonderful season ahead of us! We are looking for current U of U students to join our executive leadership team. If you are interested in helping grow the UMO community, we encourage anyone to inquire about getting involved.



### Music Director

Dr. Matthew Mainella, DMA  
Conductor



### Faculty Advisor

Dr. Perry Fine, MD  
Anesthesiology  
Cello



### President

Heather Smith  
Medical Student, Research  
Cello



### Vice President:

Steve Cho  
MD/PhD Student, G2  
Piano



### Chair of Marketing and Communications

Merodean Huntsman  
Medical Student, MS4  
Violin



### Chair of Musical Operations

Melissa Requist  
MD/PhD Student, G1  
Flute



### Chair of Outreach

Hunter Montgomery  
Medical Student, MS3  
Viola

### Chair of Community Development

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## LETTER FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Welcome back to another year of making music together! I can't believe we already have two seasons behind us. It's been a wonderful journey so far, and I'm so excited to be back with you all this fall.

For the November concert, we'll combine some brand new music with some maybe-new-to-us 'classic' music. I don't want to give too much away, but an old favorite will feature in there too. You'll have to join us in September for the full reveal... and to read through this repertoire for the first time - it's a good mix of fun and challenging, like we've enjoyed in the past. We hope you'll be there!

Of most note, our very own Dr. Perry Fine, a member of our outstanding cello section and a 'fine' composer in his own right (I hope he forgives the pun), has written a beautiful "Silent Night Suite" that we will have the honor of premiering. And in March, we will explore a few composers that don't often get the limelight. I think you'll enjoy their creativity and maybe even their familiar sounds. We'll also look at several that have been featured in Hollywood, but you'll have to guess which ones! (If you want to listen ahead, look up Wagner and Gounod).

Thank you, orchestra, for your dedication, joy, and vision. And thank you to our listeners for your unending encouragement and support. The UMO wouldn't be the same without you.

Cheers,

Matt



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