

C S U C O N C E R T O R C H E S T R A



Conducted by Leslie Stewart and Andrew Mendizabal
graduate conductor

March 4, 2021, 7:30 PM



Colorado State University

DANCING
FROM
LAGOS TO
LA CHORRA

P R O G R A M

DANCING BAREFOOT IN THE RAIN / NKEIRU OKOYE (B. 1972)

ANDREW MENDIZABAL, GRADUATE STUDENT CONDUCTOR

DANZAS DE PANAMA / WILLIAM GRANT STILL (1895-1978)

TAMBORITO

MEJORANA Y SOCAVON

PUNTO

CUMBIA Y CONGO

NG

REERA

Colorado State University Concert Orchestra

Leslie Stewart, conductor

Andrew Mendizabal, graduate conductor

FIRST VIOLIN

Casey Lee, *Concertmaster*

Grace Harbo, *Assistant Concertmaster*

Mackenzie Warden

SECOND VIOLIN

Kiaya Johnson, *Principal*

Morgan Gardner, *Assistant Principal*

Kyla Heley

Kristie Davis

Richard Galbreath

Jennifer Clary

VIOLA

Andrew Mendizabal/Leslie Stewart, *Principal*

Lauren Pallemmaerts, *Assistant Principal*

CELLO

Kristin Weninger, *Principal*

Ashleigh Haliw, *Assistant Principal*

Brianna Rubio Ramirez

BASS

Amber Sheeran, *Principal*

Michael Atkinson, *Assistant Principal*

LIBRARIAN

Andrew Mendizabal

B I O G R A P H I E S

ANDREW MENDIZABAL is a graduate student in instrumental conducting under the guidance of Maestro Wes Kenney. Drew is a native of Las Vegas, Nevada and received his Bachelor of Music Education degree at the University of Nevada- Reno in 2019, where he studied clarinet and conducting under the direction of Dr. Reed Chamberlin and Dr. Jason Altieri. He has received awards for his leadership and musicianship within the UNR music department and his involvement with the University Bands. Drew has conducted and performed with community ensembles, classroom ensembles, and university ensembles alike.

LESLIE STEWART has served as Director of String Pedagogy since 2006 and was named Conductor of the Concert Orchestra at CSU in 2012. Professor Stewart has been Music Director of the Health & Wellness Community Orchestra (a collaboration with Front Range Community College) since it was founded in 2008. In 2013 she honored with the “Outstanding Service Award” by the CSU College of Liberal Arts for her work with this ensemble. The Mayor and City Council of Ft. Collins declared February 20, 2018 to be “Leslie Stewart Day” in recognition of the orchestra’s 10th anniversary season.

Previous academic posts include Old Dominion University where she served as Assistant Professor of Violin and Director of Orchestral Activities beginning in 2000 and received the “Most Inspirational Faculty Member” award from the College of Arts and Letters in 2006. She has also served on the faculties of Christopher Newport University and the Governor’s School for the Arts (both in Virginia), Chowan College in North Carolina and Dominican College of San Rafael in California.

An active guest conductor and clinician, she has worked with numerous youth symphonies, honor orchestras, and community symphonies throughout the United States, as well as in Germany, Scotland, and Brazil. Her former music directorships include the Red Mountain Chamber Orchestra (Birmingham, Alabama), Marin Symphony Youth Orchestra (San Rafael, California) and Bay Youth Orchestras of Virginia (Norfolk Virginia). A graduate of Interlochen Arts Academy, Ms. Stewart holds Bachelor and Master degrees in Music Performance from the University of Southern California.



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