

Music Is in the Air

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While snowflakes may not be dancing on the Tulane University campus, the sound of music is in the air to set the tone for a festive holiday season. Tonight (Dec. 2) at 7 p.m. the Tulane University Orchestra will take the stage in Dixon Hall.



Maxim Samarov, professor of practice and orchestra director, will conduct a performance of the Tulane University Orchestra. He played cello in a recent Music at Midday concert featuring students. (Photo by Sally Asher)

The concert, conducted by Maxim Samarov, professor of practice and director of the orchestra, will include works by Mozart, Beethoven, Bizet and Brahms. Sponsored by the [Newcomb Music Department](#), the performance is free and open to the public.

On Friday (Dec. 3), the Tulane Percussion Ensemble will perform in a free concert on the Dixon Hall stage at 7 p.m., led by Doug Walsh, who is a music tutor.

On Sunday (Dec. 5), the Tulane-Newcomb University Choir and members of the Louisiana State University Schola Cantorum will perform "Missa Sancti Nicolai" by Haydn in Dixon Hall at 2 p.m., led by Melinda Doyle, instructor of choral music at Tulane and LSU who is interim choir director at Tulane. Soloists are Margaret Windler

(soprano), Ellen Sturgill (alto), Matthew Bailey (tenor) and Jeffery Straub (bass). The choir will be accompanied by a nine-piece chamber group.

On Monday (Dec. 6), [Friends of Music](#) will present the Escher String Quartet in Dixon Hall at 8 p.m. Friends of Music provides free tickets to Tulane students with an I.D. To purchase tickets call the box office at 504-895-0690 or check the [website](#).