



Woodstock Community Unit School District 200

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Celebrated collegiate symphony orchestra to perform at Woodstock High School

A nationally-renowned, college symphony orchestra will perform a free concert on Monday, Oct. 14 at Woodstock High School.

The St. Olaf Orchestra, conducted by Chung Park, will perform at 7 pm as one of four Chicago-area performances on its 2024 Fall Tour. The concert, which is open to the public, will also feature the Woodstock High School Sinfonietta.

The St. Olaf College Orchestra, from Northfield, MN, is a full symphony orchestra rich in international artistry and tradition and known for its enthusiastic and passionate performances.

Founded in 1906, the 95-member ensemble has been heralded as one of the finest collegiate orchestras in the country and won the 2013 and 2019 American Prizes in Orchestral Performances among colleges and universities.

“To have an orchestra of this caliber perform for our community is very special and unique. The music they will be performing is likely not to happen on our stage again any time soon, so I encourage everyone to come and hear this amazing collegiate symphony orchestra!” said Lyndra Bastian, orchestra director at Woodstock High School and Creekside Middle School.

One strong connection between St. Olaf and Woodstock is Phillip Meyer, a 2011 WHS grad and a St. Olaf alumnus. The St. Olaf Band toured the Midwest last year and played at Lisle High School where Meyer teaches band.

This year’s program includes Antonín Dvořák’s *Symphony No. 8*, music by Bach, “Overture” to *Candide* by Leonard Bernstein, “Morning Music” from *Peer Gynt* by Edvard Grieg, student soloists, and more.

While tickets are free, they must be reserved [online](#) or by calling 800-363-5487. They may also be secured at the door if available.