Carol Nies, director of the MTSU Symphony Orchestra, also serves as director of the Rome Music Festival (Italy) and the Nashville Summer Orchestral Institute. She has served as cover conductor and a conducting assistant for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, associate conductor of the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, guest conductor of the Rome Festival Orchestra and guest conductor of the Rome Festival Opera (Carmen, Falstaff, La bohème, Die Zauberflöte, Le nozze di Figaro, Don Giovanni, L'elisir d'amore, Cavalleria rusticana, and Il barbiere di Siviglia). She has also served as the director of the Curb Youth Symphony, the Vanderbilt Youth Orchestras program (Blair School of Music), Cincinnati Contemporary Music Ensemble, the Greater New Haven Youth Orchestra, the Branford College Chamber Orchestra (Yale), and Opera-To-Go (Cincinnati).

Guest conducting engagements have included concerts with the Hradec Kralove Philharmonic (Czech Republic), Black Sea Philharmonic (Romania), River Cities Symphony, Music Under Construction (Contemporary Music Series, New York City), Tennessee Governor’s School for the Arts Orchestra, and the New York All-State String Orchestra. She is also an active clinician for high school and university orchestras. Future conducting engagements include the 2023 Rome Music Festival.

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Program

The Rebellion is Reborn from *Star Wars*  
John Williams  
(b 1932)

Marche Slov, Op. 31  
Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky  
(1840–1893)

Shepherd Girl in the Tianshan Mountains  
Yang Liqing  
(1942–2013)

Ma Xiaohui, erhu

Horse Racing  
Haihuai Huang (Wan)  
(1935–1967)

Ma Xiaohui, erhu

**Intermission**

Danse Macabre, Op. 40  
Camille Saint-Saëns  
(1835–1921)

Carly Brown, violin

Symphonie fantastique, Op. 14  
Hector Berlioz  
(1803–1869)

IV. Marche au Supplice

V. Songe d'une nuit du Sabbat

MTSU Symphony Orchestra  
Carol Nies, director

Violin I  
Carly Rupp****  
Heather Benz***  
Josie James  
Satoko Nomura  
Lena Kellum  
Audrey Cox  
Peter Mangum

Violin II  
Lake Nelson**  
Alexander Csaki*  
Morgan Armond  
Kaylee Wallen  
Shelby Baltimore

Viola  
Simon Luhn**  
Julianna Brown**  
Alriel Nicastro**  
Cana MacKrell

Cello  
Franco Galetto**  
Annalisa Thomas*  
Layken Kemp  
Tobey Stokes  
Came MacKrell

Bass  
Coda Clouser**  
Dalton Fowler*  
Ethan Shepherd  
Rylan Stone  
Art Dougherty

Flute  
Jonathan Oldham**  
Katherine Beaty**  
Molly Clayton**  
Kyl Nesit  
Jakob Young

Piccolo  
Katherine Beaty**  
Molly Clayton**

Oboe  
Cadee Harvard**  
Leah Piccirillo*  
Kate Statham

English Horn  
Cadee Harvard**  
Leah Piccirillo**

Clarinet  
Yassin Adams**  
Simon Biddle**  
Sam O’Hare**

Bass Clarinet  
Yassin Adams**

Bassoon  
Jake Salter**  
Mario Puentes  
Cedric Quinn  
Austin Mills

French Horn  
Dinu Fedur**  
Aaron Golf  
Perry Herrington  
Simon Ortega  
Brent Webb

Trumpet  
Isaac Swinney**  
Hayden Etters**  
Will Hicks  
Rian Dennis

Trombone  
Moses Hatcher**  
Rielly Harris  
Kyle Berry

Tuba  
Justin Averill**  
Dalton Parkerson

Timpani  
Gabriel Weible**  
Paul West

Percussion  
Paul West**  
Kiefer Burks  
Ethan Christian  
Taylor Reed

Harp  
Kaelan Allen**  
Claire Cifonie**

Assistant Conductor  
Shawn Reed

Orchestra Managers  
Shawn Reed  
Molly Clayton  
Marie-Simone Williams  
Alexander Csaki

Orchestra Librarian  
Benjimen Neal

**** Concertmaster  
*** Assistant Concertmaster  
** Principal  
* Assistant Principal