



University of North Texas  
College of Music

Master's Recital | Sunday, February 9, 2025 | 8:00 p.m. | Paul Voertman Concert Hall

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**Jack Lanhardt, composer and arranger**

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The Symphony of Life (2025).....Jack Lanhardt  
(b. 2000)

1. Gaining Consciousness
2. The First Day of School
3. Finding Your First Love
4. Finding Your Purpose
5. Death of a Loved One
6. Retirement
7. Accepting Death

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*Program two hundred ninety-two of the 2024–2025 season  
Photography and videography are prohibited*

## **Program Notes**

### **1. Gaining Consciousness**

At different times in childhood, there is a moment where our brain finally turns on completely. We can physically conceptualize the world around us. It's an exciting time because we're experiencing anything and everything for the first time. It is so new to us. It's a whirlwind of emotions. We are anticipating the life that lies ahead of us. But with this whirlwind, our brain is going on overdrive in order to comprehend everything. What's the color blue? What's this thing mom and dad call a "dog"? What happens if I put my hand on this hot stove when mom is cooking dinner? These things will shape us into adulthood.

### **2. The First Day of School**

An exciting time for everyone! The first day of the next 12 years (at least!) Lots of great friends to meet, subjects to learn, and all around a great opportunity to get a better understanding about the world around you. You are eager to get started and everything is going great until you run into the one person you've only heard legends and tall tales about. Whether their name is, Chad, Jessica, Kyle, etc., - they are your bully. It is the first instance of an evil force in your life. But, it is a chance to learn how to overcome the challenges they bring your way. Even after you finally stand up to them and get them off your back, you may still run into bullies throughout your entire life. But with this experience, you will know how to handle them when the new bully comes your way.

### **3. Finding Your First Love**

Love is a beautiful thing. Finding the one person that truly makes you feel special both inside and out is an event that everyone anticipates in their life and it's such a memorable experience when you finally lay your eyes on that person for the first time. Each never wants to let the other person go or drift away. You are going to do everything in your power to make sure that they are loved and supported and that you are with them for the rest of time as one coherent team... all in the name of love.

### **4. Finding Your Purpose**

Everyone has a purpose in this world. Whether it's art, music, sports, etc. everyone has a calling as to what they are going to do for the rest of their life. Part of finding that calling is figuring out how you are going to impact the world in whatever way you can. That is your purpose in life. We may not find our purpose until well into adulthood. At that revealing moment, we make a complete change in how we are going to live the rest of our lives. It's a very inspiring time. Ironically, just as we find control, we can be derailed in an instant...

## **5. Death of a Loved One**

Death removes loved ones when we least expect it. No matter how much we prepare for it, the sober reality is that we will never see someone again. There is truly no other feeling like grief. It is dark yet special. No words can come close to describing the angst and depression in your heart. It is truly one of the most earth-shattering experiences one will ever go through.

## **6. Retirement**

You've lived a long life! Time to relax! Sit back and reminisce on the great memories you have and the stories you'll tell others. No matter what life threw at you, you stuck it out 'till the end and you now get to reap the rewards. This is the rest of your life. But you know what's coming next. And as it gets closer, you feel more and more acceptance with it.

## **7. Accepting Death**

It's finally over. You truly have lived a long life. While it may be daunting as to what comes next, you know that you have lived life to the fullest. You have no bonds to anyone and no regrets at all. You find peace in knowing that your time here is over. And even though the idea of no longer living lurks around you, you accept it... for it is inevitable.

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## Personnel

Caden Sader, flute  
Aidan Sears, flute  
Aidan Schwarz, flute & piccolo

Anthony Piñeiro, clarinet  
Kyle Norberg, clarinet  
Jonathan Arcangel, clarinet  
Rylan Villareal, bass clarinet

Daniel Moreira, oboe

Jayden Guajardo, bassoon

Samuel Himes, horn  
Patrick Ring, horn  
John Pickett, horn  
Zachary McKinon, horn

Isidoro Ramos, trumpet  
Jonathan Orellana, trumpet  
Mario Mojica, B-flat & C trumpets

Nick Mailes, trombone  
Jason Schilling, trombone  
Jeremy Kvale, bass trombone

Douglas Swayne, tuba

Zach Johnson, timpani

Ciara Hager, violin I  
Victoria Ricalde, violin I  
Marijin Meijer, violin I  
Jade Wesley, violin I

Ysaura Merino, violin II  
Ally Hocking Howe, violin II  
Sandra Mayorga-Martinez, violin II  
Jacob Unruh, violin II

Joseph Redding, viola  
Audrey Lewis, viola  
Anthony Brooks, viola

Noah Leiva, cello  
Camilo Vasquez, cello  
Nico Clark, cello  
Sarah Hart, cello

Kai Wagner, double bass  
Rebecca Lang, double bass

Margaret Anne Gunter, harp

Elijah Thiessen, tenor

Natalie Wagner, jazz soprano saxophone

Alex Billingsley, jazz trumpet & flugelhorn

Isaiah Nygard, jazz piano

Spencer Paulsen, jazz bass

Asa Nero, jazz drumset