

'Revolt of the Brave:' School of Music celebrates Women's History with collaboration

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The UofL School of Music Symphony

The University of Louisville School of Music is collaborating with Frederick Law Olmsted Academy South, the only all-girls public middle school in Kentucky, to present a musical program titled "Because She Did, I Can" March 23.

The event, which celebrates Women's History and **Music in Our Schools** month, will feature the Olmsted Academy South's string orchestra playing with the UofL Symphony Orchestra.

The groups will perform the premiere of “Revolt of the Brave” by composer and UofL alumna **Rene Orth**. The piece was commissioned and funded through **Composers and Schools in Concert**, a national organization which strives to introduce students to the experience of creating and performing new music.

“The purpose of this event is to show young ladies what they can do,” said Kimcherie Lloyd, UofL Director of Orchestral Studies and Co-Director of Opera Theatre.

The 6 p.m. event will also feature student presentations of famous women in history and students’ artwork with accompanying string ensemble music.

“We are so excited to collaborate with UofL for our third year of ‘Because She Did, I Can’,” said Courtney Schisler, Olmsted Academy South’s Orchestra teacher and UofL alumna. “Our motto is that we are brave. This event gives our young ladies the opportunity to show how brave they are and allows them to connect with and learn from brave women of the past and present.”

The event is free and open to the public. Attendees will be directed to programming in Comstock and Bird Recital halls, School of Music, 105 W. Brandeis Ave.

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