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### **Musicians to Perform in Celebration of Herbert Hoover's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

**WEST BRANCH, IOWA – August 1, 2024** – Oriana Ross, Iowa City violinist and student in the University of Iowa violin student, will perform as part of the celebration for President Herbert Hoover's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday during the annual Hoover's Hometown Days in West Branch, Iowa on Saturday, August 10 from 12:30-2:00 at the at the Blacksmith Shop at the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site. She has been described by her violin professor, Dr. Scott Conklin, as "a brilliant, well-versed musician in alternative styles addition to the classical realm."

Herbert Hoover was born in West Branch, Iowa on August 10, 1874. Orphaned at age 9, he traveled to Oregon to be raised by family. He was part of the inaugural class at Stanford University. After this, he had a successful career as a mining engineer before entering public life at the outbreak of World War I, where he found safe passage back to the United States for 120,000 stranded Americans. Following this, he led the effort to feed 9.5 million starving citizens in Belgium and Northern France daily during the war. He would eventually become Secretary of Commerce and President of the United States.

For more information on festival events, visit [www.hooverdays.org](http://www.hooverdays.org).

#### **About the Foundation**

*The Hoover Presidential Foundation promotes and supports the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum, National Historic Site, and other programs that enhance the understanding of Herbert Hoover as president and humanitarian.*

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