



## ***Dear Friends of GDYO,***

Thank you for your support of Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra. You may be a current GDYO family, alumnus, alumni family, donor, member of the board of directors or advisory board, business partner, or something else. Whatever your relationship to GDYO, we appreciate your support and involvement!

Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra invites you to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of providing music education and performance opportunities to musically talented youth! The 2011-2012 season will be very special! We open our season with a Festival Concert on October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Charles W. Eisemann Center, 2:30pm. Throughout the remainder of the season, we hope you will join us for the many other ways in which we plan to celebrate!

## ***Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra is...***

As you know, education is the cornerstone of the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra program. We provide our 425 students weekly orchestra rehearsals plus sectional coaching sessions of 2-3 hours several times during the school year. Thus each student receives 60 to 100 hours of music instruction during the GDYO season. Students in the advanced orchestras are coached by Dallas

Symphony musicians and the Wind Symphony students are coached by their professional counterparts in the Dallas Wind Symphony. 765 musicians auditioned for GDYO ensembles this past spring, and a record 442 were placed.

Now in its fourth year, an outreach program to Dallas Independent School District students provides low cost class lessons for middle school and high school violin,

viola, and cello players recommended by their school music teachers. The class of twenty students meets weekly under the direction of composer-teacher-performer Mary Alice Rich. Students pay \$6 or less per week and their payments are refunded at the end of the semester if they have had perfect attendance. Success is indicated by students having auditioned for and earned admission to All-City or All-Region orchestra and the Dallas Symphony "Young Strings" program described below. Recommending teachers have made grateful comments for their students' improved musicianship in their school orchestras.

A second major outreach program is the GDYO's partnership with the Dallas Symphony in their young strings program. The Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra provides tuition-free participation in our orchestras to all DSO "Young Strings" players who are ready for an orchestral experience. "Young Strings" targets qualified African-American and Latino students in an attempt to increase their representation in the classical music world. This season nine "Young Strings" students have earned positions in GDYO ensembles and are receiving \$3,690 in GDYO tuition scholarship assistance.

The "Share the Magic Sponsor" program provides complimentary tickets to those who would not ordinarily have the opportunity to attend a symphony concert at the Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas. The program is underwritten by corporate and individual donations, and tickets are provided through ArtReach to schools, nursing homes, and community organizations. In the 2010-2011 season 1,230 people used complimentary tickets with a total ticket value of \$22,500.



**The organization serves a wide variety of youth from many backgrounds and offers lots of opportunities for these students.**

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## Coming up during the 40th anniversary season...

The Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra's 2011-2012 fortieth anniversary season will include at least 11 concerts performed by the myriad ensembles that make up the organization. In early June, 2012, the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra will perform at the National Conference of the League of American Orchestras meeting in Dallas. In addition the GDYO Wind Symphony will perform Side-by-Side with the Dallas Wind Symphony at the Meyerson Symphony Center and a Side-by-Side with the University of North Texas Wind Ensemble. You may also see smaller GDYO ensembles (string quartets, brass ensembles) performing in the lobby prior to Dallas Symphony and Dallas Chamber Music concerts.



Beyond Texas, the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra is planning its seventh International tour for June 2012 to Germany, Austria, and the Czech Republic, with an anticipated 6 concerts.

**Dallas should be proud to have such ambassadors.**

Scott Cantrell, Music Critic  
The Dallas Morning News



## Board and Staff

Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra is fortunate to have an exceptionally capable, hard-working Board of Directors. These active community volunteers include professionals in a wide variety of fields. All take their responsibilities exceptionally seriously and put in many hours to make the GDYO the strong organization it is.

**This is a very strong and well-respected organization. This is a very well-oiled machine.**

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The 2011-2012 season welcomes some new faces to the administrative staff as well as some familiar ones in new roles. Patrick Herring has been the Assistant Orchestra Manager for the SMU rehearsals of the Philharmonic and Sinfonietta. He has been promoted to Operations

Manager, taking over for Tonya Assid, who is moving to Houston. We also welcome Amber Oosterwaal as the organization's first Development Director. She comes to us from the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra, where she worked for nine years.

## Our Financial Situation is Good

Due to the downturn in the economy a few years ago, GDYO chose to keep a relatively flat budget. Prudent fiscal planning in preceding seasons kept the organization from needing to lay off and/or reduce salaries. A slightly increased budget for next fiscal year reflects an expectation of a slight improvement in the economy.

## But We Still Need Your Help

For our future, both immediate and long-term, the support of individual donors is more important than ever. Student tuition payments and ticket sales cover less than 50% of the GDYO operating expenses. The remainder is made up of contributions from corporations, foundations, and individuals like you. We thank you for your support and hope you will continue to help us keep the GDYO music playing!



Mark your calendars for the 3rd annual "Get Up and Give!" North Texas Giving Day, which will be held from **7am to 7pm on Thursday, September 15, 2011**. "Get Up and Give!" North Texas Giving Day 2011 is a day when nonprofits with an approved DonorBridge profile (such as GDYO) are eligible to receive matching funds when donations are made online through DonorBridge. DonorBridge is run by Communities Foundation of Texas (CFT), with the support of The Dallas Foundation and the Center for Nonprofit Management. As of 8/1/2011, over \$700,000 in matching funds and prizes have been raised!

GDYO has benefitted from this wonderful opportunity in previous years. It's easy! **Visit [www.donorbridgetx.org](http://www.donorbridgetx.org), search for GDYO, then click "Donate Now."** Your gift will help the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra to keep giving the gift of music to area youth!

***What an amazing journey the last forty years have been. This season we will take time to acknowledge our past, celebrate our present, and prepare for our future. We look forward to the next forty years of the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra!***

Sincerely,



Chuck Moore  
Executive Director



Amber Oosterwaal  
Director of Development and Marketing