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Annual Report



PROVIDING MUSIC EDUCATION AND PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSICALLY TALENTED YOUTH

National & Regional Recognition

GDYO's Flute Choir and Wind Symphony were invited to perform at nationally recognized events this summer, while some individual students participated in a the National Youth Orchestra!

Wind Symphony performed for the **Texas Bandmaster's Association Convention** in San Antonio on July 21, 2013. GDYO's Wind Symphony traveled to San Antonio, where, under the direction of Dr. Nicholas Williams, the Wind Symphony performed as part of the 66th Annual Texas Bandmasters Association Convention. GDYO's Wind Symphony was the only performing group to be asked unsolicited, without having to submit a recording. In addition, the concert was put on the schedule for TBA Student Day; there were more than 1000 students who attended the convention this year!



Flute Choir performed for the **National Flute Association Convention** in New Orleans on August 8, 2013. The Flute Choir performed a program of world premieres, attended many educational seminars, enjoyed some fantastic performances, and experienced a bit of New Orleans history and culture.



The **National Youth Orchestra** had its inaugural season this summer. Two GDYO members, Franklin Jia, clarinet and Jackie Johnson, bass were selected to be a part of the first-ever National Youth Orchestra, a group of 120 musicians, ages 16-19, representing 42 US states--they have been recognized by Carnegie Hall as being among the finest in the country following a comprehensive audition process. National Youth Orchestra members traveled to New York for a two-week residency as well as participated in an international tour this summer!

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Rising Stars: Current GDYO Musicians

The Richard Giangiulio Artist Development Scholarship provides support for a current GDYO ensemble member to attend a summer music camp or festival. Participation in summer enrichment is very rewarding for motivated musicians. The award is based on the following criteria: 1) Demonstrated Passion, Participation, and Dedication for Music, 2) Ability/ Musicianship, 3) Goals, 4) Leadership, 5) Recommendations

This year's recipient is GDYO percussionist Dylan Hunn. One of Dylan's teachers concisely sums up the reasons he is the recipient of this year's award by saying, "He is highly creative yet extremely logical, he is gifted academically and musically, his passion for music knows no bounds, and he is one of the most upstanding students and citizens I have encountered in my career."

Dylan Hunn, an avid percussionist and composer, is a junior at Plano West Senior High School. A student of percussion since age five,

Dylan was Principal Percussionist with the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra in 2012-2013; he has been a member of the GDYO organization for 4 years. He has also appeared in concert as a soloist with internationally acclaimed marimbist Naoko Takada, has won accolades in concerto competitions, and has consistently received "superior" ratings at local solo festivals.

Dylan is also a composer and has been selected as a finalist in the O'Donnell Young Masters competition and is a consistent winner of his local PTA "Reflections" composition competition. He studies with Drew Lang (SMU, Dallas Opera) and Dr. Xi Wang (SMU).

Dylan prides himself on maintaining strong academics, with a top 1% class rank, and enjoys creative writing, a discipline in which he has had work published.



About Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra

The Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing music education and performance opportunities for youth with demonstrated musical ability.

The Greater Dallas Youth Orchestras program cultivates learning, creative, social and motivational skills. 430 talented musicians perform in seven ensembles and socialize with a diverse group of highly talented peers from more than 50 communities.

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The Greater Dallas Youth Orchestras is recognized locally, nationally and internationally as an organization that offers high quality musical instruction and unique performance opportunities for area youth. As a non-profit organization, less than 37% of our revenue is generated through tuition fees.

We rely on contributions made by individuals, foundations, corporations and in-kind services to continue and grow our programs. Help us to give the gift of music to area youth! You can make a contribution online today at www.gdyo.org, mail a check, or call us to discuss a pledge or other plan.

YOU MAY NOT KNOW THAT...

- GDYO programs are the only venue for orchestral training for many private, home schools, and school districts without an orchestra program.
- More than 750 young people auditioned for placement in the orchestras this year.
- Any student that successfully auditions for programs is accepted regardless of ability to pay.
- 430 culturally diverse students come from 50 communities and 118 different schools.
- Conductors and coaches come from the Dallas Symphony, Dallas Opera, Dallas Wind Symphony and university faculties.
- 100% of GDYO students go on to higher education each year.

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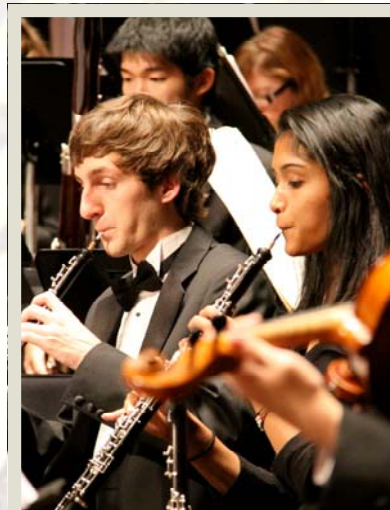
- Grant over \$20,000 annually in student scholarship assistance.
- Provide over 1,500 complimentary tickets to low-income students, senior citizens, families and teachers.
- Grant scholarships to minority students, in an attempt to increase their representation in the classical music world.
- Continue to fulfill our mission of providing music education and performance opportunities for musically talented youth.

Thank you to our donors!

The GDYO gratefully acknowledges the following individuals, businesses, foundations, and funding agencies that have supported the GDYO through a contribution of \$100 or more between September 1, 2012 and October 1, 2013.

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These lists are updated and reprinted throughout the season. We apologize for any errors or omissions; please contact us, so that we may make corrections in future listings. For more information on contributing to the Annual Fund or Scholarship Endowment, call the GDYO office, 214-528-7747 or email amber@gdyo.org.

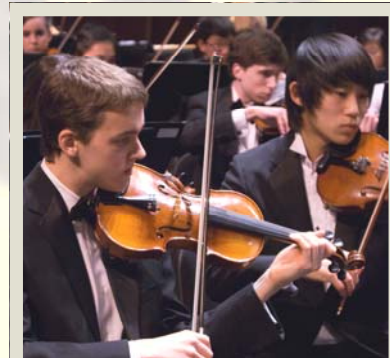


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“Thank you for giving my daughter the opportunity to participate in GDYO. Through you, she has learned that loving music also requires hard work and dedication of everyone involved. I hope that she carries that spirit of dedication to wherever her life takes her.”

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GDYO members side-by-side

During the 2012-2013 season, GDYO offered a wonderful opportunity for students in the Young Performers Orchestra (YPO) and the Dallas String Ensemble (DSE) to sit side-by-side members of the most advanced orchestras, the Philharmonic and the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra. During the rehearsals, the younger musicians shared a stand with the older musicians, rehearsing their own pieces, getting tips from the older musicians, and sharing their love of playing their instrument. Opportunities like this offer a

different kind of encouragement for all musicians involved to continue working to be the best they can be. The younger musicians have a chance to see where they could be in a few years. The older musicians have a chance to give back and be a mentor, which is very fulfilling. It was a great experience for everyone, and we plan to repeat it!

Other GDYO collaborations!

Coming up in the 2013-2014 season, there will be other GDYO collaborations that we know you will enjoy. In February, GDYO's Flute Choir will perform pieces with the Dallas String Ensemble (DSE) as well as the Sinfonietta (February 23 at the Dallas City Performance Hall).

And in March, the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra will perform two shared concerts: a side-by-side concert with the Fort Worth Youth Orchestra, and a joint concert with the GDYO Wind Symphony (a first of its kind)! More information about these concerts will be available on the GDYO website!



More thanks and good thoughts

Throughout the season, families, staff, and community members share many positive comments and meaningful memories. We have compiled a few for you here. Thank you again for your support. It is important to us and the many talented young musicians we serve.

"My daughter has had a great time in the GDYO program, and I think she has made many memories and experiences that she will keep with her forever. I want to thank you, Mr. Giangulio, and the entire GDYO organization for giving us the opportunity to experience something so amazing. "

"The GDYO/GDYO Guild have graciously provided financial assistance for our family over the past few years. My husband's job circumstances have improved and we would like to give back to the organization. We very much appreciate the help, support and opportunities that GDYO and the GDYO Guild have offered to our family."

"Thanks to you and the whole GDYO staff for the wonderful concert presented yesterday at the Meyerson.

As a parent, you go to all your child's activities because your kid is in them. Yesterday was no different, except that it was the music, not just my kid on stage, that made the afternoon so special. I loved the choice of pieces the groups played and the variety of music. The musicians just happened to be young people, and they were excellent, as are the talented and dedicated directors who lead them.

Anyone with any doubts as to the abilities of young people needs to spend a few hours observing GDYO directors as they work with their orchestras. That the GDYO organization supports the best possible talent to lead our kids makes it a perfect place for them to be and learn.

How fortunate we are part of such a program. "Thank you" hardly begins to express how truly grateful I am that my child gets to be part of GDYO."





Join us for the 2013-2014 Season!

Dallas Youth Symphony opens the season with a tribute to Benjamin Britten on the 100th anniversary of his birth! The concert will feature Britten's Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes, Arvo Pärt's Cantus in memory of Benjamin

the Meyerson. This concert is a staple of the holiday season for many patrons. Selections will include: Waldteufel's Skaters Waltz, Rimsky-Korsakov's The Dance of the Buffoons from the Snow Maiden, and other holiday favorites, including a sing-a-long.

Bass Performance Hall in Fort Worth. This concert will feature the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra side by side with the Fort Worth Youth Orchestra.

2013-2014 marks the 42nd season of the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestras. The world-renowned GDYO has a full season of concerts. The top ensemble, the GDYO, brings together 110 of the DFW area's best high school musicians, and their three concerts at the Meyerson will be the showcase of the season.

Britten, Holst's Planets, and Saint-Saens' Violin Concerto No. 3 in B Minor, featuring the winner of the 2013-2014 GDYO Concerto Competition, Samantha Choo.

The grand finale of the 42nd season is **Sunday, May 18, 2014** at 7:30pm. Featured on this program will be Dvořák's Slavonic Dance No. 8 (with the winner of the GDYO Student **Conductor** Competition), Bernstein's Three Dance Episodes from "On the Town," Williams' Escapade from "Catch me if you can" with saxophone soloist, and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5.

And on **Sunday, March 30, 2014** at 2:30pm, we will feature GDYO and the Wind Symphony in concert together at the Murchison Performing Arts Center in Denton. Information on tickets for these concerts will be available later in the season.

Join us on **Sunday, October 27, 2013** at 7:30pm as the Greater

On **December 18, 2013**, at 7:30pm at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra will perform a holiday concert with the Youth Chorus and Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas. The annual Holiday Magic concert features over 200 youth on the stage of

There will be a SPECIAL CONCERT on **Sunday, March 9, 2014** at 7:30pm, at

Single tickets are \$10-\$40. You can purchase single tickets either at www.gdyo.org or call 214.528.7747 or the night of the performance at the Meyerson Box Office. The Meyerson is located at 2301 Flora Street in Dallas.

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