

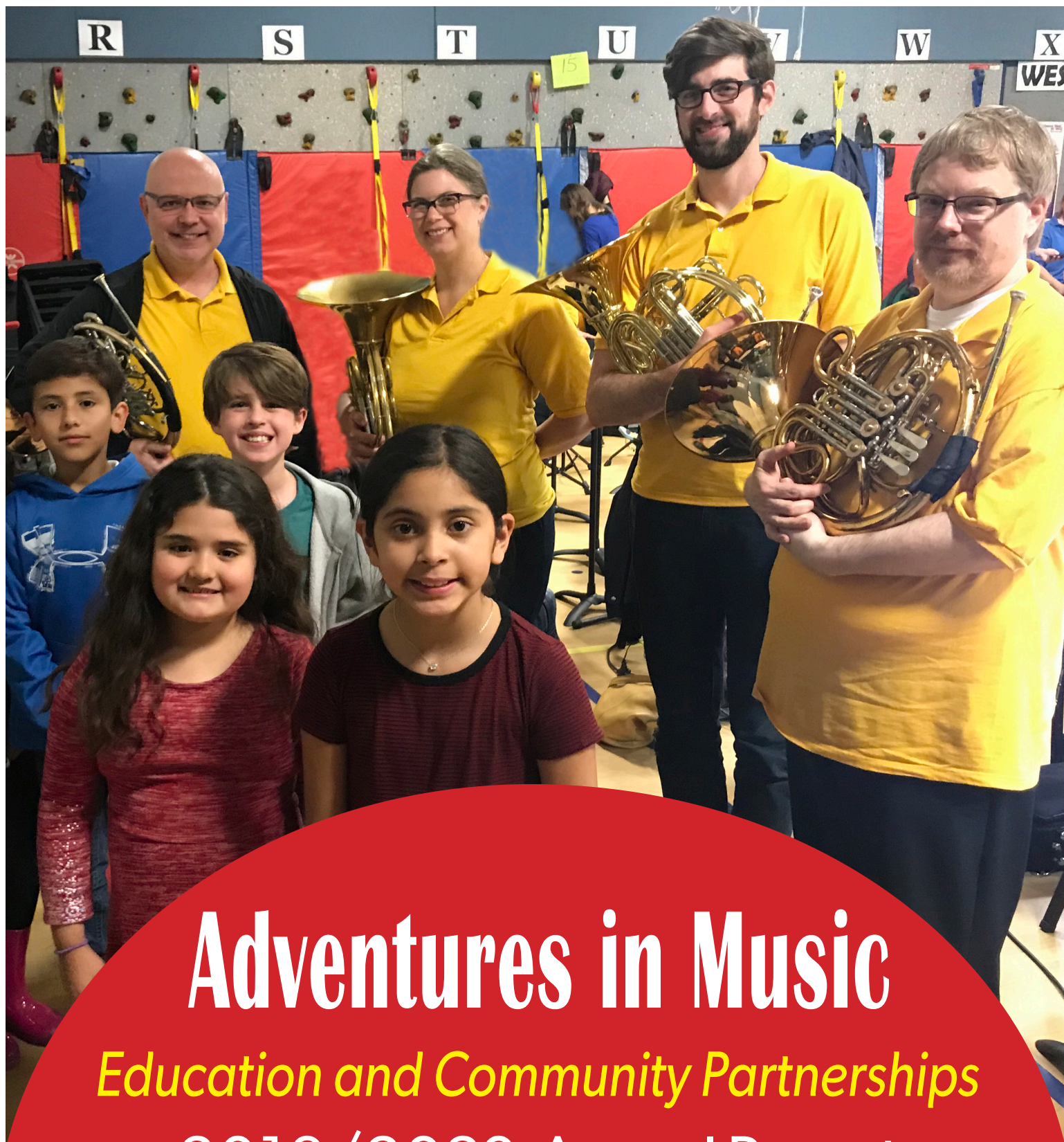


FORT WORTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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Adventures in Music

Education and Community Partnerships

2019/2020 Annual Report



From its first education concerts in 1926, the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra has remained committed to engaging young minds through music. During a typical year, the FWSO's Adventures in Music education and community outreach program serves nearly 60,000 children and adults each year with innovative and engaging musical experiences.

Approximately 77% of the children served are from low income families or are from rural areas and have little or no access to cultural resources. Many of these children would not otherwise have the opportunity to attend a live orchestral performance.

Research by the National Endowment for the Arts and other respected entities report that students with access to music education programs earn better grades, achieve higher SAT scores, experience lower drop-out rates and exhibit higher self-esteem. As music education programs are curtailed in our community's schools, students are losing opportunities to experience music as part of a well-rounded education. The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra fulfills that role by providing educational concerts through partnerships with schools throughout North Texas. Additionally, all Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra programs and study guides are developed to address cross curricular Texas Education Knowledge Standards (TEKS) and National Music Education Standards.

Like so many other organizations, the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra shut our doors in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, several of our Education & Community Programs were impacted. Notes regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic are included in each program description, as applicable. We are grateful that, because of the generous support of our community, we will be able to continue providing exceptional programming for the Fort Worth area and beyond this upcoming season, and look forward to continuing the programs that were born in response to the pandemic.

FWSO Music Lab

Immediately following the cancellation of performances due to COVID-19, FWSO staff and musicians collaborated to produce digital content that could provide joy, inspiration, and education through music amidst all of the uncertainty. The resulting FWSO Music Lab, consisting of four components—listen, learn, share, and give—houses this engaging content ranging from performances to activities on the FWSO website for families, educators, and community partners to access on-demand.



PROGRAM STAFF

Adventures in Music education programming for 2019–2020 season was developed through the collaboration of Music Director Miguel Harth-Bedoya with Conducting Fellows Alex Amsel and Stephanie Rhodes Russell, and the Director of Education & Community Programs and performed at the highest artistic level by the musicians of the FWSO.

PROGRAM IMPACT & EVALUATION

The impact of Adventures in Music is evaluated across a combination of factors: concert attendance numbers; the percentage of schools and communities that are low income or from rural areas; and feedback from administrators, teachers, and students. FWSO staff gathers feedback from online questionnaires sent to teachers after performances as well as interviews with participants. We request feedback on the quality of preparation materials, the effectiveness of communication with FWSO staff before and after each performance, quality and age-appropriateness of programming, and the educational value for students. Our experienced staff monitors the programs to ensure presentations are of the highest quality and that children we serve are receiving relevant, educational, interactive experiences.

PROGRAM BUDGET

The 2019–2020 budget for Adventures in Music was \$1,014,781. Major support for Adventures in Music is provided by the Arts Council of Fort Worth, Texas Commission on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Symphony League of Fort Worth and a variety of foundations, individuals, and companies. While some programs include a performance fee, the FWSO works closely with partnering organizations to ensure the widest accessibility and greatest sustainability for these programs.

CONCLUSION

With your generous support, thousands of underserved children in Fort Worth and across Texas will receive a unique musical experience that will stay with them for a lifetime. On behalf of the children and communities the FWSO serves, we ask for your help sustaining this vital education and community outreach programming in the 2020–2021 season. Thank you for your careful consideration.



KINDERCONCERTS

Kinderconcerts are engaging performances designed to introduce young children to the joy of a live orchestral performance. The 2019–2020 program, Symphonic Storytime, guided students through excerpts of orchestral music through the vehicle of adventurous story. Prior to the performance, children from select Title I elementary schools received their own copy of “Play This Book” to introduce students to the instruments in the orchestra, provided by the Red Oak Foundation. More than 2,000 students attended these concerts.

PETER AND THE WOLF

Performed in partnership with the Texas Ballet Theater and the Children’s Education Program of Performing Arts Fort Worth, this bilingual, Spanish-English presentation of a classic tale annually reaches nearly 13,000 area second graders.

CARNEGIE HALL’S WEILL MUSIC INSTITUTE LINK UP PROGRAM

Utilizing materials provided free of charge by Carnegie Hall’s Weill Music Institute, music teachers in the Fort Worth ISD guided their fourth grade students in exploring symphonic music through a yearlong, hands-on music curriculum. More than 7,000 students participated in active music making in the classroom and learned repertoire on the recorder or with their voice.

While the culmination of the program is a live performance in which students have the opportunity to sing and/or play their recorder along with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, the 2019–2020 Link Up concerts (March 18–20) were unfortunately cancelled due to COVID-19. We are excited to provide the opportunity for students unable to attend the March 2020 concerts to engage in our virtual presentation of Link Up, coming Spring 2021.



YOUNG PERSONS' CONCERTS

Entertaining and educational performances introduce more than 3,500 local elementary school students to symphonic music. This season's program explored the Inca Trail in South America and featured music, images and dance from Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, Chile, and Argentina.

ELLIS ISLAND AND THE DREAM OF AMERICA

In collaboration with the Children's Education Program of Performing Arts Fort Worth, these engaging performances for more than 10,000 fifth grade students combined history and music to tell the stories of seven immigrants coming to America through Ellis Island.

GLEN ROSE ISD CULTURAL PARTNERSHIP

FWSO's annual collaboration with Glen Rose ISD includes in-school performances, master classes for students, and other concert experiences at Bass Performance Hall. Through this innovative program, a kindergarten student will interact with the Orchestra more than 30 times before they graduate high school. More than 1,900 students participated in this program.

Due to COVID-19 related closures, annual sectionals at Glen Rose High School, one of our six scheduled programs in this partnership, were cancelled in the 2019–2020 season.





OPEN REHEARSALS

High school and college students with a serious interest in the rehearsal process were invited to observe Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra dress rehearsals at Bass Performance Hall.

Due to COVID-19 related closures and cancellations, our third and final Open Rehearsal of the Season on May 15, 2020 was cancelled.

YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

Open to exceptional young instrumentalists and vocalists in Texas age 18 and under, the Young Artist Competition offers the opportunity to win a scholarship and the chance to perform as a soloist with the Orchestra.

Due to COVID-19 related closures, the Young Artist Competition scheduled for March 14, 2020 was cancelled. Semi-finalists were highlighted in the FWSO Music Lab and received one-on-one professional development with FWSO musicians. The Young Artist Competition will resume in the 2021–2022 season.

SIDE-BY-SIDE PERFORMANCE WITH THE FORT WORTH YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Conductor Alex Amsel led the Fort Worth Youth Orchestra alongside the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra in a concert program of Rimsky-Korsakov's Russian Easter Overture, Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture, and Hanson's Symphony No. 2.

GO! ARTS FREE COMMUNITY CONCERTS

Free performances presented to targeted audiences in Fort Worth reached residents at True Worth Place—a Homeless Day Shelter, James L West dementia patients at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Fort Worth, and for the general public at the Fort Worth Central Library. These performances were funded in part by the Arts Council of Fort Worth.

TOURING TEXAS YOUTH CONCERTS & COMMUNITY CONCERTS

The Orchestra reached 6,000 children and adults throughout all of North Texas, and provided artistic and enriching programs to the communities of Glen Rose, Graham, Granbury, Mesquite, Southlake, and Waxahachie.

FAMILY SERIES

The Family Series offered three kid-sized concerts featuring fun music for the whole family. Each concert took place at Bass Performance Hall on a Saturday morning and was preceded by crafts and activities in the lobby. More than 5,000 children and their families attended during the 2019–2020 season.

BEETHOVEN'S BUDDIES AND SYMPHONIC SALUTE

Beethoven's Buddies provides complimentary tickets to underserved children and adults through community partners like Lena Pope and Samaritan House. In the 2019–2020 season, nearly 700 children and adults benefited from this program.

Community
Partners
30

EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Kinderconcerts | 2,061 |
| Peter & the Wolf | 13,702 |
| *Carnegie Hall Link Up | 7,022 |
| Young Persons' Concert | 3,725 |
| Ellis Island: The Dream of America | 10,598 |
| *Glen Rose ISD Cultural Partnership | 1,900 |
| Touring Texas Youth Concerts | 6,000 |
| *Open Rehearsals | 1,026 |

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS & FAMILIES

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| Go! Arts Community Concerts | 642 |
| Touring Texas Community Concerts | 750 |
| Family Concerts | 5,588 |
| Beethoven's Buddies | 675 |

ETHNICITIES SERVED

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| White | 44% |
| Hispanic | 18% |
| African American | 34% |
| Asian | 2% |
| Two or More | 2% |

TARGETED STUDENT POPULATIONS

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| Families with Low Income | 77% |
| Families with Income Below Poverty | 20% |

183
Schools
Reached



Argyle ISD

Argyle Intermediate School
Argyle West Elementary

Arlington ISD

Martin High School

Birdville ISD

Academy at CF Thomas
Binion Elementary
Birdville Elementary
David E. Smith Elementary
Foster Village Elementary
Grace Hardeman Elementary
Green Valley Elementary
Holiday Heights Elementary
Major Cheney Elementary
Mullendore Elementary
North Ridge Elementary
O.H. Stowe Elementary
Richland Elementary
Smithfield Elementary
Snow Heights Elementary
Spicer Elementary
W.A. Porter Elementary
W.T. Francisco Elementary
Walker Creek Elementary
Watauga Elementary
West Birdville Elementary

Bluff Dale ISD

Bluff Dale Junior High

Dallas ISD

Arcadia Park School

Fort Worth ISD

A M Pate Elementary
Alice Carlson Elementary
Alice Carlson Applied Learning Center
Applied Learning Academy
Atwood McDonald Elementary
Benbrook Elementary
Benbrook Mid-High School
Bill J Elliott Elementary
Bonnie Brae Elementary
Briscoe Elementary
Bruce Shulkey Elementary
Burton Hill Elementary
Can Zandt-Guinn Elementary
Carroll Peak Elementary
Carter Park Elementary
Carter-Riverside High School
Ceasar Chavez Elementary
Charles E Nash Elementary
Christene C. Moss Elementary
Clifford Davis Elementary

Como Learning Academy
Como Montessori
Contreras Elementary
D McRae Elementary
Daggett Montessori
David K Sellars Elementary
De Zavala Elementary
Diamond Hill Elementary
Dolores Huerta Elementary
East Handley Elementary
Eastern Hills Elementary
George C. Clarke Elementary
Glen Park Elementary
Greenbriar Elementary
Harlean Beal Elementary
Hazel Harvey Peace Elementary
Hubbard Heights Elementary
HV Helbing Elementary
I.M. Terrell Academy
John T White Learning Academy
Kirkpatrick Elementary
Lily B. Clayton Elementary
Lowery Road Elementary
Luella Merrett Elementary
M H Moore Elementary
Manuel Jara Elementary
Mary Louise Phillips Elementary
Maude I Logan Learning Academy
McClung Middle School
Meadowbrook Elementary
Mitchell Blvd Learning Academy
Monning Middle School VPA
Morningside Elementary
Natha Howell Elementary
North Hi Mount Elementary
Oakhurst Elementary
Oaklawn Elementary
Richard J. Wilson Elementary
Ridglea Hills Elementary
Riverside Applied Learning Center
Rosemont Elementary
Rufino Mendoza Elementary
S S Dillow Elementary
Sagamore Hill Elementary
Sam Rosen Elementary
Seminary Hills Park Elementary
South Hi Mount Elementary
South Hills Elementary
South Hills High School
Springdale Elementary
Sunrise-McMillian Elementary
TA Sims Elementary
Tanglewood J T Stevens Elementary
Versia Williams Elementary
W J Turner Elementary
W.M. Green Elementary
Walton Elementary
Washington Heights Elementary
Waverly Park Elementary

Wedgwood Middle School
West Handley Elementary
Westcliff Elementary
Westcreek Elementary
Western Hills Elementary
Westpark Elementary
William James Middle School
Woodway Elementary
Worth Heights Elementary

Glen Rose ISD

Glen Rose Elementary School
Glen Rose High School
Glen Rose Intermediate
Glen Rose Junior High School

Graham ISD

Graham Elementary

Granbury ISD

Acton Elementary
Acton Middle School
Granbury Middle School
Oak Woods School

Grand Prairie ISD

Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy
Grand Prairie High School

HEB ISD

HEB ISD Suzuki
L.D. Bell High School

Home School Groups

360 ImagineNation Homeschool Group
Classical Conversations of Keller
Classical Conversations of Saginaw
Classical Conversations of Southlake

Joshua ISD

Joshua High School

Lakewood ISD

Lakewood Elementary

McKinney ISD

McKinney North High School

Mesquite ISD

Black Elementary
Cannady Elementary
Florence Elementary
Floyd Elementary
Galloway Elementary
Gentry Elementary
Gray Elementary

Hanby Elementary
Hodges Elementary
Kimball Elementary
Lawrence Elementary
Mackey Elementary
McKenzie Elementary
McWhorter Elementary
Moss Elementary
Motley Elementary
Pirrung Elementary
Porter Elementary
Price Elementary
Range Elementary
Rugel Elementary
Rutherford Elementary
Seabourn Elementary
Shands Elementary
Shaw Elementary
Smith Elementary
Thompson Elementary
Tisinger Elementary
Tosch Elementary

Northwest ISD

Eaton High School

Waxahachie ISD

Dunaway Elementary
Margaret L. Felty Elementary
Marvin Elementary
Northside Elementary
Oliver E Clift
Shackleford Elementary
Wedgeworth Elementary

Weatherford ISD

Austin Elementary
Crockett Elementary
Curtis Elementary
Ikard Elementary
Martin Elementary
Seguin Elementary
Wright Elementary

Universities

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Tarleton State University
Texas Christian University
University of North Texas

Community Partners

Alzheimer's Association
APEX Arts League
Arborlawn United Methodist Church
Ballet Frontier of Texas
Big Brothers Big Sisters
B Sharp Youth Music Program
Christian Women's Job Corps
of Greater Arlington

Doxology Bible Church
Fort Worth Central Library
Fort Worth Independent School District
Fort Worth Opera
Fort Worth Youth Orchestra
Glen Rose Independent School District
James L. West Center for Alzheimer's
Keller Independent School District
Kids Who Care
Latinas in Progress – Hispanic Women's
Network of Texas
Lena Pope
Performing Arts Fort Worth Children's
Education Program
Sid Richardson Museum
Tarleton State University
Texas Ballet Theater
Texas Christian University
True Worth Place – Day Shelter for Homeless
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