

## Director's Note

Happy May Orchestra Families,

It's only been a few short weeks since our April newsletter, however, there's already plenty of exciting happenings to mention (and to look forward to).

On Saturday, April 29th, a dozen East Orchestra students participated in the WSMA State Solo & Ensemble Festival. To qualify to perform, student solos and small ensembles had to receive a near perfect score at the district festival, held in February. We're so proud of these students for their continued hard work!

As we are now officially in the month of May, we have two incredible performances to look forward to. All City String Festival on May 6th and the Spring Orchestra Concert on May 10th.

The All City Festival will be held at American Family Field at 2pm on May 6th (tickets required for entry). Our Spring concert is at 7:00pm on May 10th and is free to the public. If you are unable to attend this performance, a live stream link is available for you (and to share).

Finally, you may have noticed students from East Orchestra performing at an event you've recently attended. East students have provided music for the Wauwatosa Distinguished Citizen Banquet, Jefferson's High Interested Day, and the upcoming EFW Gala. Hurray for chamber music!

Enjoy the month of May and we'll see you soon!

## Upcoming Events

**May 6th, 2023**

All City String Festival  
American Family Field  
2:00pm Perform

**May 10th, 2023**

Spring Orchestra Concert  
Dale. K Hidde Theatre  
7:00pm

[LIVE STREAM HERE](#)

### All City String Festival

The 41st Annual All City String Festival is this Saturday, May 6th at 2:00pm.

Detailed information regarding arrival times, parking, security, and answers to frequently asked questions can be found in the [String Festival Family Packet](#).

Most students received their free t-shirt (to be worn at the festival) last week and have their four (4) comp tickets coming this week.

**Need more tickets or wish to donate to the festival?**

[CLICK HERE](#)

We look forward to seeing you at the ballpark!

### **Orchestra Parents of Tosa East (OPTe)**

#### Italy Trip Fundraising

We hope you have benefitted from the last two fundraisers to offset the costs of Italy travels. Two more Gateway payments remain. Would you like the Orchestra Parents Board to organize another fundraiser(s) ahead of your final August 24 payment?

By May 10, please complete this survey to give us your feedback and your ideas.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K7NCNSB>

#### Seeking Board Members

Orchestra Parents of Tosa East are seeking new board members. See pages two and three of this newsletter for more information.

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## *Wauwatosa East High School*

**WE SEEK BOARD MEMBERS.**  
**WE PLAN WITH ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR, MR. MICHAEL HAYDEN, TO ENHANCE THE CURRICULUM, AND STUDENT MUSICIAN EXPERIENCE.**

TOGETHER, WE OVERSEE AND ASSIGN THE SPENDING OF ORCHESTRA FEES & OTHER DONATIONS WHICH ARE ALLOCATED TO VISITING PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS, PRIVATE LESSONS, SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS, AND POST-CONCERT SOCIALS



**TIME COMMITMENT: 20 HOURS AN ACADEMIC YEAR**

Email the Board Chair, Linda Lanke to learn more and share your interest: ([thelankes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thelankes@sbcglobal.net))



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## WITH YOUR ORCHESTRA FEES AND OTHER DONATIONS, THIS YEAR WE FUNDED

6 guest professional musicians to the classroom:  
Paul Hauer (MSO), Nathan Hackett (MSO), Thea Vorass, Amy Hess (Chicago Lyric), Barry Clark (Festival City), Addison Teng (DePaul University)

9 private lesson scholarships for middle & high school students from professional musicians of the bass, violin, cello, & viola

Paul Thorgaard Scholarship & plaque for graduating seniors

District and State Solo & Ensemble registration, metals, pins

Co-sponsored Kids Jam, All City Strings Concert,  
Yoga for student musicians

Refreshments for fall, winter, spring concerts

Spring Concert program printing

Senior dinner with Mr. Hayden

## WE ORGANIZED

Yo Mama's, Festa Italiana (raised \$250), Milwaukee Pretzel Company (raised \$4,700), Colectivo Coffee (raised \$7,837), Mod Pizza (raised \$260), & Metcalfe's Market (raised \$1,015) fundraisers

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