

Director's Note

Happy June Orchestra Families,

What an incredible year! It's hard to wrap up the past 9 months in this short note but here we go!

This year, the over 120 students in East Orchestra made tremendous growth and showcased all of their hard work throughout the school year at the three performances at Tosa East, including a winter combined concert with Longfellow being at capacity (close to 1,100 attendees). Symphony Orchestra hosted the first ever Kidz Jam, a concert designed for kids in the community. Crafts, snacks, and music! We also had an incredible 2 month chamber music unit, culminating with in-class performances, a solo and ensemble festival at Central HS in West Allis, and a state festival at UW-Milwaukee. If that weren't enough, all district orchestra students were invited to perform on the field at American Family Field for our return to a true All City String Festival. What an incredible experience!

At the end of every year, we are sad to see our seniors leave. This year, 21 seniors will graduate from East orchestra and move to their next schools and cities, spanning the Tosa footprint across the entire country. We'll miss them dearly.

And finally, we look forward to next fall. More music, performances, and a once in a lifetime performance tour to Italy!

Congratulations on a phenomenal year!

Have a great summer!

Future Events

October 8th - 17th, 2023

East Orchestra Italy Performance Tour
Rome, Florence, Venice

October 25th, 2023

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

Italy Updates

I hope you and your student musicians are getting VERY excited about our fall Italian performance tour! Our travel agency continues to confirm information regarding cities, hotels, and restaurants. Below is an overview of our journey.

October 9-11th: Rome
October 12th: Assisi
October 13th: Florence
October 14th: Pisa - Lucca
October 15-16th: Venice
October 17th: Return

If you haven't already, NOW is the time to get your passport! This can take upwards of 6 weeks. If you have a current passport, please make sure that it is valid for 6 months after our tour (through April 2024).

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?

If you haven't already, 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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WOULD YOU VOLUNTEER FOR THE TOSA EAST ORCHESTRA?

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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)



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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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