

East Texas Youth Orchestra, Inc. Annual Report of the 2017-2018 Season

Mission Statement:

The mission of the East Texas Youth Orchestra, Inc. (ETYO), is to provide exceptional musical experiences in arts education through a diverse set of programs providing performances that enrich its members and the community.

This season the East Texas Youth Orchestra added the Jazz Academy to the organization with 8 members. The Philharmonic Orchestra seated 45 members with the Symphony Orchestra at 57 members. The ensembles are all flourishing and involved in the following activities this season:

- Three classical concerts performed at Wise Auditorium and Caldwell Auditorium, free to the public including one piece with a combination of orchestras.
- Three concerts were held by the Jazz Academy. Two were performed at University of Texas at Tyler with the second concert in conjunction with The Jazz Connection. The final concert of the year was held at The Foundry including a small performance at the final ETYO orchestra concert. All concerts are free.
- Food trucks came after rehearsals (1) to kick off the season and (2) for bring a friend day.
- Musicians had opportunity to attend ETSO practice with YoYo Ma and he visited ETYO's rehearsal. Musicians loved this!
- Symphony Orchestra rehearsed and participated in the Side-by-Side concert with the East Texas Symphony Orchestra.
- Hosted the Concerto Competition for the first time and recognized three winners. Each winner performed in ETYO's concert.
- Ensembles performed at the Tyler Rose Festival Arts Fair, Rose Festival Queen's Tea, Jack Ryan's Steakhouse, Longview Symphony Orchestra Concert, City of Tyler Christmas Tree Lighting, and Women's Symphony League Style Show. The Jazz Academy performed at Fresh and Women's Symphony League Ball.
- Enjoyed a profit share dinner after fall concert at the Catch.
- Participated in East Texas Giving Day.
- 74% of our musicians qualified for all-regions.
- 13% of our musicians qualified for all-states.
- Over 83 musicians were auditioned.
- Many musicians participated in the Helen Elbert Chamber Music Festival.
- We have 28 musicians signed up for Vienna with a total of 45 participants.
- \$4,515 were awarded in financial aid for musicians.
- ETYO featured in Tyler Today Magazine in March.

Plans continue for the Vienna International Youth Music Festival in July of 2019, building the orchestras and Jazz Academy for next year after graduating many seniors, fundraising event with the Tyler Art Museum, and our second Concerto Competition. ETYO continues to grow and give youth excellent opportunities to develop into young musicians.