



2017-18 ANNUAL REPORT



OUR MISSION

To enhance the lives of student musicians by providing dynamic musical experiences, fostering collaboration, confidence, and personal responsibility through the pursuit of artistic excellence.

VALUES | BELIEFS

- Learning to make music brings life-long joy
- Playing in an orchestra builds critical life skills
- Musicians of all cultures, ethnicities, experiences, and financial means are welcome
- Artistic excellence is attainable at any age
- Financial sustainability is key to BYSO's success
- BYSO enhances the quality of life in our community

BYSO is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to keeping music affordable to **all** youth.

ONE STUDENT'S STORY

"Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra taught me that there is no age limit in achieving an amazing musical experience. I did not have to be a professional violinist to enjoy the benefits of playing in an orchestra and did not have to be a connoisseur to appreciate the music of my fellow musicians. ... This orchestra not only gave me countless opportunities to express myself, but provided me with a community to belong in. A world of music is a fascinating one to explore. I'm glad I am doing so with the members of the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra."

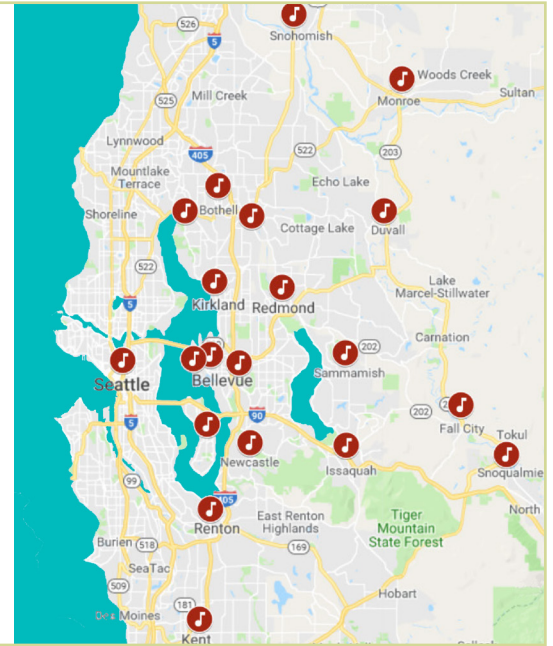
- Cayla, age 16

OUR STUDENTS

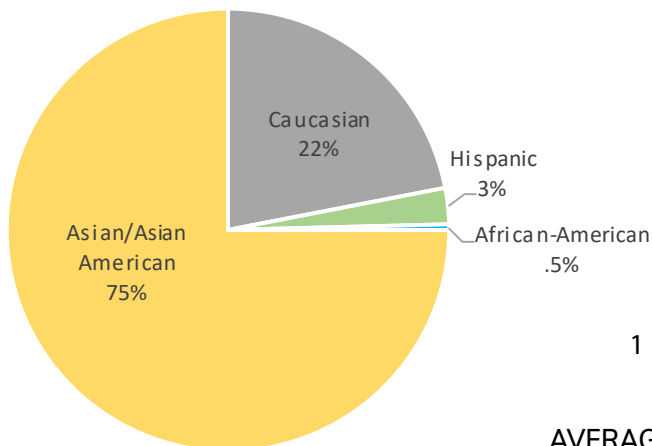
Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra served **636** unique students

during the 2017–18 season, through an enriching array of orchestra programs, instrumental ensembles, and summer day camps.

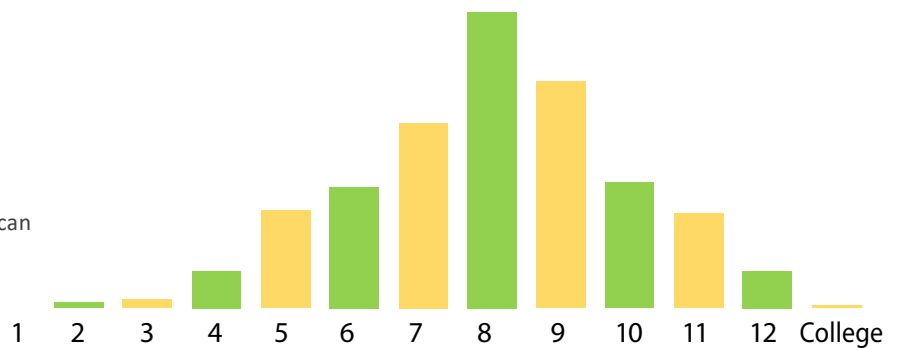
Located in the ethnically and economically diverse city of Bellevue, Washington, BYSO welcomes student musicians of all ethnic backgrounds, religions, physical capabilities, and financial circumstances from across the Eastside, Seattle metro, and surrounding communities.



ETHNIC DISTRIBUTION

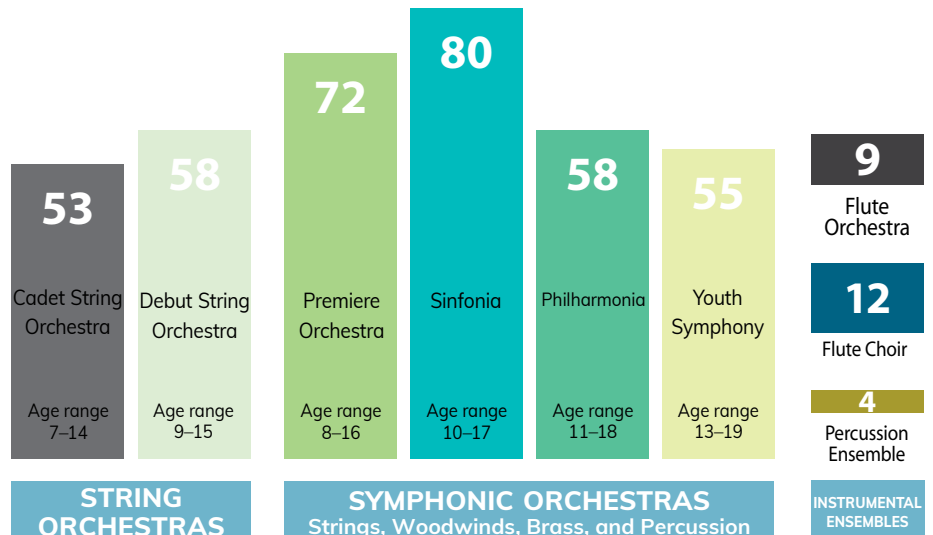


SCHOOL GRADE DISTRIBUTION



AVERAGE STUDENT MEMBERSHIP IN BYSO ENSEMBLES, 2017-2018

26,857
INSTRUCTION
HOURS



OUR RESULTS



For 53 years, the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra (BYSO) has been teaching young musicians from across the Eastside the delights of orchestral performance. During our 2017-2018 season, more than 600 young musicians participated in our orchestras, small ensembles, and summer programs.

The musical theme for our 2017-18 main season was The Pacific Northwest, and featured the composers, arrangers, and themes of music celebrating our fabulous area. Sinfonia performed the world premiere of *Skyfaring* by local composer Geoff Ogle. Two other Puget Sound composers, Samuel Jones and Ian Edlund, attended rehearsals of their work and were in the audience to hear their works performed by BYSO orchestras.

In May 2018, BYSO launched a new website to improve visibility, communications, and business processes. Capacity-building support from the City of Bellevue Arts Commission was crucial in enabling us to complete this critical upgrade. Along with our new website, BYSO launched new branding, giving us a new look for all our communications. These improvements have been enthusiastically received by our families.

In March 2018, our top orchestras and ensembles performed at Benaroya Hall, an enriching experience for musicians and audience alike. We look forward to returning to that outstanding musical venue in the near future.

Many thanks are due to the 150-plus volunteers who made BYSO's concerts, auditions, and retreats flow smoothly. BYSO is led by an all-volunteer Board of Directors, who provide strategic leadership and oversight to the entire organization. We couldn't do it without you!

BYSO depends on contributions to make up the difference between our tuition and ticket fees and the full cost of delivering our program to our students. These generous donations made up 25% of our income this year. Key to our fundraising success this year have been BYSO parents who donated to Pass the Hat and the many businesses and individuals who sponsored our Garden Party Fundraiser. Heartful thanks to all who contributed.

Trudi Jackson

Trudi Jackson, Executive Director

2017-18 Board of Directors

Joined Board / End of Term

President

Kristi Jo Lynn 2015 2020

Vice President

Vija Williams 2015 2021

Treasurer

Kathy Kearny 2016 2019

Secretary

Asako Yoshimura 2017 2020

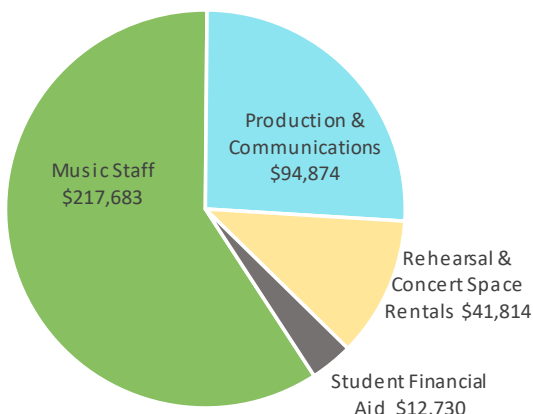
Directors

Khok Teh 2017 2020

Jennifer Torr 2004 2019

Bennet Wang 2007 2021

2017-18 Program Costs



Total Program Costs: \$367,101

Program costs are BYSO's greatest expense. Our professional music staff and space rentals account for the majority of this amount.

2017-18 Financials

Statement of Financial Activities:

Revenue

Tuition	\$337,286
Contributions & Grants	\$110,935
Ticket Sales	\$47,022
Investment Income	\$28,948
In-Kind Contributions	\$19,320
Other	\$6,835

TOTAL REVENUE \$550,346

Expenses

Personnel	\$364,982
Occupancy	\$76,026
Program-Related	\$26,734
In-Kind	\$19,320
Administrative	\$38,386
Scholarships	\$12,730

TOTAL EXPENSES \$538,178

Statement of Financial Position:

Assets

Current Assets	\$159,142
Fixed Assets	\$3,617
Other Assets	\$443,036
Long Term Pledges Receivable	\$28,932
Long Term Investments	\$411,609

TOTAL ASSETS \$605,795

Liabilities & Net Assets

Current Liabilities	\$37,034
Total Net Assets	\$568,761
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$306,182
Temporarily Restricted Assets	\$37,586
Permanently Restricted Assets	\$224,993

TOTAL LIAB. & NET ASSETS \$605,795

BYSO'S 2017-18 SEASON



Winter Masterworks, Benaroya Hall



Summer Symphony Camp



Family 4th of July Concert

Sept 9–11, 2017
Sept 18–Nov 27
Sept 18
Sept 23, Oct 7 & 14

Nov 5

Nov 6

Dec 3

Dec 11, 2017 & Jan 6, 2018
Jan 8–March 5
Jan 27, Feb 3 & 10

March 3

March 11

March 5
March 12–May 7

May 6

May 13

May 14

July 4

July 9–13

July 16–20

July 23–27

Fall Auditions

Weekly Rehearsals
Parent Orientation Meeting
Student Retreats

Fall Concert Cycle:

Overture: Cadet & Debut String Orchestras
Showcase: Philharmonia; Flute Choir;
Flute Orchestra; Percussion Ensemble
Masterworks: Youth Symphony
Highlight: Premiere Orchestra & Sinfonia

Festive Flutes Holiday Outreach Tour

Holiday Concert Cycle:

Winter Wonderland
Cadet & Debut String Orchestras
Snowflake Season
Flute Ensembles; Premiere
Orchestra; Sinfonia
Magic of Mistletoe
Percussion Ensemble;
Philharmonia;
Youth Symphony

Winter Auditions

Weekly Rehearsals
Student Retreats

Winter Concert Cycle:

Masterworks: Flute Choir; Flute Orchestra;
Percussion Ensemble; Premiere Orchestra;
Sinfonia, Philharmonia; Youth Symphony
Showcase: Cadet String Orchestra, Debut
String Orchestra; Youth Symphony

Spring Auditions

Weekly Rehearsals

Growing Musicians Garden Party

Spring Concert Cycle:

Overture: Cadet & Debut String Orchestras
Showcase: Philharmonia; Flute Choir;
Flute Orchestra; Percussion Ensemble
Masterworks: Youth Symphony
Highlight: Premiere Orchestra & Sinfonia

Bellevue Family 4th of July Concert

Summer Strings Camp

Summer Symphony Camp

Summer Music Institute Camp



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