

# BELLEVUE YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

## 2021-22 IMPACT 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 registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 1964 to provide affordable extracurricular opportunities for young orchestra musicians. BYSO heavily relies on financial support to fulfill its mission.



# 2021-22 YEAR IN REVIEW



Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra's 2021-2022 Season was a year where we continually rose to face challenges, reclaimed a core piece of our identity, realized long-held plans, and found our way back to many of the traditions that we hold dear to our hearts at BYSO. We ended our previous fiscal year having made a commitment to return to in-person programming despite the challenges the pandemic presented and finished off our 2021-22 Season with record-setting audition turnout. It was quite a journey.

Under the leadership of co-interim Executive Directors Suzie Cavassa and Marcia Isenberger, and Music Director Dr. Teresa Metzger Howe, BYSO embarked on our 57th Season. Dr. Metzger Howe's thoughtfully chosen theme "Hear Our Voices: Amplifying Music from Women, Black, Indigenous, Latinx, AAPI, and LGBTQ+ Composers" inspired BYSO to return to fully in-person programming while elevating under-invited musical voices.

The season was a resounding success. Across our 3 Academic Year Concert Series we presented works by 8 AAPI composers, 12 BIPOC composers, 10 LGBTQ+ composers, and 15 women composers / arrangers. We exposed students and audience members to incredible music that deserves to be performed with greater regularity – we are immensely proud of this.

And all of this was done in-person (with the exception of a couple of weeks of zoom rehearsals). We held our first in-person evening of rehearsals since March 2020 on September 27, 2021. We held our first in-person concerts on November 21 and 22, 2021, at Bellevue's Meydenbauer Center Theatre. The excitement was palpable. Nearly two years had passed since BYSO's last live and in-person concert. Our ensembles played with fervor and passion and our audiences leaned in with a new appreciation for live performance.

We continued to navigate through our season. Overcoming unforeseen venue shifts and COVID hurdles, rehearsing on Mondays, presenting our winter concert series (featuring 2021 Concerto Competition winner, Katherine Li), and through a successful virtual Garden Party Fundraiser, to arrive at our Spring Concerts, where BYSO returned to the esteemed Benaroya Hall. This concert was 4 years in the making. It was a dream that the music and administrative staff, our board of directors, and our students had long awaited. What a thrill to see our ensembles shining on that famed stage. It marked a benchmark achievement for us that celebrated the importance of holding fast to our dreams. We had returned, in full splendor, having reclaimed our identity and truly lived our mission.



# 2021-22 YEAR IN REVIEW



Much is owed to the generosity of our 125 volunteers who helped make possible every rehearsal, retreat, concert, camp, and audition. Prominent among these are the members of our Board of Directors, who provided strategic leadership and oversight to the entire organization.

And, of course, none of what we achieved would have been possible without the support of our donors and funders. Contributed income accounted for nearly 28% of our revenue. Without their generosity BYSO would not be able to exist, especially during a season where we encountered rising costs at every turn. Their generosity never ceases to amaze us.

I would also like to extend a note of thanks to our entire BYSO community. When I assumed the position of Executive Director in late January of 2022, I had a steep learning curve ahead of me

and an incredible legacy entrusted to me. I have gleaned valuable insight from every interaction, conversation, email, phone call, note, smile, and nod. This is an organization invested in creating opportunities for young musicians in the Eastside Community and I am beyond proud to be at its helm.

Please join me in celebrating the triumph that was our 2021-22 Season and looking forward to all we can achieve in the season ahead.

Kevin Vortmann

Executive Director



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In Memory of Paul & Priscilla  
Gibson  
In Memory of Ernesto & Aurora  
Samaniego  
In Honor of Janice Lee (Ching-  
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In Memory of Nai-an Lee  
In Honor of Lluvia Edwards  
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\*\*\* Reflects donations and volunteer hours  
contributed from 9/1/2021-8/31/2022 \*\*\*

# OUR RESULTS

## Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra served 552 students in our 2021-2022 Season.

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 to participate in our array of orchestra programs and instrumental ensembles.



**579**

Students auditioned in August, 2022 for our 2022/23 Season



**\$83,226**

Total amount donated by Individuals, Families, and Corporate Sponsors.



**54**

Professional Musicians were engaged by BYSO to work with our students.



**\$88,448**

Total amount of funding received through public and private grants.



**552**

Individual students served during our academic year and Summer Programming



**12,000**

Video views on BYSO's Virtual Garden Party fundraiser event



**125**

Volunteers contributed over 492 hours of their time to BYSO.



**50,000**

Engaged audience members at the free Bellevue Family 4th of July Fireworks Celebration Concert.



**10**

Businesses provided matching funds of **\$9,433**

## 2021-22 Financial Activities

### Revenue

Contributions and Grants	\$171,674
In-Kind Contributions	\$21,920
Tuition	\$449,566
Investment Income	\$(23,083)
Other Income	\$69,441
Cost of Goods Sold	\$(12,399)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$677,179</b>

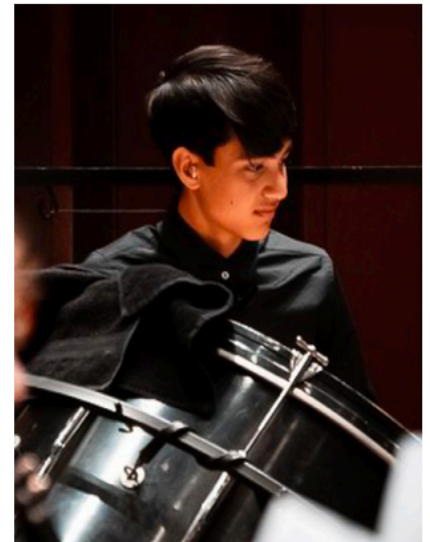
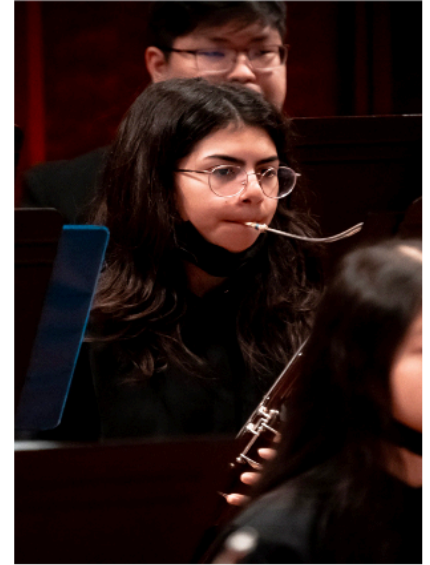
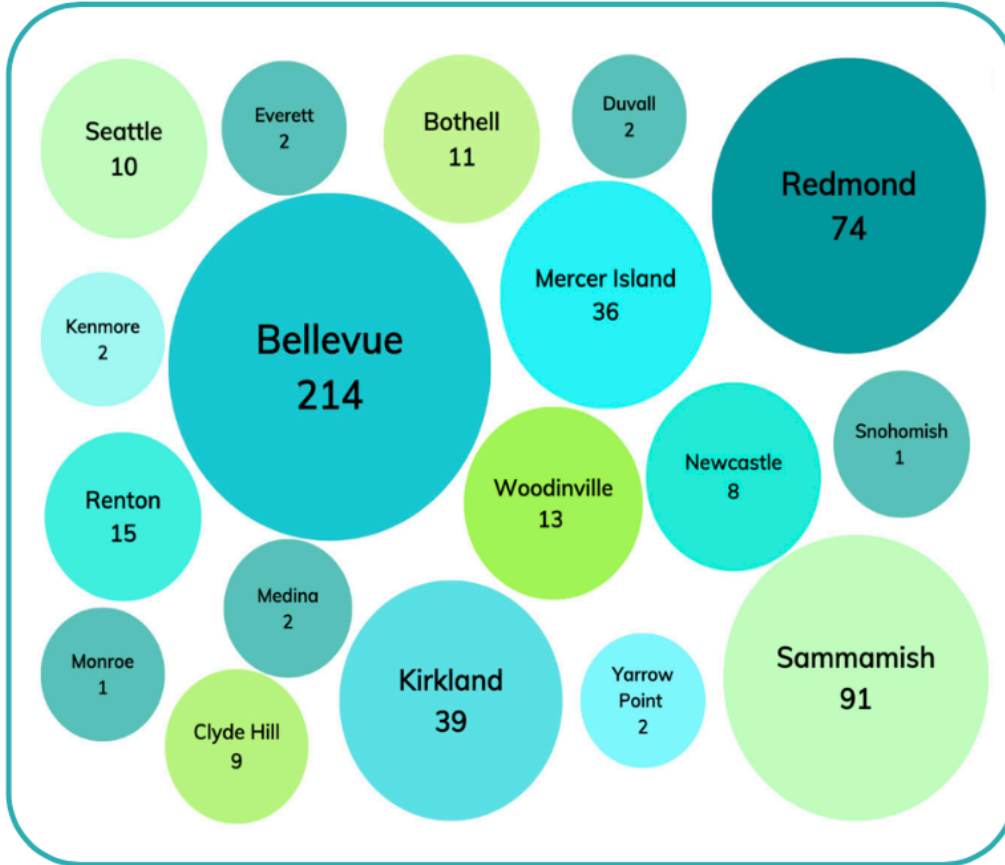
### Expense

Personnel	\$370,629
In-Kind Expenses	\$21,920
Space Rental	\$121,895
Program Support	\$65,393
Scholarships	\$17,066
Professional & Contactor Services	\$161,211
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$758,114</b>

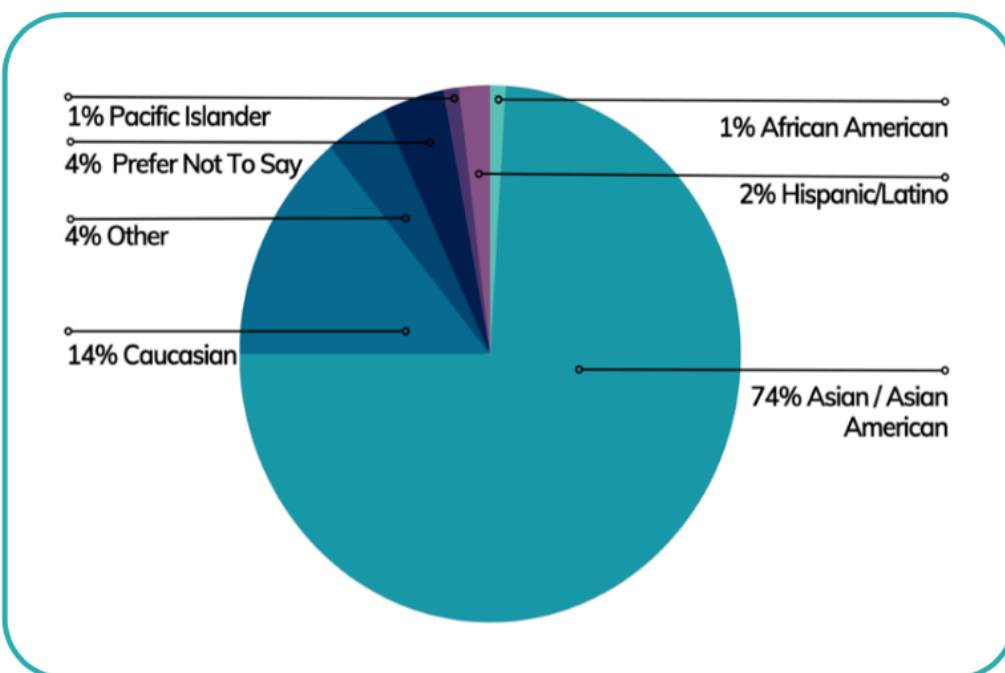


# OUR RESULTS

## BYSO Enrollment by Communities Served



## Ethnicity of Students



"BYSO, to me, has been a musical family—a community of friends who are passionate about music, and of adult musicians I can look up to. I find inspiration not only in the music we have played together but also from the devotion and enthusiasm of the people around me.

- Edward, age 18

# 2021-22 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## 2021-22 Board of Directors

Joined Board / End of Term

### Co-President

Asako Yoshimura 2017 2023

### Co-President

Khek Teh 2017 2023

### Vice President (President Elect)

Ae Wongkaew 2021 2023

### Treasurer

Kathy Kearny 2016 2022

### Secretary

Jay Laughlin 2019 2022

### Secretary (interim)

Jennifer Torr 2004 2023

### Directors

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Phoebe Huang 2022 2023

Sun Lee 2022 2023

Kristi Jo Lynn 2015 2022

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Bennet Wang 2007 2023



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Sept. 27, 2021

Oct. 9, 16 & 23, 2021

Nov. 21-22, 2021

Dec. 4, 2021

Jan. 31, 2022

March 20-21, 2022

April 2, 2022

April 15 - May 15, 2022

May 21, 2022

May 22, 2022

July 4, 2022

July 11-15, 2022

July 18-22, 2022

July 25-29, 2022

Aug. 19-26, 2022

**Return to in-person rehearsals**

**Return to in-person retreats**

**Return to in-person concerts**

Meydenbauer Center

Overture: Cadet String Orchestra & Debut String Orchestra

Showcase: Flute Choir, Flute Orchestra & Philharmonia

Masterworks: Percussion Ensemble, Youth Symphony

Highlight: Premiere Orchestra & Sinfonia

**Concerto Competition**

**New Executive Director joins BYSO**

**Winter Concerts & Concerto Competition Winner Performance**

Meydenbauer Center

Overture: Cadet String Orchestra & Debut String Orchestra

Showcase: Percussion Ensemble, Flute Choir, Flute Orchestra & Philharmonia

Masterworks: Youth Symphony

Highlight: Premiere Orchestra & Sinfonia

**Board Retreat**

**Virtual Garden Party**

**Spring Masterworks Concert**

Benaroya Hall

Premiere Orchestra, Sinfonia, BYSO Flute Ensembles, Philharmonia, Youth Symphony & Percussion Ensemble

**Spring Bookends Concert**

Meydenbauer Center

Cadet String Orchestra, Debut String Orchestra & Youth Symphony

**Bellevue 4th of July Performances**

Bellevue Downtown Park

**Summer Strings Camp**

**Summer Symphony Camp**

**Summer Music Institute**

**2022/23 Academic Season Auditions**