

# RYAN ROSS

## MUSIC EDUCATOR and CONDUCTOR

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2015-Present                      Plano Independent School District                      Plano, TX  
*Director of Orchestras, Plano West Senior High Orchestras (Grade 11/12 Campus); Cluster Orchestra Head*

- Students named 2016 Texas Honor String Orchestra.
- Responsible for operation of 220 member program and coordination of 6 feeder campuses.
- Students routinely earn annual UIL Sweepstakes awards in all five ensembles.
- Students named *National Winner* of Mark of Excellence National Orchestra Honors: 2016 Sting Orchestra, 2016 Full Orchestra.
- Students won The American Prize in Orchestral Performance in 2016.

2012-2015                      Plano Independent School District                      Plano, TX  
*Director of Orchestras, Jasper High School Orchestras (Grade 9/10 Campus)*

- Students named 2014 Texas Honor Full Orchestra, the only non-varsity ensemble to win in Texas history.
- Students made finals for Texas Honor String Orchestra competition: 2<sup>nd</sup> place (2015), 5<sup>th</sup> place (2013).
- Students named *National Winner* of Mark of Excellence National Orchestra Honors: 2015 Sting Orchestra, 2014 Full Orchestra.
- Students won The American Prize in Orchestral Performance in 2015 and 2013.

2011-2012                      Lewisville Independent School District                      Lewisville, TX  
*Director, Lewisville High School Orchestras; Cluster Orchestra Head*

- Returned all orchestras to UIL Sweepstakes in one year. Program had earned twos and threes in previous years.

2008-2011                      Rockwall Independent School District                      Rockwall, TX  
*Director, Williams Middle School Orchestras and feeder elementary schools*

- All orchestras earned Sweepstakes ratings at UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contests.

#### *Additional Experience*

2005 - 2007: Graduate Teaching Assistant for Texas Tech Orchestra and conducting classes.

### CONDUCTING APPOINTMENTS

2016-Present                      Allen Philharmonic Orchestra and Symphony Chorus                      Allen, TX  
*Principal Guest Conductor*

- Operating as Interim Music Director and Conductor for the 2016-2017 season, including control over programming, personnel, and other artistic decisions.

2009-2012                      Dallas Festival of Modern Music / Ars Nova Dallas                      Dallas, TX  
*Artistic Director / Conductor*

- Non-profit organization shining a spotlight each year on contemporary art music. Ars Nova Dallas was the festival's resident professional chamber ensemble.
- Highlighted conducted repertoire includes Stravinsky's *Histoire du Soldat*, Kurt Weill's *Violin Concerto*, Joan Tower's *Petroushskates*, and several world premieres.

2007-2012                      Tyler Youth Orchestra (now East Texas Youth Orchestra)                      Tyler, TX  
*Music Director / Conductor*

- Led the flagship ensemble of the three orchestra organization.
- During tenure, developed orchestra from an ensemble largely performing arrangements to an orchestra performing only unabridged works by significant composers.
- Created the Tyler Youth Orchestra New Music Project, featuring an annual commissioned work for the orchestra.

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*Additional Experience*

2005 - 2007: Cover Conductor for Lubbock Symphony Orchestra.  
2005 - 2007: Graduate Assistant Conductor for Texas Tech Orchestra program.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

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February 2017. Guest Conductor. Oklahoma City Youth Chamber Orchestra.  
November 2016. Clinician/Conductor. TMEA Region XXIII All-Region HS Orchestra  
April 2016. Guest Conductor / Music Director Finalist. Allen Philharmonic Masterwork Concert.  
January 2016. Clinician/Conductor. TMEA Region XIX All-Region HS Orchestra.  
December 2015. Guest Conductor. Allen Civic Ballet Orchestra: Nutcracker  
December 2015. Clinician/Conductor. McKinney ISD All-City Orchestra.  
February 2015. Off-Stage Conductor/Sectional Coach. TMEA All-State Philharmonic Orchestra.  
Assistant to Jeff Grogan, Barber *Medea's Dance of Vengeance*, Respighi *Pines of Rome*, Dvorak *Carnival*  
January 2015. Clinician/Conductor. Rockwall ISD All-City MS Orchestra.  
November 2014. Clinician/Conductor. TMEA Region 20 All-Region MS Orchestra.  
June 2013. Guest Conductor. Fredericksburg Community Orchestra. Fredericksburg, TX  
February 2013. Off-Stage Conductor. TMEA All-State Symphony Orchestra.  
Assistant to Gary Lewis, Mahler *Symphony No. 1*  
August 2011. Conductor at Conductor Program of the Cabrillo Festival. Santa Cruz, CA  
June 2011. Faculty/Conductor. El Paso Summer String Institute. El Paso, TX  
July 2009. Guest Conductor on Conductor Showcase. Rose City Chamber Orchestra. Portland, OR  
June 2009. Clinician/Conductor. Lubbock ISD Summer String Camp. Lubbock, TX  
June 2008. Workshop Conductor. Filharmonie Bohuslav Martinů. Zlin, Czech Republic  
June 2006. Workshop Conductor. Orquesta Filarmónica de Chihuahua. Chihuahua, Mexico

ORCHESTRA AND CONFERENCE CLINICS

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*Orchestras*

2016. Arlington Youth Orchestra (Arlington); University of Texas – Dallas Orchestra (Dallas);  
Liberty HS, Independence HS (Frisco); Lewisville HS, Delay MS (Lewisville); Curtis MS,  
Erickson MS (Allen)  
2015. Arlington Youth Orchestra (Arlington); Lewisville HS, DeLay MS (Lewisville);  
Erickson MS, Curtis MS (Allen); North Garland HS (Garland)  
2014. Arlington Youth Orchestra (Arlington); Erickson MS (Allen); North Garland HS (Garland);  
Huffines MS (Lewisville), Frankford MS (Plano)  
2013. Downing MS, Huffines MS (Lewisville); Williams MS (Rockwall)  
2012. Fannin MS (Grand Prairie); Huffines MS (Lewisville)  
2011. Adams MS, Fannin MS (Grand Prairie); Utley MS (Rockwall)  
2008. Hubbard MS (Tyler)  
2006. Lubbock Youth Symphony Orchestra; Estacado HS (Lubbock)

*Conference Presentations/Clinics*

2017. Texas Music Educators Association. “HIPP in the Classroom: Historically Informed  
Performance Practice Made Easy.”  
2015. Texas Orchestra Directors Association. “HIPP in the Classroom: Historically Informed  
Performance Practice Made Easy.”  
2014. Texas Music Educators Association. “Perspectives of the Honor Orchestra Directors”  
2013. Texas Orchestra Directors Association. “Full Orchestra Reading Session” conductor  
2012. Texas Orchestra Directors Association. “Revving Up Your Recruiting and Retention”

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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2016 – 2018	UIL Sight Reading Selection and Advisory Committee
2016 – 2019	UIL PML Selection Committee
2016 – 2018	TMEA Region 24 Orchestra Chair
2013 – Present	TMAA UIL Adjudicator in regions across Texas
2012 – Present	TMEA All-State Orchestra Judging Panel
2013 – 2016	TMEA Region 25 Assistant Orchestra Chair / Chair-Elect
2015, 2017	TMEA All-State Orchestra Organizer

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2014, 2016 TMEA Honor Orchestra Judging Panel  
2012 TMEA Region 25 All-Region Orchestra Organizer (Bach Orchestra)

EDUCATION

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2005-2007 Texas Tech University Lubbock, TX  
*Master of Music in Orchestral Conducting with Texas EC-12 Music Teaching Certification*

2001-2005 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, IL  
*Bachelor of Music in Performance, graduated with Highest Honors*

Primary Conducting Teachers: Gary Lewis (Texas Tech), Donald Schleicher (University of Illinois)  
Additional Conducting Studies With: Marin Alsop, Gustav Meier, Larry Rachleff, David Hoose

REFERENCES

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