

# 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 Texas Honor String Orchestra in 2019 and 2016.
- Students named 2018 Texas Honor Full Orchestra
- Students invited for performance at the 2018 Midwest Clinic.
- Responsible for operation of 250 member program and coordination of 6 feeder campuses.
- Students routinely earn annual UIL Sweepstakes awards in all six ensembles.
- Students named *National Winner* of Mark of Excellence National Orchestra Honors: 2018 String Orchestra, 2016 String 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.

#### *Additional Experience*

2011 - 2012: Director of Orchestras/Cluster Orchestra Head, Lewisville HS (Lewisville ISD)

2008 - 2011: Orchestra Director, Williams Middle School (Rockwall ISD)

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

### CONDUCTING APPOINTMENTS

2016-Present                      Allen Philharmonic Orchestra and Symphony Chorus                      Allen, TX

*Music Director and Conductor*

- Responsible for all artistic aspects of a professional regional orchestra operating on a \$200,000 budget, with an focus on music programming, personnel decisions, and long term vision and development.

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.

#### *Additional Experience*

2005 - 2007: Cover Conductor for Lubbock Symphony Orchestra.

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

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GUEST CONDUCTOR AND FEATURED CLINICIAN EXPERIENCE

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November 2020. Guest Conductor/Clinician. Alaska All-State Orchestra.  
March 2020. Clinician/Adjudicator. UMEA (Utah) State Jr. High Orchestra Festival.  
November 2019. Guest Conductor/Clinician. TMEA Region 26 All-Region MS Full Orchestra.  
November 2019. Guest Conductor/Clinician. Clark County (Nevada) High School Honor Orchestra.  
September 2019. Guest Conductor/Clinician. Arkansas South Region HS Honor Orchestra.  
April 2019. Featured Clinician. Anchorage (Alaska) School District HS Festival.  
March 2019. Clinician/Adjudicator. Nevada ASTA Orchestra Festival.  
January 2019. Clinician/Conductor. TMEA Region 5 All-Region HS String Orchestra.  
November 2018. Featured Clinician. Marquette University Orchestra Festival.  
September 2018. Guest Conductor/Clinician. Sante Fe Youth Orchestra.  
July 2018. Clinician/Conductor. UT-Arlington Summer Strings Symphony Orchestra.  
December 2017. Clinician/Conductor. TMEA Region 4/21 All-Region HS Orchestra.  
November 2017. Clinician/Conductor. TMEA Region 9 All-Region JH Orchestra.  
November 2017. Featured Clinician. Marquette University Orchestra Festival.  
February 2017. Guest Conductor. Oklahoma City Youth Chamber Orchestra.  
November 2016. Clinician/Conductor. TMEA Region 23 All-Region HS Orchestra  
April 2016. Guest Conductor / Music Director Finalist. Allen Philharmonic Masterwork Concert.  
January 2016. Clinician/Conductor. TMEA Region 19 All-Region HS Orchestra.  
December 2015. Guest Conductor. Allen Philharmonic Nutcracker with Allen Civic Ballet.  
December 2015. Clinician/Conductor. McKinney ISD All-City Orchestra.  
February 2015. Off-Stage Conductor/Sectional Coach. TMEA All-State Philharmonic Orchestra.  
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.  
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

ORCHESTRA AND CONFERENCE CLINICS

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*Orchestras*

2020. Pearce HS (Richardson); Centennial HS, Liberty HS, Lone Star HS, Fowler MS, Nelson MS (Frisco); Creekview HS (Carrollton-Farmers Branch), Delay MS (Lewisville)  
2019. West HS, Bartlett HS, Chugiak HS, Dimond HS, Service HS, East HS, South HS, Central MS (Anchorage, Alaska); Lawler MS, Nelson MS, Lone Star HS, Liberty HS, Lebanon Trail HS, Centennial HS (Frisco); Dallas Asian American Youth Orchestra (Dallas); Delay MS (Lewisville); Wilson MS (Plano); Creekview HS (Carrollton-Farmers Branch); Clark HS, Green Valley HS (Las Vegas, NV)  
2018. Creekview HS (Carrollton-Farmers Branch), JJ Pearce HS (Richardson), Lebanon Trail HS, Lawler MS, Nelson MS (Frisco); Arlington Youth Orchestra (Arlington), Delay MS, Huffines MS (Lewisville); Dallas Asian American Youth Orchestra (Dallas); Santa Fe Youth Orchestra (Santa Fe, New Mexico)  
2017. Arlington Youth Orchestra (Arlington); Rockwall-Heath HS (Rockwall); Curtis MS (Allen); Delay MS (Lewisville); Newman Smith HS (Carrollton-Farmers Branch)  
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); Clark HS, 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)  
2010. Brown MS (Forney); JL Long MS (Dallas)

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2008. Hubbard MS (Tyler)  
2006. Lubbock Youth Symphony Orchestra; Estacado HS (Lubbock)

*Conference Presentations/Clinics*

2020. The Midwest Clinic. Lab Rehearsal Clinician.  
2019. The Midwest Clinic. "HIPP in the Classroom: Historically Informed Performance Practice Made Easy."  
2019. Texas Music Educators Association. "Interleaved Learning: Musical Cross Training in the Ensemble Rehearsal"  
2019. Texas Orchestra Directors Association. "New to the PML Reading Session" conductor  
2018. TODA. "New to the PML Reading Session" conductor  
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2017. TMEA. "HIPP in the Classroom: Historically Informed Performance Practice Made Easy."  
2015. TODA. "HIPP in the Classroom: Historically Informed Performance Practice Made Easy."  
2014. TMEA. "Perspectives of the Honor Orchestra Directors" panelist  
2013. TODA. "Full Orchestra Reading Session" conductor  
2012. TODA. "Revving Up Your Recruiting and Retention"

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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2016 – 2020	UIL Orchestra PML Committee (Chairman for 2019-2020)
2016 – 2019	UIL Sight Reading Selection and Advisory Committee
2019	TMEA All-State Process Revision Committee
2016 – 2018	TMEA Region 24 Orchestra Chair
2014, 2016-2019	TMEA Honor Orchestra Judging Panel
2013 – 2020	TMAA UIL Adjudicator in regions across Texas
2012 – 2020	TMEA All-State Orchestra Judging Panel
2013 – 2016	TMEA Region 25 Assistant Orchestra Chair / Chair-Elect
2015, 2017	TMEA All-State Orchestra Organizer

EDUCATION

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2005-2007	Texas Tech University	Lubbock, TX
<i>Master of Music in Orchestral Conducting with Texas EC-12 Music Teaching Certification</i>		
2001-2005	University of Illinois	Urbana-Champaign, IL
<i>Bachelor of Music in Performance, graduated with Highest Honors</i>		

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

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