

# 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 2025, 2019, and 2016
- Students named Texas Honor Full Orchestra in 2023 and 2018
- Students invited for performance at the 2018 Midwest Clinic.
- Responsible for operation of 230 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 a 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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February 2026. Clinician/Adjudicator. ASTA National Orchestra Festival in San Francisco, CA  
December 2023. Conductor/Clinician. TMEA Region 23 All-Region Philharmonic.  
November 2023. Conductor/Clinician. TMEA Region 24 All-Region Chamber Orchestra.  
November 2022. Conductor/Clinician. TMEA Region 13 All-Region Symphony.  
May 2022. Clinician/Adjudicator. UMEA (Utah) State High School Orchestra Festival.  
December 2021. Guest Conductor/Clinician. TMEA Region 2 All-Region Philharmonic.  
November 2021. Guest Conductor/Clinician. Alaska All-State Orchestra.  
November 2021. Guest Conductor/Clinician. Arkansas North Region Concert 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. Santa 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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*Orchestra Clinics*

2025. Lovejoy HS (Lovejoy); JJ Pearce HS (Richardson); Newman Smith HS (Carrollton-Farmers Branch); Lawler MS, Fowler MS (Frisco)  
2024. Heritage HS, Emerson HS, Lawler MS (Frisco); Williams MS, Cain MS (Rockwall); Faubion MS (McKinney); Dallas Asian-American Youth Orchestra (Dallas)  
2023. Liberty HS, Centennial HS, Lawler MS (Frisco); Clark HS, Otto MS (Plano), Creek Valley MS (Lewisville), Dallas Asian-American Youth Orchestra (Dallas), Faubian MS (McKinney)  
2022. Clear Falls High School (Clear Creek); JJ Pearce HS (Richardson); Delay MS (Lewisville), Liberty HS, Lawler MS (Frisco), Creekview HS (Carrollton-Farmers Branch), Dallas Asian-American Youth Orchestra (Dallas)  
2021. Lone Star HS, Lebanon Trail HS (Frisco); Dallas Asian American Youth Orchestra (Dallas)  
2020. JJ 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)

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

*Conference Presentations*

2021. The Midwest Clinic. High School Lab Orchestra 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