

RYAN ROSS

MUSIC EDUCATOR and CONDUCTOR

TEACHING POSITIONS

DIRECTOR OF ORCHESTRAS: Plano West Senior High School (Plano, TX) 2015-PRESENT
Cluster Orchestra Head

- Texas Honor Orchestra Winner: 2027, 2025, 2023, 2019, 2018, 2016
- Invited Orchestra: The Midwest Clinic; 2018.
- *National Winner:* Mark of Excellence National Orchestra Honors (String Orchestra & Full Orchestra); 2016, 2017, 2025
- Winner: The American Prize in Orchestral Performance in 2016
- Responsible for operation of 200+ member program and coordination of 6 feeder campuses.
- Students routinely earn annual UIL Sweepstakes awards in all six ensembles.

DIRECTOR OF ORCHESTRAS: Jasper High School (Plano, TX) 2012-2015

- Winner: 2014 Texas Honor Full Orchestra, the only non-varsity ensemble to do so in Texas history.
- Finalist: Texas Honor String Orchestra competition. 2nd place (2015), 5th place (2013).
- *National Winner:* Mark of Excellence National Orchestra Honors, String Orchestra & Full Orchestra in 2014 and 2015.
- Winner: The American Prize in Orchestral Performance in 2013 and 2015

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

DIRECTOR OF ORCHESTRAS/CLUSTER LEAD, Lewisville High School (Lewisville ISD) 2011-2012

ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR, Williams Middle School (Rockwall ISD) 2008-2011

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT, Texas Tech University and Orchestra (Lubbock, TX) 2005-2007

CONDUCTING APPOINTMENTS

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Allen Philharmonic Orchestra & Symphony Chorus (Allen, TX) 2016-PRESENT

- Responsible for all artistic aspects of a professional regional orchestra operating on a \$250,000 budget, with a focus on music programming, personnel decisions, and long term vision and development.

CONDUCTOR: Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra Philharmonic (Dallas, TX) 2026-PRESENT

- Conductor of the 2nd level ensemble of the GDYO's 6 large ensembles. The GDYO supports 6 large performing ensembles, with the Philharmonic composed of approximately 80 advanced high-school aged musicians. Repertoire is from the standard repertoire, as well as contemporary works.

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR: Dallas Festival of Modern Music (Dallas, TX) 2009-2012

- 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.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: East Texas Youth Orchestra (Tyler, TX) 2007-2012

- 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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COVER CONDUCTOR: Lubbock Symphony Orchestra (Lubbock, TX)

2005-2007

GUEST CONDUCTOR AND FEATURED CLINICIAN EXPERIENCE

December 2026. Conductor/Clinician. TMEA Region 3 All-Region HS String Orchestra.
November 2026. Conductor/Clinician. TMEA Region 33 All-Region Symphony.
July 2026. Guest Conductor. Garland Symphony Orchestra.
July 2026. Conductor/Clinician. McKinney ISD Strings Camp.
February 2026. Clinician/Adjudicator. ASTA National Orchestra Festival in San Francisco, CA
January 2026. Conductor/Clinician. Prosper ISD All-City Orchestra.
July 2025. Conductor/Clinician. McKinney ISD Strings Camp.
July 2024. Conductor/Clinician. McKinney ISD Strings Camp.
December 2023. Conductor/Clinician. TMEA Region 23 All-Region Philharmonic.
November 2023. Conductor/Clinician. TMEA Region 24 All-Region Chamber Orchestra.
June 2023. Conductor/Clinician. Frisco ISD Summer Strings.
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
May 2007. Guest Conductor. Estacado High School Orchestra. Lubbock, TX

ORCHESTRA AND PROFESSIONAL CLINICS

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2026. Rockwall HS (Rockwall); Lawler MS, Liberty HS (Frisco); Walnut Grove HS, Rushing MS (Prosper); North Garland HS (Garland); Lowery Freshman Center (Allen); Blalack MS (Carrollton-Farmers Branch); Guyer HS (Denton)
2025. Lovejoy HS (Lovejoy); JJ Pearce HS (Richardson); Newman Smith HS (Carrollton-Farmers)

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- Branch); Heritage HS, Lawler MS, Fowler MS (Frisco); Lowery Freshman Center (Allen); Guyer HS (Denton); Plano East Senior High School (Plano); Hebron HS (Lewisville); Dallas Asian-American Youth Orchestra (Dallas)
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)
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 & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PD) PRESENTATIONS

2026. TODA. “Same Tune, Different Orchestra: Rehearsal Strategies in High School vs. Middle School”
2025. Northwest ISD PD “Interleaved Learning: Musical Cross Training in the Ensemble Rehearsal” and “Tone and Tuning Tune-up”
2024. Arlington ISD PD “Interleaved Learning” and “Tone and Tuning”
2023. Frisco ISD PD. “Interleaved Learning”
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”
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”
2015. TODA. “HIPP in the Classroom”
2014. TMEA. “Perspectives of the Honor Orchestra Directors” panelist
2013. TODA. “Full Orchestra Reading Session” conductor
2012. TODA. “Revving Up Your Recruiting and Retention”

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

COORDINATOR: TMEA Zone 1 Area Auditions	2026 - PRESENT
PANEL MEMBER: TMEA Honor Orchestra Judging Panel	2014 - PRESENT
ADJUDICATOR: UIL Concert Assessments Across Texas	2013 - PRESENT
JUDGE: TMEA All-State Orchestra Auditions	2012 - PRESENT
MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN: UIL Orchestra PML Committee	2016-2020
MEMBER: UIL Sight Reading Selection and Advisory Committee	2016-2020
MEMBER: TMEA All-State Process Revision Committee	2019
ORCHESTRA CHAIR: TMEA Region 24	2016 – 2018
ORGANIZER: TMEA All-State Orchestra	2015, 2017
ASST. ORCHESTRA CHAIR/CHAIR ELECT: TMEA Region 25	2013 – 2016

EDUCATION

MASTER OF MUSIC IN ORCHESTRAL CONDUCTING: Texas Tech University	2007
• <i>With Texas EC-12 Music Teaching Certification</i>	
BACHELOR OF MUSIC IN PERFORMANCE: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2005
• <i>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