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YOSA changes kids' lives through music. This annual report is only a small snapshot of the impact YOSA has made in our community since the 1940s. This past season marked 10 years with the program and artistic leadership of Troy Peters, YOSA Music Director. It also marks a decade of tremendous expansion in the number of young musicians YOSA serves annually, a period of fiscal responsibility and stability, and growth in program excellence.

As YOSA has grown, so has our commitment to access and inclusion. Young musicians from all areas of the San Antonio region are encouraged to participate in YOSA programs, no matter their socioeconomic status. Our ability to offer tuition rates that are much less than the cost per participant, as well as free services to area schools, is because of the inspiring support from our family of donors. We are extremely grateful to our community for investing in our youth.

YOSA Orchestras have been at capacity for several years with 500 young musicians in 9 orchestras. All orchestras are achieving artistic excellence for their skill levels, with the most advanced orchestra receiving critical praise. In a recent review by Mike Greenberg from IncidentLight.com, "... there were more than a few moments when the YOSA Philharmonic sounded like a major professional orchestra." In June 2020, the YOSA Philharmonic will perform a concert tour to Philadelphia, New York, and Boston, featuring a debut performance at Carnegie Hall. Thank you to the YOSA conducting faculty, sectional coaches, all the area private lesson teachers, and the school music educators who contribute to the ecosystem of musical excellence in San Antonio.

In 2018, YOSA Summer Symphony Camp was redesigned to offer more specialized instruction in one-week long camp sessions. Sessions include high school band and full orchestra, middle school string orchestra, music composition, Orchestra X (which explores pop music and alternative styles) and string quartet seminar, in partnership with Cadenza Academy of San Antonio. Camp continues to be a safe place for summer learning and fun at a crucial time for young musicians to help combat summer learning loss.

YOSA School Partnerships include free services to more than 1,900 students in the San Antonio area. The most comprehensive partnership is with the seven schools in the Roosevelt High School cluster—a program that has been sponsored by Rackspace for more than a decade. Since 2017, the YOSA Invitational has provided local middle school and high school bands and orchestras an opportunity to rehearse and perform in the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts—at no cost to the schools. In 2019, more than 1,000 local students participated in this rare and impactful experience. The YOSA Invitational has received support from the National Endowment for the Arts and many local businesses.

This past year, we introduced the YOSA Rising Star Fellows—a unique program that provides comprehensive support to promising young musicians from the most under-resourced communities in San Antonio. Each fall, a class of four fellows entering ninth grade are added to the program and participate for all four years of high school. In Fall 2019 we welcomed the second class of Rising Star Fellows and continue to follow the first class as they progress on their journey through high school. This program is supported by Whataburger, the League of American Orchestras' Futures Fund, and several national and regional funders to make sure these young musicians have every opportunity for success.

All this great work happens because of you. Because of donors, concertgoers, parents, volunteers, teachers, and, of course, motivated young musicians, YOSA is thriving. On behalf of the YOSA Board of Directors and staff, thank you for your continued investment in YOSA. Together, we are able to offer experiences that are unmatched in our area and change kids' lives through music.

With gratitude,



Brandon Henson
Executive Director

At A Glance

The YOSA Effect

“YOSA has taught me how to work with others, whether they’re people I know from school or complete strangers. I’m so grateful to have had the opportunity to work with musicians from all over the city, most of which I never would have met if it hadn’t been for this program. I have grown as a musician with the help of the directors and my peers, and I have been able to challenge myself more than I did before.”

-Rebeca, violin, class of 2019

The Mission of YOSA

Enhance education, enrich the community, and transform lives by pursuing excellence in classical music in a stimulating, nurturing, and fun environment that is equally accessible to all youth.

Beliefs and Values

Classical music is a key component of a vibrant community.

All youth deserve equal access to participation and excellence in music education, regardless of economic, social, and other barriers.

The pursuit of musical excellence transforms lives.

Playing a musical instrument enhances the intellectual and social development of youth.

Orchestras provide a fun, safe environment for mutual growth and creative expression.

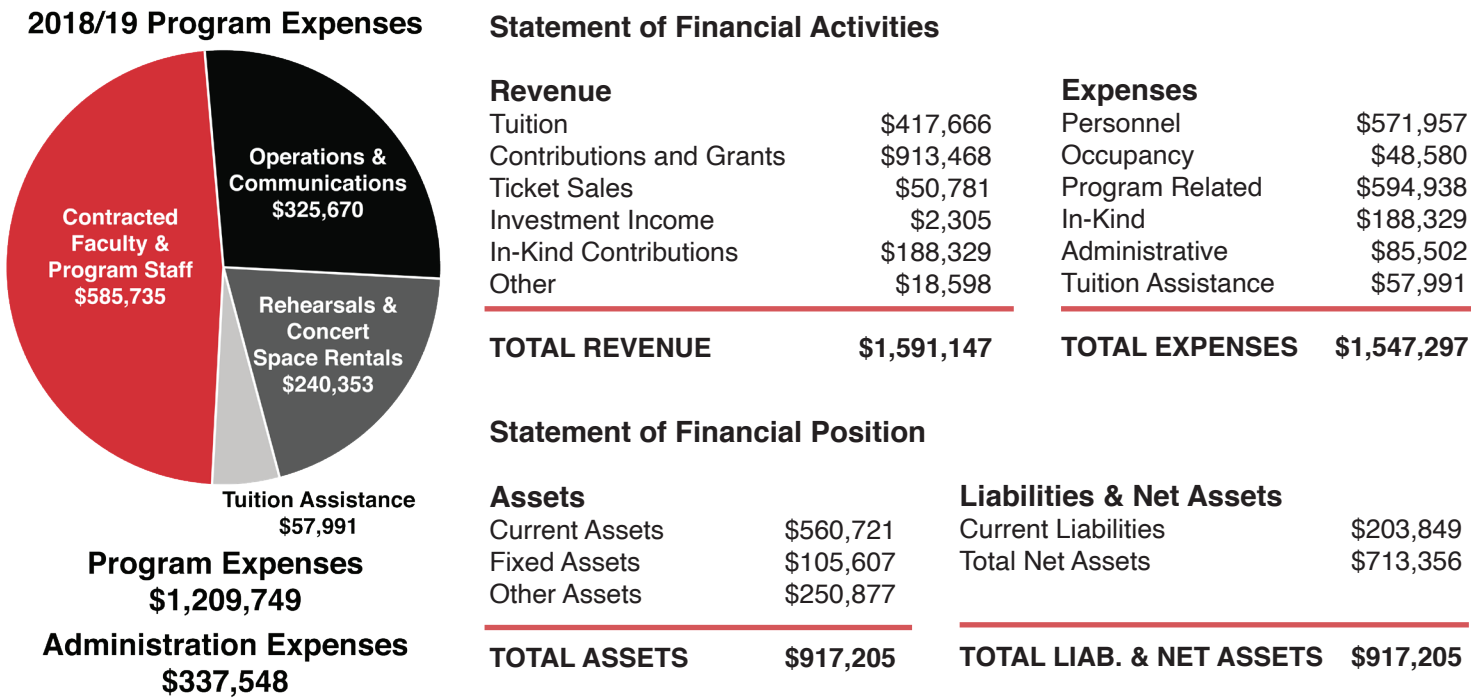
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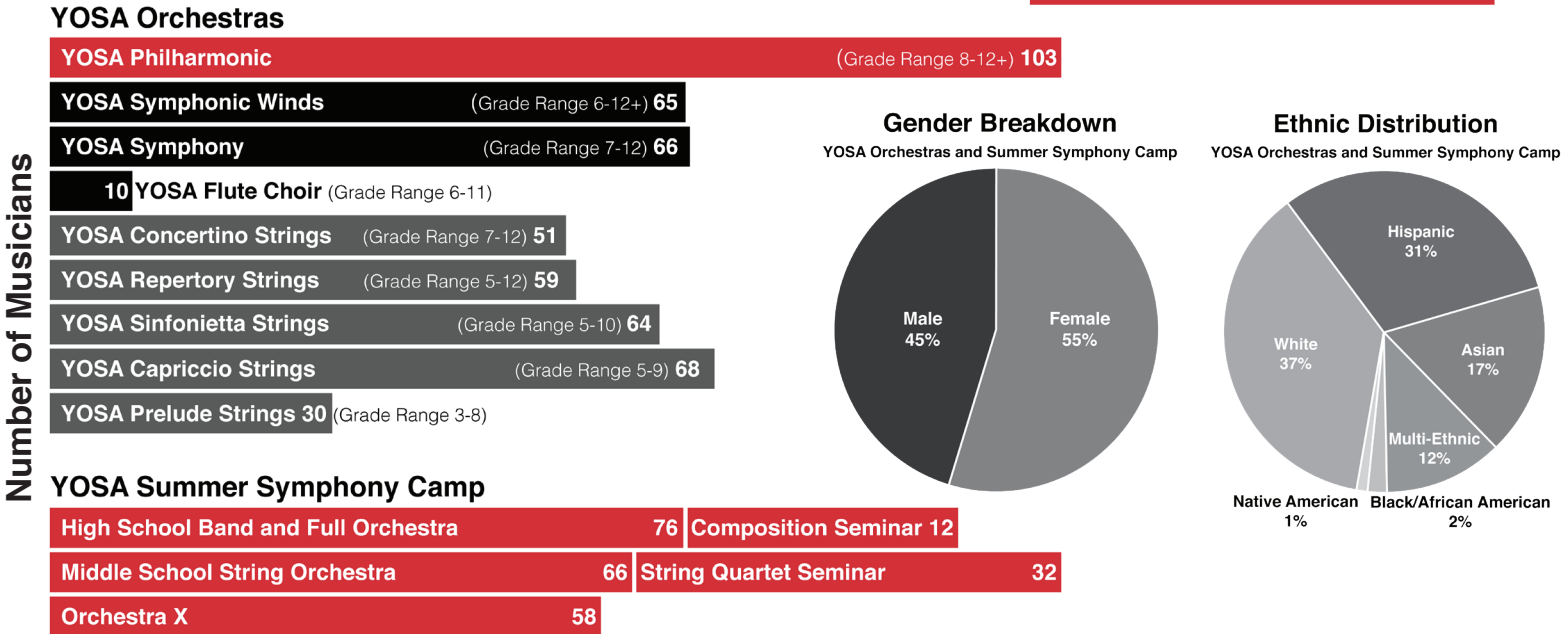
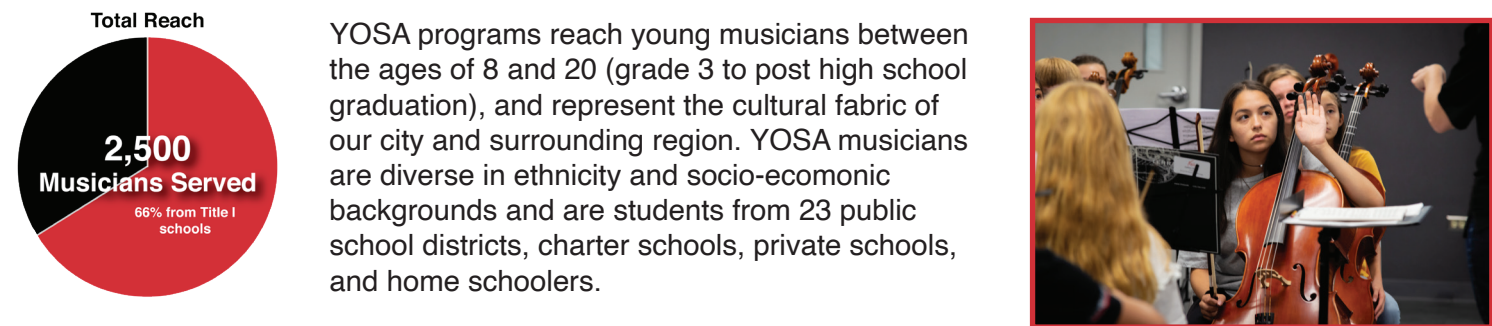
Through community support, YOSA offers extraordinary musical opportunities at affordable prices and extends resources to communities in need. Your continued support of YOSA ensures that all children in San Antonio have an equal opportunity to benefit from the YOSA experience. You can change kids' lives through music.

Program Expenses

Program expenses are 78% of all expenditures and includes program staff, conducting faculty, private lesson teachers, sectional coaches, concert and rehearsal space, and other operations expenses. Tuition income covers 35% of program expenses. The remaining 65% is paid for by community support.



Our Musicians



YOSA Year in Review

August 2018

Mo-Ranch Weekend
Season Kick-off at Trinity Baptist Church

October 2018

YOSA Standing Ovation Luncheon
Zachry Series 1: New York Stories

November 2018

City Series 1 Concerts
Concerto Competition

December 2018

YOSA Alumni Reunion

January 2019

Zachry Series 2: Time for Three
Winter Showcase

February 2019

City Series 2 Concerts

March 2019

Classic Albums Live: Thriller Live
Spring Fundraiser
The Big Give

May 2019

Zachry Series 3: New World Landscapes
City Series 3 Concerts
YOSA Invitational
YOSApalooza
Side-by-Side Concert with San Antonio Symphony

Summer 2019

2019/20 Season and Camp Auditions
YOSA Summer Symphony Camp



Mo-Ranch Weekend



Classic Albums Live: Thriller Live



Musicians after YOSApalooza



YOSA Summer Symphony Camp

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San Antonio Symphony
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Thomas Steigerwald, piano
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Mark Teplitzky, flute
Time for Three
Tobin Center for the Performing Arts
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Thank you to the community of YOSA donors who helped make last season possible. Donations to YOSA ensure that high-quality music education is equally available to young musicians in every neighborhood, every school, and regardless of a family's ability to pay. **Every dollar donated to YOSA changes kids' lives through music. Listed here are the generous donors whose gifts supported YOSA activities between August 1, 2018 and July 31, 2019.**

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