



DUPAGE
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

Barbara Schubert,
Music Director & Conductor

Annual Report

2022-2023

2021 Community Orchestra of the Year
- Illinois Council of Orchestras

Mission

Provide inspiration and cultural enrichment through musical excellence, educational programs, and community outreach.

Vision

Transforming hearts, minds, and communities through music.

Goals & Objectives

- Inspire people of all ages to develop an appreciation for symphonic music.
- Provide accessible, real-life orchestral experiences for area children and students.
- Create an outlet for talented musicians to share their passion for music with the community.

Core Values

We honor our TEAM

- We contribute and collaborate together to advance the DSO.

We cherish our COMMUNITY

- We are open and welcoming, respecting the full diverse range of backgrounds and experiences of those with whom we interact.

We are committed to EXCELLENCE

- We continuously strive to be our best and act with integrity.

Strategic Priorities 2021-2024

- Drive organizational strength and effectiveness by attracting, developing and retaining diverse talent for board, volunteer and orchestra membership.
- Cultivate diverse audiences and donors through inspirational orchestral, chamber, and small group performances.
- Enrich our community and reach new audiences through targeted youth educational and community engagement programs.
- Sustain a solid financial foundation to support future growth through donor development, strong programming and sound financial practices.

2022-23 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Our free summer concerts are presented outdoors and feature popular and light classical fare that is sure to please any audience!

“Hollywood Heroes”

Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 7:30 pm

Cantigny Park, Wheaton

Our ever-popular summer performance in Cantigny Park boasted perfect weather and featured the hottest Hollywood film hits. Selections included themes from *Superman*, *Wonder Woman*, *E.T.*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, and the *Magnificent Seven*, as well as audience favorites from *Star Wars*, *James Bond*, and *Wyatt Earp*. Over 2,000 patrons attended!



The DSO in the iconic “bonnet” bandshell at Cantigny, June 2022.

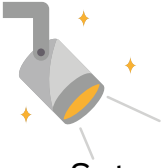
“Tribute to Ukraine: The Land and the People”

Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 7:30 pm
Naperville Community Concert Center

This special tribute concert was presented in support of humanitarian and refugee relief efforts in Ukraine. The DSO partnered with the **Sunflower Alliance**, a humanitarian nonprofit, to raise funds and collect necessities for the people of Ukraine. In total, nearly \$5,800 in cash, plus 16 boxed care kits (containing clothing, toys, and toiletries) were sent to Ukraine, along with 60 medical kits, 60 tourniquets, and 30 neck braces. **Pinot's Palette of Naperville** artists live-painted sunflower art on stage, which were sold in a Silent Auction in support of the Sunflower Alliance.



The DSO performed music composed by Ukrainians, including pieces inspired by Ukraine's landscape and culture, opening with a solo performance of traditional folk songs with bandura accompaniment by a local Ukrainian musician. Orchestral selections included *Carol of the Bells*, *Overture to Prince Igor*, Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 2* (inspired by Ukrainian folk tunes), *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Prayer for Ukraine* (Mykola Lysenko) and more.



“Spotlight: DSO!”



Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 7 pm
Wheaton Memorial Park Bandshell

The DSO filled the Wheaton Memorial Park to capacity with over 1,300 guests attending our final free summer concert of the season. A delightful finale to our summer series!

Musical selections included iconic film hits and movie scores, opera overtures, and light classical fare. Audience favorites included *Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl*, medleys from *Fiddler on the Roof* and *West Side Story*, plus *Allegretto grazioso* from Johannes Brahms’ cheerful Symphony No. 2.



Maestra Barbara Schubert announces the final selection. at
Wheaton Memorial Park Bandshell.

2022-23 CONCERT SEASON

“UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL”

“German Masters”

Saturday, October 15, 2023 at 7:30 pm

To kick off our exceptional 69th season, the DSO presented an all-orchestral program showcasing the music of the German masters. Frequently represented by Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms, Maestra Schubert offered a modern continuation of the Germanic composition school featuring Wagner (perhaps the most influential composer of all time) and Hindemith, an influential 20th century composer.

Overture to *Rienzi* Richard Wagner
Symphonic Metamorphosis of Themes by Carl Maria
von Weber Paul Hindemith
Symphony No. 2 in D Major Johannes Brahms



The DSO trombones and tubist enjoyed playing this thrilling brass-forward concert.

“Mexico and Spain”

Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 7:30 pm

Featuring violin soloist, William Hagen



A show-stopping cultural celebration of Mexican and Spanish music, the DSO featured the rich and colorful music of influential modern Mexican composers and showcased the evocative “Spanish Symphony” by Lalo, featuring first-class violin soloist **William Hagen**.

A sold out evening!

Tierra de Temporal José Pablo Moncayo
Symphony No. 2 “Sinfonía Índia” Carlos Chávez
Danzón No. 2 Arturo Márquez
Symphonie espagnole Édouard Lalo

DSO Artist-in-Residence Christopher Garcia demonstrated indigenous Mexican instruments and highlighted the use of folk tunes in the selections. Mr. Garcia presented authentic Mexican instruments at five local schools during this concert week.



Family Holiday Concerts

Saturday, December 19, 2022 at 2 pm & 4 pm

A holiday spectacular of familiar favorites and reimagined seasonal melodies thrilled our sold out audiences! Music from holiday films *FROZEN* and *Miracle on 34th Street*, plus holiday hits like *Jingle Bells*, *Forever* and Leroy Anderson's *Sleigh Ride* filled the hall. Duke Ellington's jazzy version of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*, complete with saxophones, set toes tapping and fingers snapping.



HOLIDAY PARTNERS

The DSO and local **Girl Scouts Troop 50443** partnered together to collect 1,200lbs of dry goods for donation to the **Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry Community Pantry of DuPage**.



The **Spectrum Youth Singers** joined the DSO for a moving version of *Carol of the Bells*, featuring the original Ukrainian lyrics, and sang carols in the lobby for delighted patrons.

“American Spirituals and American Jazz”

Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 7:30 PM

Featuring Wynona Wang, pianist



Our winter concert featured Concert Artists Guild International Competition 2018 winner **Wynona Wang** in an exceptional performance of Gershwin’s jazz-influenced Concerto for Piano and Orchestra. The program also included Grant Still’s Second Symphony was influenced by jazz harmonies, African rhythms, and Negro spirituals.

Cuban Overture George Gershwin
Symphony No. 2: *Song of A New Race*. . . William Grant Still
Concerto in F Major George Gershwin



The talented high school musicians of the **Downers Grove North Jazz Band** partnered with the DSO to present lobby music before the concert and at intermission to great applause. The students enjoyed the DSO’s performance from the Choral Balcony.

“Our Talented Youth”

Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 2 pm & 4 pm



Our springtime celebration of Illinois’ talented youth! This exceptional concert featured a phenomenal solo performance by high school violinist Tristan Zhu, the First Prize Winner of the DSO’s **Young Artists Auditions 2023** concerto competition (YAA).

Carnival Overture Antonín Dvořák
Violin Concerto, Movement I Ludwig van Beethoven
Tristan Zhu, YAA First Prize Winner
The Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra Benjamin Britten
Narrated by Vivian Webb, Metea Valley HS
Finlandia Jean Sibelius
with the Youth Symphony of DuPage’s Concert Orchestra



Audiences learned about the instruments of the orchestra and sound capabilities through Britten’s educational *Young Person’s Guide*, narrated by the winner of our **Britten Narration Competition**, high school musician and actress Vivian Webb (pictured with her dad, Julian Webb, DSO string bassist).

The concert concluded with a rousing rendition of Sibelius’ patriotic *Finlandia*, performed side-by-side with the **Youth Symphony of DuPage’s Concert Orchestra**, under the direction of Carrie Provost (DSO Principal Second Violin).



“Symphonic Song”

Saturday, May 13, 2023 7:30 pm

Featuring Sarah Brailey, soprano



The DSO’s 69th season closed with a spectacular performance of Mahler’s formidable First Symphony, balanced by lighter offerings by Samuel Barber on the first half of the performance. Grammy-award winning

soprano vocalist **Sarah Brailey**, brought Barber’s nostalgic *Knoxville: Summer of 1915* to life through her exquisite emotional rendering of deeply personal lyrics.

Overture to *The School for Scandal* Samuel Barber

Knoxville: Summer of 1915 Samuel Barber

Sarah Brailey, soprano

Symphony No. 1 in D Major Gustav Mahler



Sarah Brailey displays her Lobby Poster with vocalists of the **Spectrum Youth Singers** at our free **Open Rehearsal**, which included a special Artist Meet & Greet and Q/A Session on vocal technique and musical career advice.

Artist-in-Residence 2022

Connect with Music: Christopher Garcia



Christopher Garcia is a globally recognized multi-instrumentalist, composer, and educator. He is equally skilled in Western percussion, that of North & South India, and specializes in the indigenous wind, string, and percussion instruments of Mesoamerica and Mexico.



Mr. Garcia demonstrated the myriad instruments of Mexico at **five local schools** and shared his unique skills with the public at the **DSO's Open Rehearsal** and with the DSO's percussionists in a unique masterclass. Mr. Garcia is pictured below (center) with the students of **Neuqua Valley High School** after his mesmerizing demonstration.



PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Young Artists Auditions

The DSO strives to encourage serious study and musical excellence among young musicians through its annual Young Artists Auditions. The audition experience is designed to be both educational and rewarding for the participants. All entrants are evaluated by experienced judges and receive written comments and suggestions based on their individual performances.

2022-2023 YAA Competition Winners

First Prize Winner, Tristan Zhu, violin



Tristan Zhu began studying violin at age 5. In 2023 Tristan was the winner of the DePaul Concerto Festival for violin. In addition, he was the gold medalist of the International Young Gifted Musicians Festival, where he made his Carnegie Hall debut in April, 2022.

Tristan has also received awards at the American Protégé International Piano & String Competition; VIII Odin International Music Online Competition; International Music Competition “London” Grand Prize Virtuoso; Music Performance of 2021-2022 Discover FAA High School Talent Competition by University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. An avid chamber musician, Tristan actively participates in various chamber groups. Other musical interests include studying viola and composing chamber music. Tristan attends Walton Payton College Prep, a Chicago Public School.

Second Prize Winner, Jeffery Tong, cello



Jeffery Tong, a freshman at Naperville North High School, was a repeat first place winner at the Music Festival in Honor of Confucius. Jeffery has also been a prize winner in the Society of American Musicians Competition, the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra (CYSO)'s Philharmonic Orchestra concerto competition, and the Rockford Symphony Youth Orchestra concerto competition. He has been selected as a semifinalist for the International Concerto Competition.

Jeffery has served as the principal cellist in CYSO's Philharmonic Orchestra and is a member of the Symphony Orchestra and Symphony Core.

Honorable Mentions:

Sofia Radovic, violin & viola

Elizabeth Romanyuk, piano

Elle Cho, violin

2023 YAA Judges



Joanne May



Ani Gogova



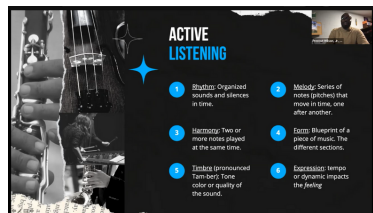
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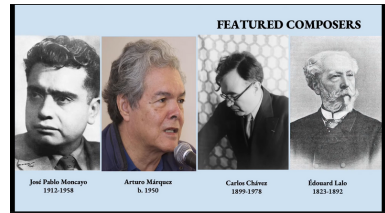
Connect with Music

The DSO engages Music Education Specialists to create distinctive music education materials for K-12 students and adult learners, including videos and worksheets.

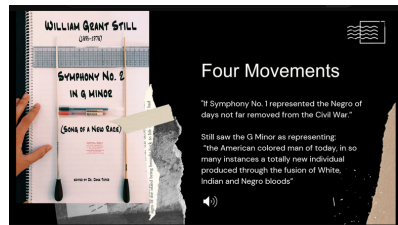
Educational Videos for Everyone



“German Masters” videos by Dr. Preston Wilson, Asst. Professor of Music Education at Westminster Choir College.



“Mexico & Spain” videos produced by Dr. Jill Burgett, Professor of Music at University of North Colorado.



“American Spirituals & American Jazz” videos produced by Dr. Preston Wilson.

Educational Videos for Everyone


What is *Symphonic Song*?

- **Symphony**
 - Greek: *sinfonia*, agreement of sound
- **Song**
 - A short poem set to music to be sung
- **Symphonic Song**
 - Relationship between music and text and harmonious intertwining they share within the work



Symphony No. 1 in D Major (1888)

- Shortest of the nine symphonies (55 minutes)
- Large orchestral forces
- Variety of tone colors
- Tapestry of sound



“Symphonic Song” videos produced by Dr. Jill Burgett, Professor of Music at University of Northern Colorado.


Educational Videos for Youth

In 60 seconds or less, Dr. Christian Hauser will convince you why each instrument of the orchestra is the best! Sixteen short, playful videos highlight instrument range, history, evolution, great repertoire, and more.




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Created by Christian V. Hauser, Ph.D.
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You can still “toot” my trumpets today!



King Tutankhamun

The String Family

Violin	Viola	Cello	Double Bass
			



Connect with Music

Narration Competition

“The Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra”



The DSO is committed to providing opportunities for youth in our community to perform in front of an audience. At our March concert, “Our Talented Youth,” we hosted Vivian Webb, winner of our Benjamin Britten’s Narrator contest. During the concert Vivian narrated Benjamin Britten’s “A Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra,” which provided an excellent guide to the audience for which to follow along with.

DSO Youth Musicians



Waubonsie Valley High School Senior Meredith Stemm joined the DSO for “Our Talented Youth” as a guest percussionist. The DSO is committed to providing opportunities for young people and women to perform and practice their musical craft.

SHARE OUR PASSION FOR MUSIC

DSO Chamber Performances

DSO Chamber Ensembles performed mini-concerts at various locations throughout DuPage County, including local libraries and the DuPage Children's Museum, making music accessible to people of all ages.

The **ZAZZ Jazz Trio** are all smiles prior to their performance at Naperville's **95th Street Library**.



The **DSO Woodwind Quintet** performed a whimsical "Nursery Rhyme" program at the **DuPage Children's Museum** to enthusiastic young listeners!

The **DSO Woodwind Quintet** takes the stage at Streamwood's **Poplar Creek Library**.



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The DSO's volunteer ushers in May 2022

2022-23 FINANCIALS

INCOME

Performance Revenue	\$92,979	15%
Corporate	\$10,000	5%
Foundations	\$23,826	17%
Grants	\$17,400	-87%
Individuals	\$68,884	-1%
In-Kind	\$1,573	686%
Other Revenue	\$1,609	4%
INCOME TOTAL	\$216,271	-38%

EXPENSES

Performance Expenses	(\$117,456)	-20%
Education/Outreach	(\$14,181)	387%
Development	(\$9,196)	-68%
Marketing	(\$16,057)	527%
Administration	(\$105,779)	250%
EXPENSES TOTAL	(\$262,669)	25%

NET INCOME **(\$46,398)**





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