San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory (the “Symphony”) was organized in 1948 under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for public and charitable purposes. We are the sixth oldest continuously operating youth orchestra in the United States. Based in Balboa Park, we are the San Diego region’s leading youth music education organization. We are committed to developing student performance skills and character through music education and have the goal of “Making Music Education Accessible and Affordable to All.”

**PROVIDING ACCESS TO EXCELLENCE**

San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory (SDYS) provides access to excellence through quality musical instruction to students of all ages, abilities and income levels. Featuring both after-school and weekend rehearsals, SDYS is a recognized leader in investing in our children’s future through arts and music education funding for both public schools and SDYS programs throughout San Diego County.

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**LEADING THE CAUSE FOR MUSIC EDUCATION**

SDYS believes that every young person deserves a future rich with hope, joy, and the rewards of both personal achievement and community leadership that come through participation in music. To support this belief, SDYS continues to advance our vision of making music education accessible and affordable for all K-12 students in the following ways:

**EARLY CHILDHOOD**

SDYS’ vision embraces a cradle-to-college philosophy of music education that is affordable to all. ChIMES — Childhood Introduction to Music Education with Smiles — supports the crucial first phase of children’s growth and development from birth to age five and provides meaningful music-making experiences that encourage family bonding, promote extended learning at home, and pave the way for future musical instruction and achievement.

- **329** Families served by our early childhood music education program in Balboa Park since program initiation in early 2017
- **300** Students served in two Bright Horizons early education and preschool center locations
- **75+** Chula Vista and City Heights students served through transitional kindergarten classrooms
- **46** Chula Vista elementary schools served by free after-school music classes in the Community Opus Project
- **68** Opus student musicians participated in SDYS’ Conservatory Program alongside peers from across the region last season
- **1,232** 4th–8th graders that have participated in the Community Opus Project

CVESD data shows Opus students have better attendance rates, improved test scores in English and math, decreased disciplinary issues, and more engaged parents.

**COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH**

SDYS opens pathways and aligns resources to promote access to music education for children throughout Southern California. We collaborate with local schools and districts to restore and strengthen music programs and then, as appropriate, deliver those programs on site, thereby furthering SDYS’ commitment to accessibility. The Community Opus Project (Opus) was launched in 2010 in partnership with the Chula Vista Elementary School District (CVESD) and has become a national model for embedded community outreach programs in music education.
In addition, SDYS sponsored an after-school residency at Casa de Amistad in Solana Beach. SDYS’ partnership with Price Philanthropies supports in-school music in the City Heights neighborhood, including Rosa Parks Elementary, Clark Middle, Wilson Middle, and Hoover High School. SDYS also participates in a variety of community-related outreach programs as shown below:

### FREE COMMUNITY EVENT PERFORMANCES
- Viva Musical! Chula Vista Community Celebration of Music Education
- Chula Vista Harbor Days
- Day of the Child
- Veterans Day Parade
- Starlight Holiday Parade
- Balboa Park Summer Kick-off Concert
- SDYS International Youth Symphony
- Spreckels Organ Pavilion Concert

### CONSERVATORY PROGRAM
SDYS Conservatory programs in Balboa Park offer students at every level the opportunity to achieve both personal and artistic excellence. SDYS’ Inspiration, Showcase and Ovation programs offer three tiers of increasingly advanced large ensemble experiences. To supplement our core instruction, SDYS offers chamber music, concerto competitions, student mentoring, and sponsored lesson opportunities. SDYS’ advanced Chamber Orchestra also performs with world-class artists as part of the La Jolla Music Society concert series. SDYS also collaborates with Rotary Youth Exchange to host the International Youth Symphony program, which attracts outstanding young musicians from around the world. Each year, SDYS musicians receive invitations to the nation’s leading summer programs, including Carnegie Hall’s National Youth Orchestra, Tanglewood Music Institute, and LA Phil’s Take A Stand Festival.

### RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY
Essential to advancing the cause of music education for all children is having strong evidence of music’s benefits. To further this research, SDYS collaborates with multiple partners to gather and analyze outcomes associated with music learning. SDYS works with CVESD to analyze its own data and provide data to other research partners, and UC San Diego’s Center for Human Development examines how music learning affects the physical development of the brain, language acquisition and attention span in its SIMPHONY study. SDYS also educates the community and the nation about the value of music education and shares stories of individual and social change resulting from music education. We meet routinely with policymakers and elected officials to influence decisions that strengthen music education programs for every child in Southern California.