

2024 National Conference Agenda – Youth Orchestra Division

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Thursday, June 6, 2024

- 8:00am-12:00pm [Tech Fair](#)
- 1:00pm-2:30pm **Constituency Meeting Block 1**
- 1:00pm-1:25pm **Welcome, Sponsor Introduction, and Annual Meeting**
Speaker: Lindsey Nova, Executive Director of Three Rivers Young Peoples Orchestra
- 1:25pm – 2:10pm **The Happy, Healthy Orchestra**
How are we serving and engaging the young people in our programs? This session will affirm what youth orchestras observe in our musicians and families and will provide an opportunity to consider how to engage and teach today's students. Participants are encouraged to share the mission and objectives of their orchestras, quotes and feedback gathered from their participants, and ideas about how to help our youth orchestra students.
Moderators: Norlynn Blocker Price, Executive Director, Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program, Carter Simmons, Artistic and Music Director, Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra, and Allen Tinkham, Music Director, Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra
- 2:10 – 2:30pm **Transforming Lives and Communities**
Our conference closing keynote speaker, Dr. Ahmad Sarmast, will discuss the founding of the Afghanistan National Institute of Music (ANIM), its role in ensuring the right to music, and transforming the lives of young people and communities through music education and activism through embracing cultural diversity and relevance and promoting gender, ethnic and social equality.
Speaker: Dr. Ahmad Sarmast, Founder and Director, Afghanistan National Institute of Music

Friday, June 7, 2024

11:00am-12:15pm [Elective Sessions](#)

3:30pm-5:45pm [Discovery Sessions](#)

Join your colleagues from other constituencies for moderated interactive conversations on a variety of topics. Discover what's working for your colleagues and come prepared to share thoughts, ideas, questions, and successes of your own.

Note: similar to electives, seating is on a first-come, first-served basis and some of the Discovery Sessions might fill to capacity.

3:30pm-4:30pm ***Discovery Session Options:***

[At 250, What is American Music Anyway?](#)

[Capitalizing on Design Thinking to Advance EDI Through Community Engagement](#)

[Centering Values, Community, and Belonging in Your Fundraising](#)

[Reimagining Customer Relationships](#)

[They Are the Future: Building Next-Gen Young Professionals Programs](#)

[Using Your Brand to Foster Inclusion, Belonging, and Connection](#)

4:45pm-5:45pm ***Discovery Session Options:***

[Engaging the Next Generation in Governance by Establishing an Associate Group](#)

[Exploring Underrepresented Composers](#)

[Guiding Community-Driven Collaboration](#)

[Orchestrating Community Engagement Through a Multi-Pronged Approach to Audience Development and Inclusion](#)

[Simplifying Planned Giving for Big Results](#)

[Speaking to Gen Z to Get Them Excited About Your Events](#)

6:00pm

YOD DINNER

Meet in the hotel lobby at 5:45pm to travel as a group.

Location: [El Big Bad](#)

419 Travis Street (at Prairie Street)

Houston, TX 77002

[More information and to RSVP](#)

RSVP Deadline: May 30

Payment Deadline: June 4

Questions? Email Amy Chung at amy@houstonyouthsymphony.org

Saturday, June 8, 2024

9:00am-10:15am

[Elective Sessions](#)

10:45am-12:30pm

Constituency Meeting Block 2

10:45-11:15am

Elevating Alumni Connections through Strategic Fundraising

This session will provide an overview of what is happening across the country with alumni fundraising and share success stories bringing together artistic and administrative experience.

Speakers: Juan Felipe Molano, Music Director and YSO Conductor, Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra, and Kelly Waltrip, Executive Director, Denver Young Artists Orchestra Association

11:15am-12:15pm

Creating a Happy and Healthy Staff Culture

Discover the key to fostering a cohesive team mentality within non-profits. As the saying goes, when the center holds, much can be accomplished! Delve into strategies for cultivating trust, showing appreciation beyond monetary rewards, fostering collaboration across distances, ensuring inclusivity, and more. Gain practical advice for implementing actionable steps to promote a sense of belonging throughout your organization. Join us as we renew our commitment to driving impactful change.

Speaker: John McCann, President, Partners in Performance

12:15pm – 12:30pm

Conference Reflections and Future Programming

As we leave Conference, what will we choose to take with us? How do we stay connected and energized by what we've learned? What do we want to explore in our 2024-25 YOD constituency programming?

Moderator: Lindsey Nova, Executive Director of Three Rivers Young Peoples Orchestra

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Notice: It is important to keep in mind antitrust rules governing competition that apply to this group discussion. While the agenda for this group includes discussion of a variety of issues that are crucial to orchestras' planning and strategies, the goal is not to agree on a single approach to these issues. With the benefit of analysis and discussion, each orchestra will be able to decide independently what course of action is best for its own organization. We ask you to avoid comments that relate to your orchestra's current or future plans for ticket or event pricing (actual ticket prices, discount amounts), bargaining (including collective bargaining agreements or with vendors), or compensation.