

# Odysseus North Texas Chamber Orchestra. Outreach and Education Project

In May 22 2015 The Odysseus Chamber Orchestra residential string quartet visited Boyd McKinney High School for performances. This would be the first in school educational performance the orchestra took. McKinney Boyd High School Orchestra had 5 classes and the string quartet performed for all the classes. Approximately 180 students were served. Classes are around 50 minutes long and quartet remained on campus from 8:30 until 1:30pm.

The quartet selected Mozart's Dissonance Quartet. Jason Lim, the music director of the orchestra spent a few minutes in the beginning talking about the historical perception and the difference between a dissonance interval and consonant intervals. A historical background was discussed about how these elements, (although wasn't widely accepted during Mozart's) was used masterfully by the composer.

Because the orchestra is committed to the community of McKinney and wishes to deepen, strengthen and broaden our relationships, this year the Odysseus North Texas Chamber Orchestra will expand the reach to McKinney North High School as well as Boyd McKinney High School. This project is also a collaboration with the Arts and Music Guild. This will serve as an educational and outreach tool for both the orchestra as well as promoting for the Summer Music Intensives, sponsored by the Arts and Music Guild. The visit last year boosted the student participation and enrollment. The Summer Music Intensives is also a collaboration between the Arts and Music Guild and Odysseus North Texas Chamber Orchestra. Furthermore our mission and goal is to infuse a love of and appreciation for music in children while fostering discipline and teamwork as well as individual skill and expression—an experience that every young person deserves. The Odysseus Chamber Orchestra is committed to advocating for equitable access to music education in schools and communities.

Amount requested: \$1000

4 musicians @ \$250 each per school (Hourly rate \$50 per hour) – 2 Schools  
Compensation rate is due to the fact that all the musician will take leave from their daily teaching schedules to participate. Several hours of rehearsals and preparation usually takes place prior to these project events.  
Total cost to compensate musicians - \$2000

Place: McKinney Boyd High School and McKinney North High School

Time: 8:30-1:30

Tentative Dates: April 25 2016 Boyd McKinney High School, April 26 2016 McKinney North High School

Directors: Margaret Brown (McKinney North High School), Michael Link (Boyd McKinney High School)

Students reached: approximately 400

Below are pictures from last year's outreach program which was sponsored by Arts and Music Guild.

