# ODYSSEUS NORTH TEXAS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA dba McKinney Philharmonic Orchestra 2021 MCDC GRANT REPORT

### **EVENTS**

December 4 2020. All Star Christmas Concert. MPAC SOLD OUT February 6 2021 – Chamber Music Concert (Church St Auditorium) A small intimate concert. March 12 2021 – BOSSA NOVA Tribute to Antonio Carlos Jobim (First McKinney Baptist) Approximately 200 April 5, 2021 – TANGO. Music of Astor Piazzolla SOLD OUT May 15, 2021 – SIDE–BY–SIDE with the Greater North Texas Youth Orchestra (First McKinney Baptist) Approximately 250 June 6 2021 – A Night on Broadway (McKinney Boyd High School Auditorium) Approximately 350

Considering the circumstances, turnout for all our concerts were surprisingly good. MPAC and Church St Auditorium limited the capacity to around 35% and was sold out for the concerts in December and April.

### ORCHESTRA

Our orchestra consists of paid professional that come from the entire metroplex. Plano, Denton, Dallas, Fort Worth, Allen, Frisco and other cities. Our dress rehearsal is always the day of our concert in McKinney. After rehearsal the musicians hang around downtown square and have dinner before the concert at 8 pm so we bring dozens of individuals and their business to McKinney restaurants.

## FACILITIES

Below are the four locations we used this season. It was challenging at first. There were so many restrictions set by the facilities. We remained in a limbo for most of the season. I had booked all these facilities several months ahead but had no way of knowing if the concerts could happen.

### Church St Auditorium.

Was closed up till February in time for us to confirm our April concert.

#### McKinney Performing Arts Center

This facility remained open throughout the season which helped us continue with our youth orchestra program, however there was a 30% capacity limit in the beginning which we were worried about because our Christmas concert normally draws a large crowd and helps our budget projections significantly.

#### First McKinney Baptist

This facility came through in the last minute. We had used them before and when I called they were renting. Our March concert was originally reserved with MPAC but I was worried about social distancing for our orchestra because the stage is quite small. FMB came through for us. They had a larger stage but we had to change the date to accommodate their schedules.

#### **McKinney ISD**

We wanted to use this space a lot this season because of the stage size and the ability to social distance. However it remained closed to rent for most of the year until around late March when I received word from them that they will reopen on June 1<sup>st</sup> which gave up the opportunity to confirm our Broadway concert.

### TICKETING SYSTEMS

We utilize two systems throughout our season. When we hold events outside the McKinney Performing Arts Center, we use an online company; BrownPaperTickets.com. McKinney Performing Arts Center has its own ticketing system.

1. GoPassage.com

We decided to use GoPassage this season because of articles written on BrownPaperTickets about them not paying their vendors. It is a good system and we intend to use them moving forward. The do not have metrics in their system so we are unable to tell where our audience come from.

2. Brownpapertickets.com (BPT)

We stopped using this system, because I was approached by a reporter at the Dallas Morning News about our experience with them, which is mostly positive. There has been reports that they have not paid their organizations for tickets sold. They normally send us the check for sales about 4-6 weeks after the sale has ended. There was later an article written about them on the paper.

- 3. McKinney Performing Arts Center (MPAC)
  - We do not have the ability to set the system ourselves. It is all operated by Lara Marsh at the MPAC. Through requests, Lara will send us an email list with zip codes. We have provided zip codes in the report.

### MCDC LOGO

We have included all of our programs together with this report as well as programs of our youth orchestra that has the MCDC logo in it as a sponsor. Although it is not in the agreement, we are happy to include the MCDC in our youth orchestra programs and will continue to do so throughout all our season. We have also added the logo on our Odysseus/ McKinney Philharmonic web site as well as our youth orchestra web site. Please see: www.mckinneyphilharmonic.org www.gntyo.org

SUMMARY AND GOALS

It is our ongoing mission to build a world class orchestra and organization and believe that this will put McKinney on the map as a true arts destination. Our organization has so many outreach and educational programs, something we know other orchestras in the region do not have. Our audience consists of more people outside McKinney and it is our goal to reach out to foster a pride from the local citizenry. We hope McKinney MCDC will continue to support us and to help us make McKinney a world class arts city.

SNAPSHOTS. Here are sample snapshots on most of our promotional items with MCDC logos.





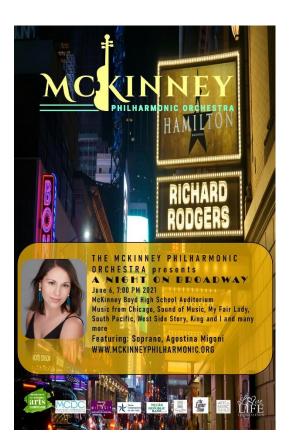






















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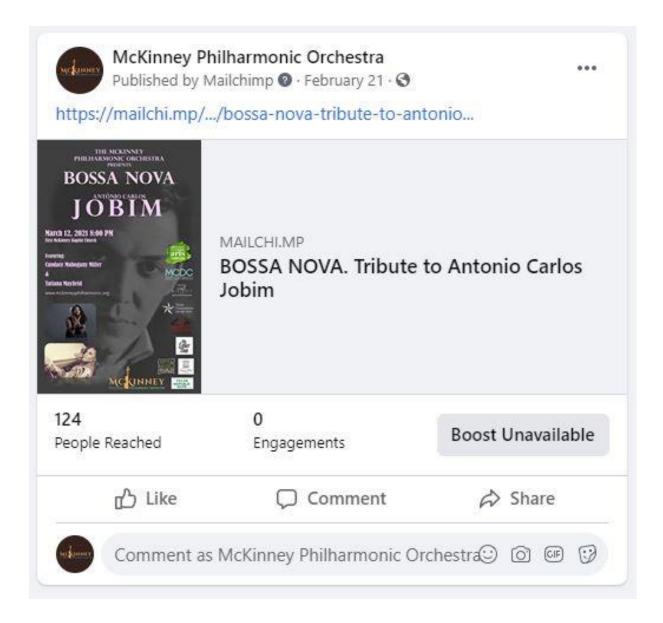
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