



# The String

*Reagan Orchestra Booster Club*

*December 2017*

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**Dec 13 5:00pm**

Holiday Market

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**Dec 13 7:00pm**

Winter Concert

**Dec 14 4:00-8:00pm**

Spirit Night

Panda Express

**Feb 27 7:00pm**

Pre-UIL Concert-Camerata,  
Philharmonia, Sinfonietta,  
Sinfonia

**Feb 28 7:00pm**

Pre-UIL Concert-Bravura,  
Chamber, Symphony Orchestra

**Apr 17 7:00pm**

NEISD Evening with Strings  
Blossom Auditorium

**May 14 7:00pm**

Spring Concert

**May 18 TBD**

Orchestra Banquet  
Club at Sonterra

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## **Reagan Orchestra Students Selected as Texas All-State Musicians**

Jared Lange and GemmaLee DyerMok, members of the Reagan Chamber Orchestra, will perform with Texas All-State ensembles in San Antonio, February 17, 2019 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center as part of the 2018 Texas Music Educators Association Clinic/Convention. They were chosen for this prestigious honor through a competitive process held this year across the state at District, Region, and Area levels. All-State is the highest honor a Texas music student can receive.

High school students selected to perform in the All-State concerts have competed through auditions to qualify at the state level. 1,780 students are selected through a process that begins with over 68,000 students from around the state vying for this honor to perform in one of the 15 ensembles. This competitive process begins throughout the state in auditions hosted by 33 TMEA Regions. Individual musicians perform selected music for a panel of judges who rank each instrument or voice part. From this ranking, a select group of musicians advance from their Region to compete against musicians from other areas in eight TMEA Area competitions. The highest-ranking musicians judged at the TMEA Area competitions qualify to perform in a TMEA All-State music group. Only the top 2.6% of musicians who initially audition become All-State musicians.

Jared and GemmaLee will participate in three days of rehearsals directed by nationally recognized conductors during the TEMA Clinic/Convention. Their performances for thousands of attendees bring this extraordinary event to a close. Good luck Rattlers!

## **Reagan Orchestra Dominates Region Orchestra Audition**

On October 23<sup>rd</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup>, members of the Reagan Orchestra auditioned for the TMEA Region 12 Orchestra. A record 24 students earned seats accounting for 30% of the elite Region Orchestra and an additional 12 students earned seats in the Region Philharmonic Orchestra. Furthermore, two students earned First Chairs, Stephen Beecher for Cello and Heidi Schuppenhauer for Viola. Congratulations to the 36 students representing Reagan on the Region 12 Orchestra!

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## **Congratulations to the Reagan High School Region Orchestra students! Good luck!**

Rema Baht	Cameron Halsell	Brenna Lusk
Stephen Beecher	Samual Han	Elise Maas
Alexia Briones	Victoria Hemachandra	Rebeca Sada
Guiliano Bucheli	Noah Hernandez	Aditi Sarlashkar
Domenica De La Fuente	Aric Herrera	Priya Sarlashkar
Talia Delambre	Andrew Hong	Heidi Schuppenhauer
Abby Doderer	Breanna Humphrey	Kaylee Su
Gemmalee DyerMok	Fervent Isokpunwa	Fernanda Tamez
Brent Freeman	Matthew Keller	Sabrina Tran
Grace Giles	Ashley Kim	Calla Xu
Veronica Gonzalez	Jared Lange	David Valorz
Pierce Haddad	Lauren Jozwiak	Ryan Ylagan

## **Reagan Students Inducted into National Honor Society**

A notable number of Reagan Orchestra students were inducted into the National Honor Society on November 13<sup>th</sup>. We are so proud of these student's accomplishments in the Reagan Orchestra and in academics! Way to represent our program!

## **Young People's Concert**

The Ronald Reagan High School Symphony Orchestra hosted the Reagan Elementary School Cluster of seven schools and 1,300 students for the Young People's Concert at Reagan High School. The Elementary Schools include Canyon Ridge, Hardy Oak, Las Lomas, Stone Oak, Tuscany Heights, Vineyard Ranch, and Wilderness Oak.

Reagan Launched the Young People's Concert in 2000 as part of a Northeast ISD initiative to provide an opportunity for elementary students in each cluster to hear alive performance of Symphonic music. Reagan Director of Orchestras, Sixto Elizondo, says, "an event like this can be a major motivating factor for an aspiring young musician. As part of our presentation, we encourage all students to pursue a form of extra-curricular activity because involvement to develop life skills like social interactions and self-discipline." Not only did Reagan cluster students attend the concert, but a former student of Mr. Elizondo was in the audience as a music teacher himself. Wilderness Oak Music Teacher, Jose Benitez, attributes much of his desire to pursue a musical career to Mr. Elizondo. "Music is a way to be creative and expressive," said Benites, "the music program here at NEISD and teachers like Mr. Elizondo, make music so much fun and allow students to express themselves through their instruments or vocals."

Under the theme of "Music of Other Worlds," the Symphony Orcherstra played four pieces for the young audience. The Symphony Orchestra consists of a 46-member string section complimented by 20 band members playing 14 instruments. Each of the compositions is inspired by discovery or exploration of new and exciting places and include Music from the Movie "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" compsed by James Newton Howard and John Williams and "Symphony No 9 From the New World" compsed by Antonin Dvorak among others. Mr. Elizondo adds, "The study of music can have multiple positive influences on a student's success because it encompasses physical skills, aural training, and critical thinking. It is an honor to introduce this music to the young students in our cluster."

## **ROBC Launches Holiday Market Fundraiser before Winter Concert**

Consider supporting your Reagan Orchestra when shopping for special gifts this season! The ROBC will be hosting a Holiday Market on Dec 13 from 5:00-7:00pm in the Fine Arts Foyer before the Winter Concert. A percentage of profits will be donated to the ROBC to fund the education, performances, and activities of the Reagan Orchestra.

Vendors include Fashion, LuLaRoe, Kendra Scott Trunk Show, My Tia's Gifts (personalized embroidery items, houseware, gourmet gifts, and more), with more vendors expected to join, so please check the ROBC website Home Page Announcements at [reaganorchestra.weebly.com](http://reaganorchestra.weebly.com)