We are Community
Oakland Youth Orchestras is much more than dedicated student musicians led by accomplished conductors.

We are community.

We are:
Students – Diverse groups that come together through their love of music; who learn, laugh, and make friendships that last for years.
Parents – Who see their children grow and excel; who meet other parents through OYO volunteer and fundraising activities.
Conductors – Professional musicians and experienced music educators who understand that making music is a gift that lasts a lifetime.
Board members – Who provide their time and talents to see that OYO is guided by sound policies. Many of our board members are parents of OYO student musicians.

“OYO played a pivotal role in my life. I not only developed as a musician, but as a person and leader. All of the conductors held us to the highest standards and supported us in rising to meet them. Now working with young people myself, I always remember to not only hold them accountable to high expectations but to support them in meeting them.”

- Mary, OYO Alumni

History
Oakland Youth Orchestras (OYO) was established in 1975 with a mere 60 members. As an independent non-profit organization, our musicians today hail from over 20 public school districts and numerous private, parochial, and home schools. Our alumni pursue careers both in and outside of the music field.

Since OYO’s founding, Oakland University has provided in-kind facility use for program activities. Our partnership now extends to the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, where professors provide sectional and chamber ensemble coaching on musicianship and technique. In addition, classes in music theory are offered through the Music Preparatory Division.

Our Mission
• To inspire students in further developing their talents and to enrich their lives through music
• To teach lifelong skills of teamwork, commitment, and organization
• To provide opportunities for performing in chamber concerts and community outreach recitals – in addition to our three seasonal concerts

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SUPPORT
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Educating and Enriching Youth Through MUSIC
How Your Support Helps

OYO charges a modest tuition that covers approximately 60% of its operating expenses. We rely on sponsors and donors to further support our prestigious orchestra program.

With your support, OYO can present and provide:

- Three orchestral performances each season at the Oxford Performing Arts Center
- Assistance with tuition, private lessons, and instrument rentals to underserved students through our SCORE program
- Expert guest artists and educators
- Solo and small ensemble performance opportunities throughout southeastern Michigan
- Chamber Ensemble classes and concerts

We invite you to join supporters, past and present, that have helped OYO become the premier music education program it is today:

- Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, National Endowment for the Arts, Oakland University
- DCI Aerotech, Fifth Third Bank, Meijer, Kroger, Charity Motors
- Westerman Foundation and Community Foundation of Greater Rochester
- OYO alumni and member families

Sponsorship Options and Benefits

We invite you to partner with Oakland Youth Orchestras. By supporting OYO, you are distinguishing your organization as one that supports our youth and community. Your sponsorship provides you with a variety of benefits, such as visibility of your name brand across numerous media platforms and live audiences. If no existing option fits your needs, we will collaborate to design a unique program just for you!

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Oakland Youth Orchestras is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

“It gives me great pride to work for a company that encourages community involvement and support of local businesses and non-profits. I enjoy being part of the community and meeting great people while supporting wonderful causes such as Oakland Youth Orchestras.”

- Kyle Kijorski, Fifth Third Bank manager