



# August 2024 WYSO Music Makers Updates

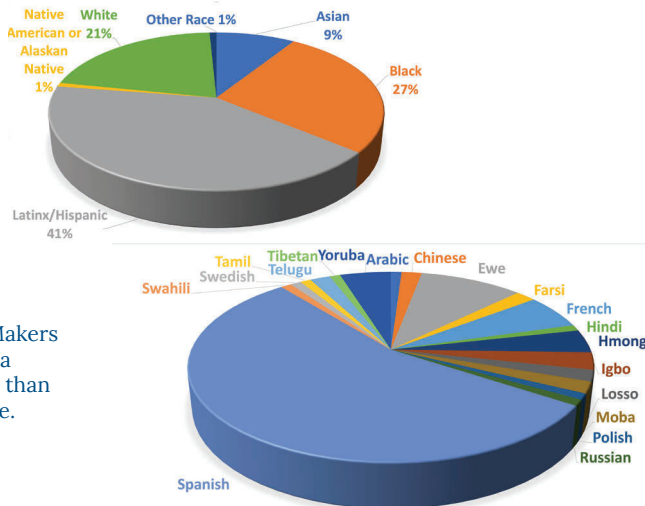
*In the Music Makers program, each student receives a private lesson and ensemble class each week, and a quality musical instrument to use while enrolled.*

*There is a recommended subsidized fee and families are asked to pay what they can. 54% of Music Makers students were eligible for free-and-reduced lunch in FY 2023-24.*

## By The Numbers:

- 159 total students enrolled in the WYSO Music Makers Program.
- 99 private lessons (averaged over 3 sessions) taught each week.
- 8 Music Makers members served as Teen Teachers.
- 5 Music Makers members served on the Music Makers Student Council
- Students performed in 2 Music Makers concerts and 4 Music Makers recitals, and in 6 special performances throughout the season, including Symphony Soup alongside the MSO.

## Music Makers Program Demographics



## Private Lessons Taught Each Week:

Violin: 40 lessons; Piano: 33 lessons; Guitar: 20 lessons; Viola: 5 lessons; Cello: 3 lessons; Percussion: 2 lessons; Oboe: 1 lesson

## Weekly Group Class Instruction:

(Offered at multiple levels of instruction) Guitar; Violin & Viola; Cello & Bass; Percussion; General Music; Ensembles; Music Theory

## Workshops Offered:

College and Scholarship Applications, Music Pedagogy, Employment Opportunities, Financial



The Music Makers Forte Upper Strings perform at the MSO's Symphony Soup.

## From Music Makers students:

*"Growing up, I struggled to be open emotionally and music has helped me express myself during the highs and lows of life. It's something that carries creative/artistic value, and music is something that everyone can connect with, which is why I love it. Music brings people together, whether in joy or sadness."*

*"I love my classes. They are so fun! My teachers are awesome and I love the learning experience and the community you gain when you hang in the classes with the other students."*