

Board Recognition

Aug. 27, 2024

Ryan High Student Selected to National Youth Orchestra

Ryan High School's Osiel Cardenas earned one of the most prestigious honors in the country when he was selected to the National Youth Orchestra (NYO) of the United States of America earlier this summer.

Osiel was chosen through a comprehensive video audition process, and he was one of only 12 students from Texas selected. Following his audition and selection, Osiel completed a training residency at State University of New York at Purchase, with faculty made up of principal players from top professional orchestras. From there, he began touring with the orchestra, performing at Carnegie Hall and in Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil.

As part of their travel schedule, NYO musicians met and collaborated with local musicians to experience the richness of other cultures. Led by Marin Alsop, repertoire for the NYO's concert at Carnegie Hall and on tour included Barber's Symphony No. 1, Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue featuring guest soloist Jean-Yves Thibaudet and Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade.

After performing at Carnegie Hall, the NYO made stops in Montevideo's Auditorio Nacional del Sodre, Buenos Aires' Teatro Colón, Brazil's Teatro Municipal in Rio de Janeiro and the Sala São Paulo. While on tour in South America, the NYO musicians had the chance to take part in peer-to-peer exchange with young musicians in São Paulo and tour the cities they performed in.

The principal of Ryan High School is Vernon Reeves. The orchestra director is Jeremy Atkins.