



2020-2021 Season
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AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA PRESENTS "COMPOSITION SHOWCASE" STUDENTS PERFORM WORKS BY THEIR PEERS & PRODUCE SHOW

AUSTIN, TX – Join the Austin High School Varsity Orchestra's performance of six original compositions created by its members and produced by the students themselves. On Saturday, April 24, 2021, "Composition Showcase" will be the culmination of a year-long project with the Austin Symphony Orchestra (ASO). The orchestra students have worked hard this whole school year to study, create and perform compositions of music. Under the guidance of the ASO and music instructors from the University of Texas at Austin, they have created full-length pieces, recordings and performances ready to be viewed by all of you! The special event begins at 7:00 p.m. and takes place in the comfort of your own home on a Youtube live stream listed and linked below. Attendance is open for everyone interested, and viewers are encouraged to cook their favorite dinner and enjoy it while watching the concert.

"Music shows the emotions in a story and it can show what we believe in. We just have to listen," remarks student composer Gabriel Herrera when asked about the importance of music.

Program:

Adam Smylka - **Thin Ice**
Athiel Arana - **Reflections**
Gabriel Herrera - **Injustice**
Garrett Beard - **La Chanson de la Beauté**
Jack Simmon - **The Story of a Flame**
Kendall Weaver - **Nocturne for String Quartet**

The Austin High School Orchestra is composed of four different leveled orchestras at Austin High School, all directed by Ana Maria Solis Herrera, and has been a vibrant organization at Austin High School as early as the 1920s. The goal of the orchestra is to provide students with options to express themselves through music, and through doing this, to teach the players skills for their future after high school. The AHS Varsity Orchestra has numerous accolades, as they constantly achieve sweepstakes and high marks at the Orchestra University Interscholastic League (UIL), and each year has many of its players making Austin's Region Orchestra and going to State for Solo and Ensemble UIL.

For viewing the performance please visit the "Austin High Orchestra TX" YouTube channel or at <https://tinyurl.com/AHSOrch>. This event is free, open to the public, and if you are unable to attend, the video will be up on the youtube channel permanently. Additional information can be found on the Austin High School Orchestra's Website at austinhighorchestra.com or contact Ana Maria Solis at ana.solisherrera@austinisd.org. The Orchestra looks forward to seeing you in the virtual world and appreciates all your support!

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