



Announcing the Fall 2011 UTSA String Project Convocation:

Downtown Campus – 5:00 pm on Monday, September 19, 2011 in the Buena Vista Theatre

Main Campus – 5:00 pm on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 in the Recital Hall

What is the UTSA String Project?

The UTSA String Project features 175 young string players from the San Antonio metropolitan area taught by the String Project faculty, which includes Founding Director Dr. Eugene Dowdy, Graduate Assistant and Main Campus Director, Lisa Smith, Master Teacher Mrs. Cathy Logan, Student Assistant Director Gabriela Torres, and university students training to be string teachers. We currently offer beginning, intermediate, and advanced string instruction to young students who are at least in the 3rd grade. String Project students meet in ensemble classes twice a week in the Department of Music at both the UTSA Main Campus and the Downtown Campus. Advanced students also receive private lessons.

How did the String Project begin?

The UTSA String Project began in 2002 when ASTA (American String Teachers Association) created grants for new string projects to address a national shortage of string teachers. These string projects were set up all over the nation and were funded by an initial grant from FIPSE (Funds for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education). Today the UTSA String Project is one of the largest sites in the National String Project Consortium and receives grants and funding from many sources, thus keeping tuition to a very low cost of \$150 per year per student.

When and where do the String Project classes take place?

- 1) **Main Campus** string classes take place on Tuesday and Friday afternoons in the UTSA Music Department. 1st and 2nd-year beginners attend class from 4 to 5pm, intermediate and advanced students attend class from 5 to 6pm. Private lessons (advanced students only) are set up one-on-one with private instructors.
- 2) **Downtown Campus** string classes take place on Monday and Thursday afternoons in the Durango Building, rooms DB 0.206 and 0.220. 1st year beginning students attend class from 4 to 5pm, and intermediate and advanced students attend class from 5 to 6pm.

More information, including contact information and the registration form, is available on our website:

<http://music.utsa.edu/stringproject>

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