

Flying solo. Playing among a small ensemble, junior Andreas Kapatos plays “Paganini Variations on One String” as his solo part at the Children’s Concert. “I guess it was taking a leap of faith to try out something new and I just loved it,” he said. Kapatos began playing cello in sixth grade after learning his middle school didn’t provide guitar classes.
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Treblemakers

ORCHESTRA PREPARES FOR CENTRUM CONCERT *by Jessica Tan*

It was the annual Children’s Concert and the theme was “Doctor Who,” chosen by the directors of the middle and high school orchestras.

Each year the orchestra program hosts this concert with both a regular and silent auction to raise money for new equipment and the Centrum Concert at the end of the year.

“The Centrum Concert is what we do every year. We perform at a church. It’s a really fancy concert,” junior Rebekah Parrish said.

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At the auction, the orchestra sold various items such as a hand carved stand and a “Doctor Who” goodie basket. This year, the program ended up making more than \$2500 dollars.

Sophomore Yasmine

Young, who also played Lea in the play, organized the Children’s Concert since she was a freshman. Young was put in charge by the director, Mr. Kevin Ray.

“What they do is they give us the music or repertoire and then we build the story around that,” Young said.

As committee head of the Children’s Concert, Young had various responsibilities.

“I wrote the script. I got the costumes together and I got all the actors together. It was basically like my little baby,” Young said.

Costumes for the concert varied from Star War’s Lea and Darth Vader to Toy Story’s Buzz Lightyear.

“We bought [the costumes] this year and last year we borrowed them from the Theater Program,” Young said.

Props such as light sabers and the “Doctor Who” Tardis were also used in the play.

“We either made our own props or students brought in props,” Young said.



"It's taught me a lot about collaborating with other people and musicians, music appreciation and just introduced me to an awesome group of kids and taught me a lot about dedication and focus and discipline."
Helen Sanchez, 12



"Persistence is key to becoming better at universally anything you set your mind to and it's usually easier with the guidance of great teachers."
Sidney Dumars, 12



"It's really pushed me in working hard and trying to do better. It's taught me to work hard for what I want because nothing is easy."
Rebeckah Parrish, 11

What has orchestra *taught* you over the years?



Orchestrator. Directing other actors, sophomore Yasmine Young prepares last minute. "It's very family friendly," she said. Young had been the key orchestrator of the Children's Concert since last year.
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Wintry warm up. Warming up at the Winter Concert, sophomore Grace Chi, tunes her violin. "My favorite song was 'The Nutcracker Suite,'" she said. The symphony, including the orchestra and band, played a variety of Christmas songs.
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Music magic. At the Children's Concert, freshmen Samantha Romero and Joseph Tran play the "Medley of Doctor Who." "Music is freedom," Tran said. "You can't just stop learning about it." Space-themed music was played while actors performed along with the music.
photo by Sabrina Sommer



All about that bass. At the Winter Concert, senior Benjamin Gumerman plucks along with the orchestra, band and choir. "Playing with the other musical programs adds a greater range and depth to the music, it's not as limited," he said. "The melody makes you sing, the bass makes you swing."
photo by Sabrina Sommer

Commemoration nation. As people file into the reception area outside the auditorium during the celebration of CFISD's 75th anniversary in December, sophomores Eryn Tucker and Sophia Tang play background music pieces by Bach, such as "Sheep May Safely Graze." "I'm kinda amazed by how much the school has grown," Tang said. The 75th anniversary included the unveiling of a new plaque in front of the school and mosaic in front of the library.
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