



EL SISTEMA
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About Us

EL SISTEMA TEXAS STANDS AT THE FOREFRONT OF INNOVATIVE ARTISTIC AND MUSICAL EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH SPANNING THE VAST EXPANSE OF TEXAS. OUR INSPIRATION IS DEEPLY ROOTED IN THE RENOWNED VENEZUELAN NATIONAL SYSTEM OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH ORCHESTRAS, KNOWN GLOBALLY AS "EL SISTEMA."

AS A TRAILBLAZING INITIATIVE IN TEXAS, OUR REACH EXTENDS TO CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS, AND YOUNG ADULTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. CENTRAL TO OUR PROGRAM IS THE COLLECTIVE PRACTICE OF MUSIC, CHAMPIONED AS A DYNAMIC PLATFORM FOR BOTH ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT AND IMAGINATIVE LEARNING. OUR PRIDE RESONATES IN OUR EXCEPTIONAL TEAM AND STEADFAST DEDICATION TO HOLISTIC STUDENT GROWTH. BEYOND MERE MUSICAL PROFICIENCY, WE NURTURE THE ESSENTIAL SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND COGNITIVE FACETS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL.

MISSION

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE AN EDUCATIONAL MUSIC PROGRAM THAT PROMOTES CULTURAL INTEGRATION AMONG CHILDREN AND YOUTH THROUGH COLLECTIVE MUSIC PRACTICE. WE BELIEVE IN THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF THIS ART AND ITS ABILITY TO CULTIVATE SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND COGNITIVE SKILLS IN EACH PARTICIPANT.

VISION

OUR VISION IS TO ESTABLISH AN EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL MUSICAL INTEGRATION NETWORK THAT CONTRIBUTES TO THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF TEXAS. WE AIM TO FOSTER AN ARTISTIC AND COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENT THAT SHAPES BETTER INDIVIDUALS AND PROMOTES EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL, REGARDLESS OF THEIR ETHNIC ORIGIN, RACE, OR SOCIAL STATUS.

FOUNDERS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO



Alvaro Carrillo

CEO

As we look back on 2023 at El Sistema Texas, I am filled with pride and gratitude. This year has been a testament to resilience, innovation, and community spirit. Our team's dedication, coupled with the unwavering support of our sponsors and families, has enabled us to surmount challenges and turn them into opportunities for growth and learning.

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Our young musicians have shown remarkable progress, not only in their musical skills but in their personal development as well. Their performances have been more than just concerts; they are celebrations of culture, community, and the transformative power of music.

As we step into 2024, I am confident that the journey ahead will be filled with more milestones and achievements.

Our commitment to nurturing young talent remains steadfast, as we continue to spread the joy and discipline of music.

Thank you to everyone who has been a part of this incredible journey. Let's continue making music that changes lives!

Álvaro Carrillo CEO, El Sistema Texas

FOUNDERS



RHOMY LOPEZ

*Orchestral Program Manager
Founder*



JESSICA COLMENARES

*Choir Program Manager
Founder*



MANUEL LOPEZ - GOMEZ

*International Orchestral Conductor
Founder*

TEACHING ARTIST

- Valentina Andueza
Violin
- Marco Hernandez
Violin
- Simon Ablan
Violoncello
- Cruz Cabrera
Choir Assistant
- Simon Cabrera
Music Theory Teacher

BOARD

- Osiris Roso
Director of Marketing and Communications
- Wilma Cedeño
Choir Program Coordinator
- Stefanie López-Gómez
Administrative Assistant
- Rosana Contreras
Orchestral Program Coordinator

PROGRAMS



Hispanic Children's Symphony Orchestra Preparatory

This small orchestra is created with the initiative of welcoming the little ones and being able to provide them with musical skills on the stage. With children ages between 5 to 7 years old.



Hispanic Children's Symphony Orchestra

Focused on children aged 8 to 13, this program aims to channel their musical abilities by involving them in a symphonic orchestra. This experience places strong emphasis on cultivating discipline, both individually and as a team, motivating them for success, and boosting their self-confidence.



Hispanic Youth Symphony Chamber

Geared towards young individuals aged 14 to 20, this strategic program guides their vocational orientation and job training. It harnesses their musical talents within an orchestra while also enhancing their ethical and moral development.

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Activities per month

JAN

- Orchestral and Choir Auditions
- Orchestral and Choir Rehearsal

FEB

- Orchestral and Choir Rehearsal

MAR

- Orchestral and Choir Rehearsal

APR

- Orchestral and Choir Rehearsal

MAY

- Orchestral and Choir Rehearsal
- 13 - Mother Day Concert
- 21 - Somos Houston Festival

JUN

- Orchestral and Choir Rehearsal
- Summer Festival Week 1

JUL

- Orchestral and Choir Rehearsal
- 5 - 8 Ravinia Festival
- 9 - Binational Concert 2023
- Summer Festival Week 2
- 17 - 1st Anniversary Concert

AUG

- Orchestral and Choir Rehearsals
- Orchestra Auditions

SEP

- Orchestral and Choir Rehearsals
- 2 - Viva Venezuela Fest
- 17 - Community Concert Hispanic
- II World Congress "El Sistema" Caracas - Venezuela

OCT

- Orchestral and Choir Rehearsal
- 7 - Poder Hispano Festival
- 8 - St Edith Stein Founders Day Festival
- 13 - Hispanic Heritage Concert

NOV

- Orchestral and Choir Rehearsals
- 2 - Multicultural Night Memorial Parkway
- 9 - World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

DEC

- 2 - Christmas Concert
- 8 - Katy Mills Christmas Concert
- Hansel and Gretel with Opera in the Height
- 17 - Fundraising Holidays Gala Concert



"El Sistema Texas Signs Historic Agreement at the Second World Orchestra Congress with El Sistema"

El Sistema Texas actively participated in the prestigious II World Orchestra Congress, hosted in Caracas, Venezuela, from September 18 to 24. This significant event brought together over 140 esteemed musicians from around the globe, focusing on the inauguration of the World Orchestra and Choir of El Sistema. This initiative is a step towards the creation of the El Sistema World Orchestra by 2025, fulfilling a dream envisioned by maestro José Antonio Abreu.

Álvaro Carrillo, the founder of El Sistema Texas, joined this remarkable gathering alongside experts from 40 countries, reinforcing international partnerships and developing innovative strategies for leveraging music as a powerful tool for social transformation. The congress marked the debut of the World Orchestra and Choir of El Sistema (Ocmes), paying homage to maestro Abreu's vision and legacy. This congress served as a pivotal platform for El Sistema Texas and its global partners to share experiences, methodologies, and insights from various El Sistema-inspired programs across the world, including Brazil, Switzerland, Mexico, France, Spain, Tunisia, and the host country, Venezuela.

This year's World Orchestra of El Sistema, composed of 143 musicians, symbolizes the unity and collaborative spirit of this global initiative. These musicians, aged 16 to 27 and hailing from three different continents, reflect the diverse and inclusive nature of El Sistema's mission. The congress signifies a milestone for El Sistema Texas, underscoring its commitment to fostering musical excellence and social change through its partnership with El Sistema.



MEMBERSHIPS



We're honored to be members of El Sistema USA for the second consecutive year, joining a network committed to empowering young change-makers through music. Our continued partnership underscores our dedication to nurturing artistic education and community impact.

Since 2023, El Sistema Texas is proud to be a member of the Texas Orchestra Directors Association (TODA). Joining this network of Texas orchestra directors, we're committed to advancing orchestral music through professional development, clinics, workshops, and events.



Beginning in 2023, El Sistema Texas proudly joined the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA), aligning with their mission to support and improve music education in Texas. This partnership strengthens our involvement in professional development and advocacy for fine arts instruction.

COMMENDATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo's Proclamation July 6, 2023

Judge Lina Hidalgo recognizes El Sistema Texas for its foundation in August 2022 and its impact on human and social development through orchestral and choral practice for Hispanic children. In its first year, the program has served over 150 youths, with the goal of expanding to more than 1,000 children within five years.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner's Proclamation July 17, 2023

Mayor Turner declares July 17 as "**El Sistema Texas Day**," honoring the organization's work in promoting social and emotional growth through music education in Houston, with plans to reach more children in the coming years.

Congressional Proclamation by U.S. Representative Wesley Hunt - October 13, 2023

Congressman Hunt congratulates El Sistema Texas on its first anniversary, emphasizing its inspiration from the Venezuelan "El Sistema" model and its focus on music education as a tool for social change and character building.

Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia's Proclamation - October 13, 2023

On the first anniversary of El Sistema Texas and during Hispanic Heritage Month, Commissioner Garcia celebrates the initiative for teaching music and values, highlighting its role as a member of El Sistema USA and its representation of Texas on the global stage.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott's Commendation December 28, 2023

Governor Abbott officially recognizes El Sistema Texas for its contribution to youth development through music education and the promotion of social and emotional growth in the Houston area, extending future success wishes to the organization.



RAVINIA FESTIVAL

Representing El Sistema Texas, the young musicians Alonso Sifuentes, Jorge Gómez, and Román Carrillo had the opportunity to gain new insights at this high-level seminar held annually in the United States.

Through El Sistema Texas, three Venezuelan children had the opportunity to participate in the Ravinia National Seminary, an event that took place in Chicago from July 5 to 8, 2023. The seminar brought together over 100 young musicians from programs inspired by El Sistema across the Americas.

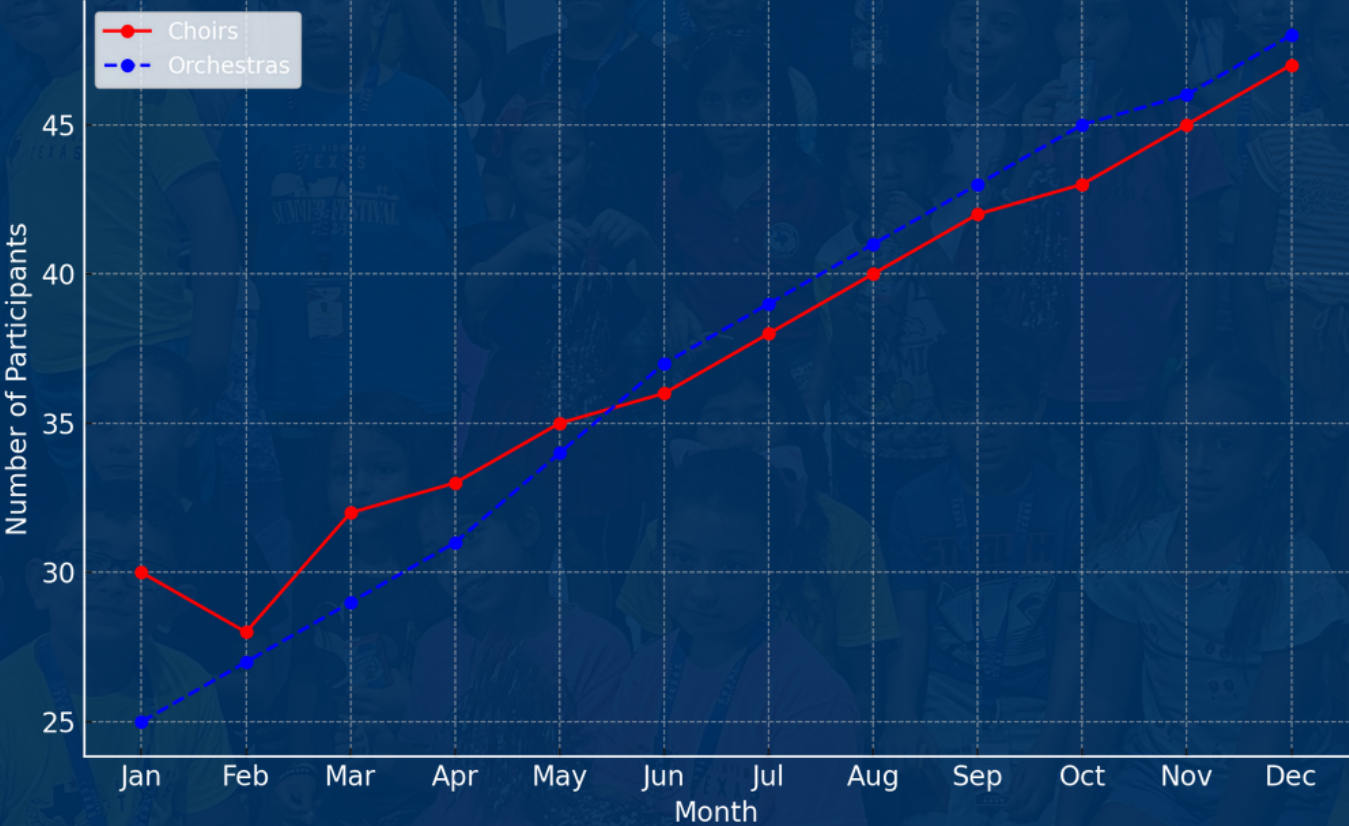


It is worth mentioning that Sistema Texas was created with the purpose of providing an educational music program to promote the social and individual transformation of Hispanic immigrant children and youth, offering them the opportunity to feel welcomed and accepted in a place where their peers also speak a common language.

During the four days of the Ravinia National Festival, the Venezuelan musicians received high-level musical training and opportunities for mentoring and networking. The week culminated in an orchestral concert with the Chicago Philharmonic, conducted by Jonathan Rush, the director of the Chicago Sinfonietta.

OUR GROWN

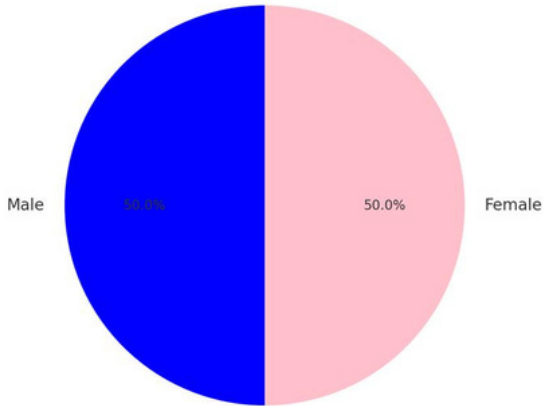
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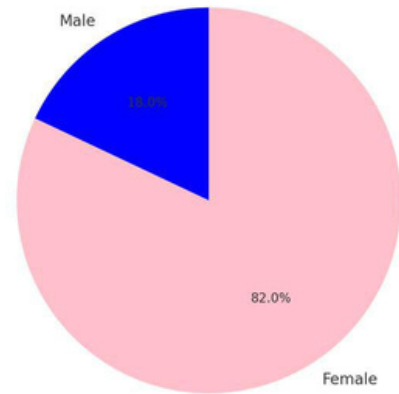
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PROGRAM STATISTICS

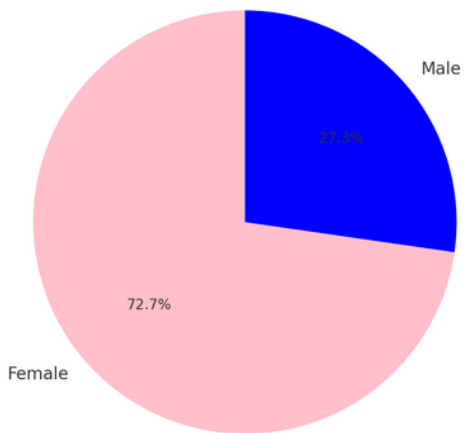
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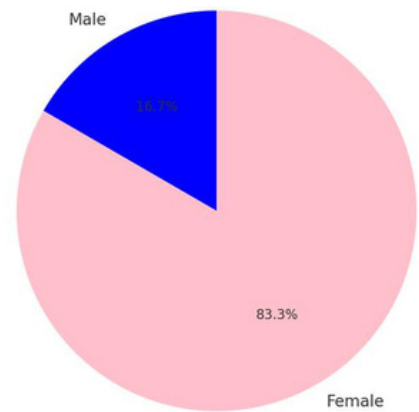
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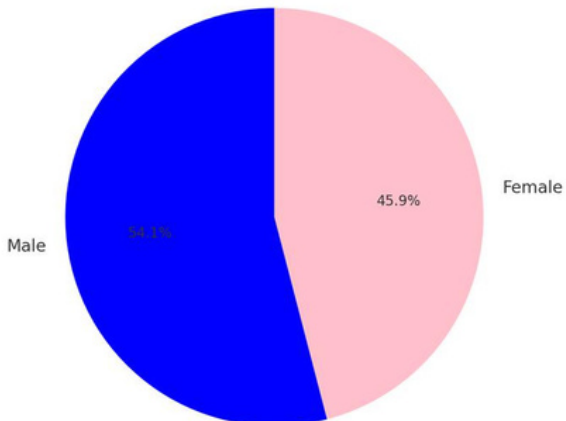
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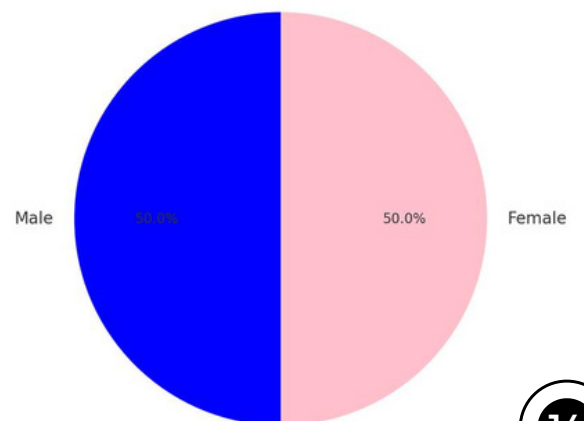
Preparatory Orchestra. Gender Distribution



Children's Orchestra. Gender Distribution

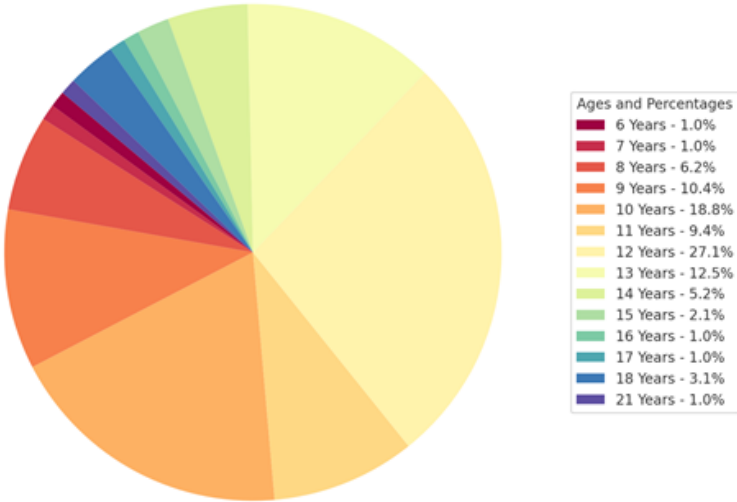
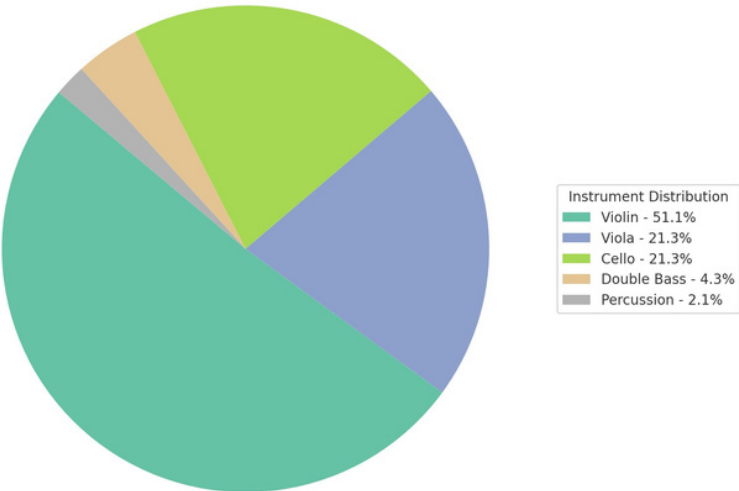


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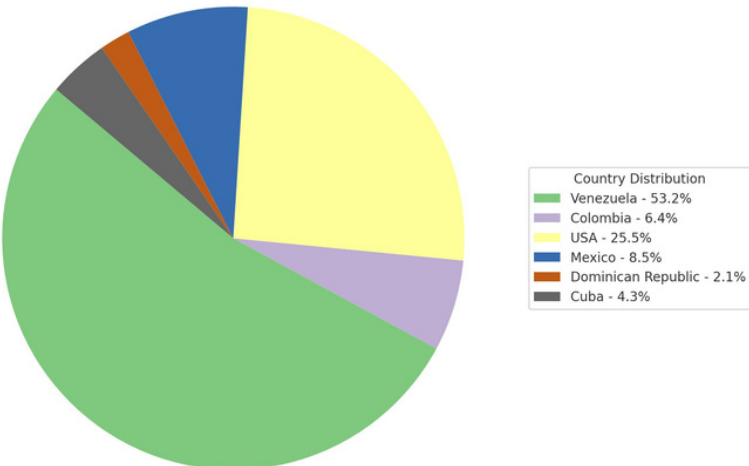


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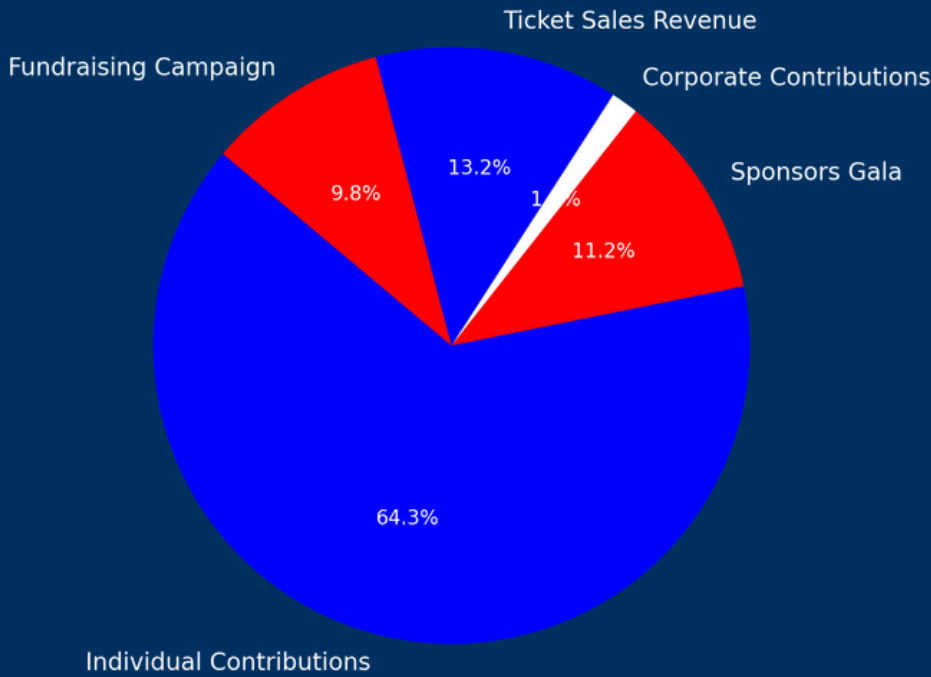
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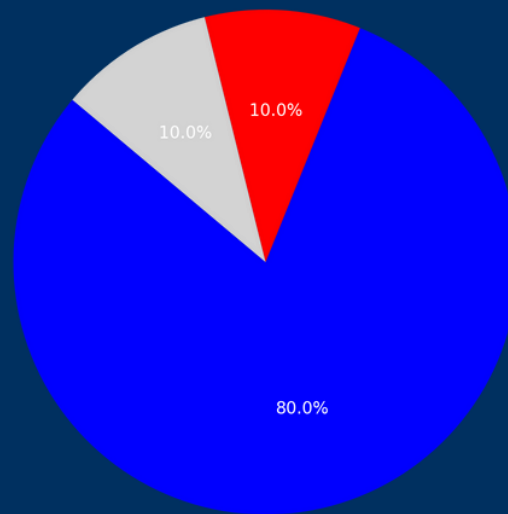


FINANCIALS



INCOMES

WHERE THE MONEY GOES



■ Program Development
■ Administrative Expenses

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EI SISTEMA TEXAS 2023-2024 SEASON SUPPORT

IMPRESSARIO CIRCLE
(\$ 2000 – 5000)
Lindsayca Group

(\$ 250 – 1500)
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Trini Beauty Spa
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Molto Allegretto Academy
Molto Allegretto Productions



ORCHESTRA CIRCLE

(\$ 1500 – 2000)

Millán Améstica - Family

Chávez - Family

(\$ 250 – 1500)

Acosta – Family

Alarcon – Family

Alvarez – Family

Antunes - Family

Boscan - Family

Bustamante - Family

Cabrera - Family

Carbonero - Family

Cardona – Family

Delgado – Family

Galban – Family

Garcia – Family

Gimenez – Family

Gutierrez – Family

Izarra – Family

Linarez – Family

Moreau – Family

Moros – Family

Mujica - Family

Nuñez – Family

Oliveros – Family

Pelaez - Family

Ramirez – Family

Ravelo – Family

Reyes – Family

Serrada – Family

Sifuentes – Family

Vargas – Family

Villegas – Family

CHOIR CIRCLE

(\$ 250 – 1500)

Acosta – Family

Atencio – Family

Auyanet – Family

Calles – Family

Castellanos – Family

Chacon – Family

Cuartas – Family

Finol – Family

Freites – Family

Gonzalez – Family

Guerrero – Family

Gutierrez – Family

Marcano – Family

Medina – Family

Molinares – Family

Naveda – Family

Pacheco – Family

Pina – Family

Puerta – Family

Reyes – Family

Rubio – Family

Sanchez – Family

Seijas – Family

Villanueva – Family



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