

URBAN STRINGS



Urban Strings Columbus is a Central Ohio-based community youth orchestra program designed to attract serious, young, talented musicians from various public and private schools throughout the metropolitan Columbus area. Urban Strings Columbus was co-founded by Catherine T. Willis and Friends of Art for Community Enrichment (FACE), in 2007, with a handful of musicians. The group has grown over the years, expanding beyond the Urban Strings Youth Orchestra for advanced performers, recently adding Urban Strings Quarter Notes for beginning musicians; and, Urban Strings Half Notes for intermediate musicians.

Urban Strings musicians perform a multicultural repertoire of great music ranging from classical, jazz and gospel, to R&B, and movie themes. This wide-ranging repertoire not only engages the participants, it provides them with an opportunity to learn various types of music they might not otherwise be exposed to. Urban Strings also seeks to provide opportunities for its instrumentalists to hone proper performance techniques for their respective instruments.

During 2013, the Urban Strings Youth Orchestra had a number of significant performances including the inauguration of State Representative Joyce Beatty, receptions for State Auditor, David Yost and the Royal Shakespeare Company; and, at Fisk University's storied Jubilee Hall. Urban Strings Quarter and Half Note members also performed in public and private venues including the Classical Columbus and Embracing the Promise concerts, as well as a reception for the Lunch Bunch at the Zen Cha Tea House.