A luncheon and style show benefiting the educational programs of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra

Dallas Symphony Orchestra League



Purpose of the Project



The proceeds of Fashion Notes supported the DSO's education and outreach programs.

The educational programs of the DSO go far beyond the cultural lesson of learning to play an instrument.

Music education matters because it primes the brain for success in academics, careers, and relationships.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

In addition to the Young Musicians program, which serves younger children, DSO's **Young Strings** program serves Jr. and Sr. high school students.

The program develops the talents of exceptional and underrepresented string players in the City of Dallas

There is a 100% high school graduation rate and college acceptance rate for students who stay in the Young Strings program.

COMMUNITY IMPACT-

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

- The My DSO Concert is specially designed for children and adults on the autism spectrum.
- Dallas Symphony Youth Concerts bring over 20,000 preschool and elementary students and teachers to our Symphony Center each year!

FIRST GOAL OF DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

HOW THE PROJECT WAS DEVELOPED



Develop a way to provide the funding for the Symphony's critical outreach programs, despite the pandemic.





We listened to the concerns of patrons & adjusted accordingly



Ticket numbers
were limited,
tables were
spaced, and
sponsors were
given two tables
to spread out
their groups



Meals were pre-plated but not preset to adhere to social distancing



Hand sanitizer was provided



Masks were
worn during
event, except
during meals
and while
modeling



We provided a staggered entry to distance people while entering

SECOND GOAL IN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS: KEEPING OUR PATRONS SAFE DURING THE PANDEMIC

The event, which was held at the Dallas Fairmont Hotel, began with a reception and gift-pull, followed by a luncheon, musical performance, fashion show, and live auction.



75TH YEAR

The Past Presidents of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League were collectively the recipients of the Fashion Notes Designer Award for their work in designing and guiding the League for 75 years.

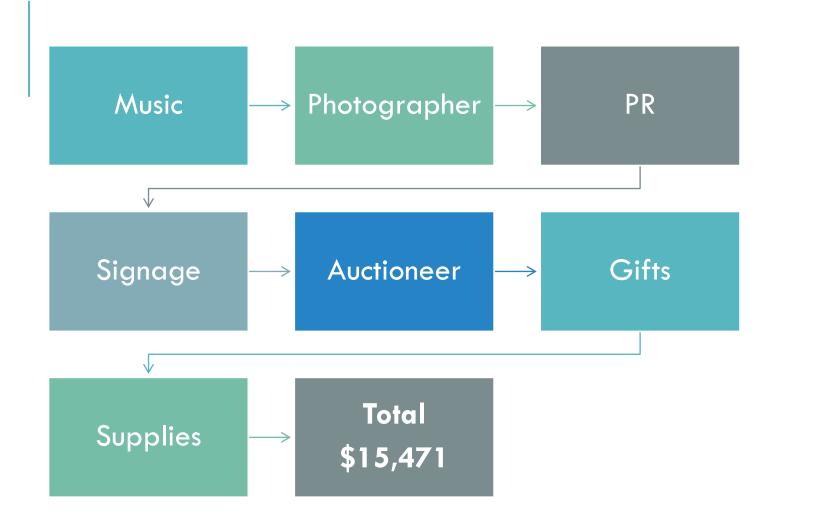


FINANCES:

Underwriting and Donations

- Sponsorship tables: \$43,000
- Tickets: \$2,525
- Donations consisted of Mystery Notes items, live auction items, raise the paddle, centerpiece sales, "in honor of" donations: \$25,700
- Lunch was donated by the hotel
- Flowers were donated

Total revenue: \$71,225



EXPENSES

TOTALS-

Total revenue \$71,225

Total expenses \$ 15,471



TIMELINE-3-6 MONTHS OUT

- -Reserved venue
- -Committee met to plan
- -Determined award recipient
- -Drafted underwriting letter
- -Contacted printer
- -Began PR for event

-Mailed underwriting letters, which also served as invitation since numbers were limited

-Confirmed student musician

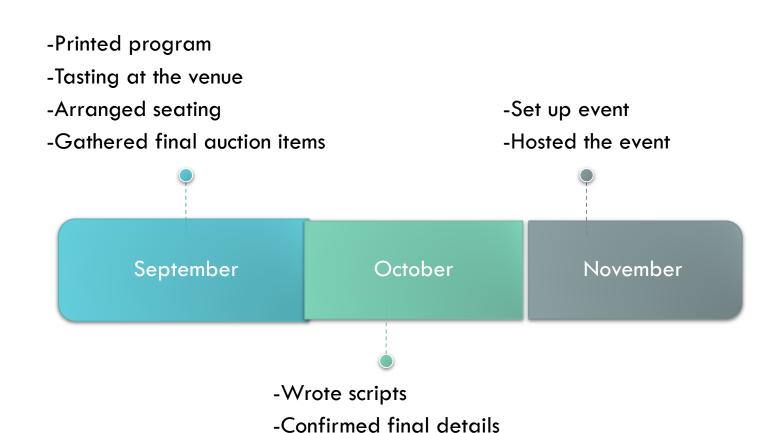


-Met at venue to determine food & wine

-Confirmed main sponsors, honorary chair, clothing store for fashion show, DJ and auctioneer

-Started gathering raffle items

TIMELINE-0-2 MONTHS OUT





PARTNERSHIPS AND VOLUNTEERS

We partnered with a local clothing store

A bank served as our head sponsor

Our honorary chairs were a mother/daughter duo who made a generous donation

The committee (following slide)

On-site volunteers (following slide)

FASHION NOTES COMMITTEE

Head event chair

Auction

Treasurer

Printing

Decorations

Publicity

Model coordinator

Check in/out



ON SITE-VOLUNTEERS

Nineteen models

Four people at registration table

Four people at the "Mystery Notes" gift pull tables

Five people setting up the night before

