

RUSSIAN STRING ORCHESTRA

11/16/18 Desert Ridge High School 83 Students 8 Adults

11/16/18 Combs High School 96 Students 9 adults

11/16/18 Red Mountain High School 147 Students 11 Adults



Canyon Sounds Performance Series presented the outstandingly talented 14-member Russian String Orchestra for a concert on November 16, 2018 in Gold Canyon. The orchestra, comprised of some of Russia's finest young string players, has carved a niche for itself under the creative baton of its founder and music director Misha Rachlevsky. Their skill, warmth and high energy create addictive performances that stay with listeners long after the last note has been played. The signature quality of the orchestra is the depth and variety of its repertoire. The orchestra prides itself in offering interesting and unique programs.

We believe in the importance of arts education and invite all of our presenting artists to create interactive workshops and performances exclusively for local students. Students are invited to attend workshops, school-day performances and master classes at no cost, thus allowing local children to experience world-class arts.



Russian String Orchestra and Student Audience at Desert Ridge High School



At each educational outreach event, students from the school's orchestra were invited to conduct the Russian Chamber Orchestra. The chamber orchestra made every effort to follow the students directing. This was a great way to involve the students. It also gave the student conductors a much better understanding of the need for them as student musicians to watch the conductor and follow the nuances of the conductor's hands and facial expression.

The students shown in these two photographs are from Red Mountain High School. Both were chosen by the other students in the school orchestra through a rather boisterous and spontaneous group selection process. They were the unanimous choices to direct the RSO. Maestro Rachlevsky is a master of this type of interaction with the audience. This was an outstanding Educational Outreach event.



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