

Friends of Garfield Orchestra

Seattle, Washington

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The Garfield High School Orchestra Program is one of the Northwest's premier training grounds for young musicians. Founded in 1984 under the direction of nationally-recognized music educator Marcus Tsutakawa, the program comprises three separate orchestras serving students from diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. Garfield Orchestra has been the recipient of top awards from music festivals and programs across the country. Graduates of Garfield Orchestra have been admitted to study music at top schools throughout the country, including Juilliard, Curtis, Eastman, Harvard, Yale, and Cleveland Institute of Music.

Friends Of Garfield Orchestra (FOGO), is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to:

- Set a standard of excellence in classical musical education within Garfield High School and the Seattle Public Schools
- Allow students of diverse backgrounds to participate in high school classical music education.
- Benefit the cultural life of the Seattle music community. An important focus is assisting low-income/disadvantaged students through loaned instruments, free lessons, and scholarships, including for travel to orchestra festivals.

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Marcus Tsutakawa: Director of Garfield High School Orchestras, 1985-present. Distinguished recipient of many awards and honors for conducting, teaching, and community leadership including the University of Washington College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Alumni Award, Seattle Mayor's Arts Award for Excellence A&E Network Biography Community Hero, *Prix de Martell* award from Martell Cognac, Int'l as a "Champion of Classical Music," and most recently was named a "2013 Superhero for Washington Families" by Seattle Parent Map. Regarding Mr. Tsutakawa's success in teaching creativity and life skills, a former student, now an orchestra director, said "Using classical music, we not only learned how to become musicians but ultimately to be better citizens...Through music he taught us how to work with other people, to really see how a whole is greater than the sum of its parts, in general how music imitates life."