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# Press Release

## **Dr. Duilio Dobrin, DISD Music Specialist, traveled to Buenos Aires, Argentina, to lead 5<sup>th</sup> International Youth Orchestra Conference.**

Prize-winning conductor and educator joined the district in 2003

**Dallas, TX, October 12, 2005.** Conductors of symphony orchestras are often swathed by the lush sounds of one hundred or so musicians. Dobrin is no stranger to such experiences. A student of the legendary Leonard Bernstein, he has led orchestras in cities such as Tokyo, New York and Munich, to name but a few. But leading a mega-ensemble comprised of nearly two thousand players will be quite a different experience, even for a seasoned professional. "I was told that the orchestra could not fit on any regular concert stage, obviously due its massive size. Thus, the city's largest sports arena, Luna Park (similar to our American Airlines Center), will be fitted to accommodate the musicians on the court level. An additional twenty --what can be termed-- 'sub-conductors' will also be scattered throughout the floor in order to assist me, even during the performance"

Dr. Dobrin also expressed his eagerness to learn about the administrative complexities of the event in order to possibly host a similar extravaganza in our city, in the not so distant future: "My educational mantra has been for many years that music *teaches* math, reading, history, geography...and all knowledge. The only difference is that music does it much more beautifully! Our young people who devote countless hours to developing their art, must be recognized and supported like the sports heroes we all admire. What an opportunity to build their self esteem and share societal values which glorify talent, beauty and satisfaction through hard work. Only the arts can do this for a child"

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Among the many accolades received by Dr. Dobrin, prestigious Buenos Aires newspaper *La Nacion* described the event as “Youth United in a Masterful Concert.” Maestro Dobrin also serves as Music Director and Organist at First Presbyterian Church in Rockwall, and Conductor of the all-professional Choir at Shereith Israel, one of the largest Conservative Synagogues in the US.

