

# In The Spotlight...

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## Network for Young Artists

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**Texas Born & Raised** In San Antonio, the **Network for Young Artists** is providing youth with opportunities to develop and showcase their singing, dancing, and acting talents. **NYA**, founded by Terry Lowry, an educator and coach from San Antonio's Edgewood School District, is in its fifth year of existence and has grown from 30 to over 150 youth. These youth range in age from 4 to 20 years of age and members come from all over South Texas from the Rio Grande Valley to the Hill Country. Membership is open to all.

**Music + Education = Success** - **NYA's** basic premise is that youth who have the opportunity to participate in the arts will benefit from the exposure and camaraderie provided by the organization.

Experience shows that youth who develop a stage presence in the performing arts are usually leaders in school and professional environments. **NYA** emphasizes both performing arts and education and, to continue as active **NYA** members, youth are required to maintain high scholastic standards.

**Family Commitment** - **NYA** requires that at least one parent be with the child at all times including meetings, practices, and public performances. This requirement creates an extended family environment and a mutual support group that transcends the organization. In addition, parent participation ensures the security of members in public venues. Family involvement is the key to **NYA's** success. **NYA** parents volunteer for a variety of tasks including cleaning the studio, transporting and running the sound system at events, designing and making costumes and clothing for special events, preparing a newsletter - - whatever it takes to keep **NYA** working.

**Affordable Participation** - To guarantee that all families can afford to participate in **NYA**, the organization charges \$50 annual dues. The dues ensure that members and their families have a feeling of ownership and financial investment in **NYA**. The dues, and occasional corporate sponsorships and **NYA** family contributions, fund professional lessons, pay the rent for a practice studio, and help purchase and maintain professional sound equipment. **NYA** has no paid staff, however, **NYA** does pay professionals to provide lessons and recording studio time.

**Lessons and Events** - **NYA** provides weekly voice, dance, and guitar lessons for members at our studio facilities. **NYA** arranges venues for youth to display their skills. **NYA** has participated in numerous Fiesta San Antonio events, the Holiday River Parade on the Riverwalk, Tejano Music Awards activities, and musical performances at Sea World. Our primary public performance venue is at San Antonio's historic Market Square and La Villita where **NYA** provides musical entertainment 2-5 PM on weekends. Because of this exposure, **NYA** has received numerous requests for membership information and for performances.

**Music Styles** - Musical selections include country, pop, Tejano, mariachi, gospel, hip-hop, oldies - - all music genres. The only restriction on music is that it not contain offensive lyrics, otherwise, members are allowed to select their own music.

For a one-hour performance in the local San Antonio area we usually request a donation of \$150.

The actual donation amount requested is based on event requirements, e.g., sound system, lighting, stage, or theme that may require costumes or other special preparations. **NYA** can support an event of any length, e.g., **NYA** provides performers for two days (five hours on Friday and 12 hours on Saturday) for the Children's Stage at Fiesta Oyster Bake at St. Mary's University.

**Age Requirements** - Membership in the Network for Young Artists is open to youth between the ages of 4 and 20.

**Scholastic Requirements** - School age applicants for membership must be in good scholastic standing in their school.

**School Conduct** - School age applicants for membership must be enrolled in school and not be under suspension for conduct.

**Talent Assessment** - Applicants must participate in a talent assessment. Call **NYA** to request a talent assessment appointment.

**Membership Fees** - Non-Refundable Membership Dues: \$50 per year.

**EVENTS at NYA** - **Note:** All events and times subject to change. Call the **NYA** Hotline (210-226-5611) for updates.

### Schedule for Voice, Dance, and Guitar Lessons:

#### Mondays

6:30 - 7:30 PM, Voice, Ages 4-12

7:30 - 8:30 PM, Guitar, Ages 4-12

#### Tuesdays

6:30 - 7:30 PM, Guitar, Beginners & Intermediate, Ages 13-20

#### Thursdays

6:30 - 7:30 PM, Guitar, Beginners & Intermediate, Ages 13-20

7:30 - 8:30 PM, Voice, Ages 13-20

#### Saturdays

10-11 AM, Dance, Ages 4-12

11 AM - Noon, Dance, Ages 13-20

### INVOLVEMENT BY COMMUNITY LEADERS IN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY:

**Alfredo Flores** of **Alamo Music Center** in San Antonio has donated a Jasmine by Takamine guitar to **NYA** for use by members taking guitar lessons. Mr. Flores is a long time supporter of **NYA** and we gratefully acknowledge his contribution and continued support.

**Gibson Musical Instruments** is partnering with **NYA** to support **NYA's** efforts in Austin and for long-term sponsorship of **NYA** musical instrument programs. **NYA** sincerely appreciates the efforts of **Don Pitts** and **Robert Treviño** of Gibson for their vision, initiative, and generosity.

**H & H Music Company** is a proud sponsor of **NYA** programs providing equipment and technical support. **H & H** staff volunteer their time to run sound for events and troubleshoot equipment. **NYA** is especially grateful to **H & H** professionals **John Michael Carreon** and **Travis Vela** for actively promoting **NYA** and our programs.

To request **NYA** performers for your event, contact **Cesar Triviño**, **NYA** Events Coordinator at: [cesartri@aol.com](mailto:cesartri@aol.com) or 210-226-5611 or 210-535-8110 - Please send all other correspondence to: [nya@nya.us](mailto:nya@nya.us) or visit [www.nya.us](http://www.nya.us)

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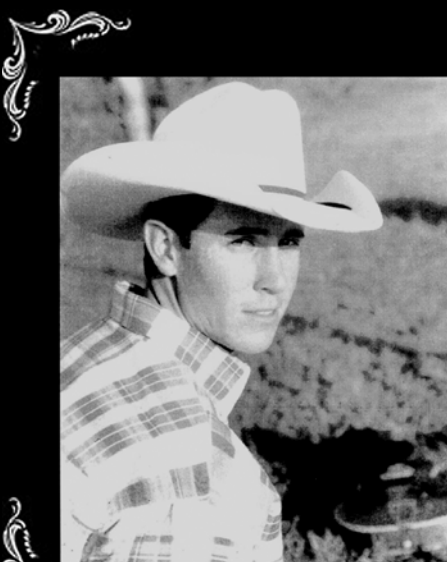
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