

# LADY BIRD JOHNSON MIDDLE SCHOOL, IRVING, TEXAS

## PROJECT CASE STUDY



ULTRASTOR™ INSTRUMENT STORAGE CABINETS, FLEX® CONDUCTOR'S SYSTEM AND TECHBRIDGES, STUDENT CHAIRS, CLASSIC 50® MUSIC STANDS, STRING INSTRUMENT RACKS AND FOLIO CABINETS

***“We choose Wenger because it doesn't cost that much more to go first class. You can either pay now or pay later.”***

– Jeremy Earnhart,  
Director of Fine Arts & Enrichment



FOLIO CABINETS



TRAVELMASTER™ ACOUSTICAL SHELL AND SIGNATURE® CHORAL RISERS

## CHALLENGE

Supply specialized furniture and equipment for new middle school music suite.

## WENGER SOLUTION

Providing planning resources and on-site assistance. Recommending optimal combination of storage solutions – both mobile and installed. Promoting proper posture habits for seated musicians.

## BENEFITS

- Mobile storage solutions offer protection and flexibility
- Storage cabinets help organize sheet music and technology
- Music posture chairs support a range of students
- Durable equipment delivers long-term performance
- Conductor's system maximizes convenience and ergonomics
- Chair and stand carts smooth logistics and handling

## HIGHLIGHTS

"We love Wenger products and the customer service is amazing," says Gayla Lawrence, Instructional Fine Arts Coordinator in the Irving I.S.D., Irving, Texas.

"Our Wenger representatives were with us every step of the way, even wearing hard hats with us at the dirty, dusty construction site," she notes.

Lady Bird Johnson Middle School opened in 2011 as the first net zero school in Texas and the largest net zero middle school in the nation. A net zero building produces as much energy as it consumes through technologies like LED lighting, wind turbines, solar panels and geothermal systems.

For the orchestra program, growing participation meant instrument storage was at a premium; instruments had been lined up around the rehearsal room.

"The String Instrument Racks have been lifesavers this year," comments Nancy Epperson, Orchestra Director. The racks can be easily rolled out of the way when necessary, including into a storage room for the summer.

"We've purchased storage racks from other companies but they're just not as well-built as the Wenger racks," Epperson notes. "Wenger racks are easy to assemble, easy to move and easy to access."

Along with these racks, she appreciates how the Instrument Storage Cabinets help protect fragile string instruments. Cabinet doors offer security and the cabinets are more durable than homemade solutions.

"Our district chooses Wenger instrument storage cabinets for their construction and durability, including the door load rating," comments Jeremy Earnhart, Director of Fine Arts & Enrichment.

When storing sheet music, Folio Cabinets offer Epperson the ability make changes to suit her program's future needs, with flexible slot labels and adjustable shelf spacing.

The Stereo Workstation holds various items of technology, including computer, tuner and metronome; Epperson may add CD recording equipment later. With its lockable roll-top desk, her instrument can be secured when it's left out of the case.

To organize conducting equipment and other essential items, Epperson appreciates the Flex Conductor's System's versatility.

"I have easy access to my laptop computer and the worksurface can also hold my instrument," she explains. "It's very convenient." The wire rack helps hold commonly used items like rosin or mutes, along with key documents.

To provide extra space for conducting rehearsals, she places the two podiums of the Conductor's System side by side to create one wider podium.

Epperson also appreciates the adjustable-height Conductor's Chair because the height is variable to suit her preference. It goes up and down smoothly and is easy to move.

For students, Classic 50 music stands and Student Chairs are counted on in rehearsals and performances.

"I wouldn't go back to metal stands – the Classic 50 stand is much lighter and quite durable," contends Epperson. "I've not had any problems with breakage and the desk adjustment stays tight so music doesn't fall off."

She likes how the Student Chairs help everyone sit with better posture. Smaller students sit on the edge of the chair so their feet can reach the floor. Taller students can sit against the back and still have good posture.

"Wenger's music posture chairs are the industry standard," explains Earnhart. "They're sturdy and support proper posture for music. There is no equal."

Transporting music stands and chairs between rehearsals and concerts is a smooth operation with the proper equipment and student involvement. For orchestra concerts in the gym, two of Epperson's three orchestras play together, requiring many chairs and stands.

"The Move & Store Carts are wonderful!" exclaims Epperson. "It's much easier and faster than carrying them individually."



STUDENT CHAIRS AND STRING INSTRUMENT RACKS



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INSTRUMENT STORAGE

## PRODUCT LIST

AcoustiCabinets™, String Instrument Racks, Student Chairs, Classic 50® Music Stands, Move & Store Carts, Flex® Conductor's System and TechBridges, Folio Cabinets, Stereo Workstation, Deluxe Percussion Workstation, Music Library System, Travelmaster™ Acoustical Shell and Signature® Choral Risers.