

MUSIC

2025 - 2026



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SPRING 2026 CONCERTS

All concerts are held at the Green Music Center

JAN 23-24	All Day	Sonoma County Honor Ensembles	Weill Hall & Schroeder Hall
JAN 31	10:00 a.m.	Music Department Entrance Auditions	Schroeder Hall
FEB 1	2:00 p.m.	Navarro Trio	Schroeder Hall
FEB 4	6:00 p.m.	Department Recruiting Open House: Strings	
FEB 5-7	All Day	NORCAL Honor Ensembles	Weill Hall & Schroeder Hall
FEB 28	9:00 a.m.	Music Department Entrance Auditions	Schroeder Hall
MAR 2	1:00 p.m.	Music Department Repertory Recital	Schroeder Hall
MAR 6	7:30 p.m.	Jazz Combos/Latin Band	Schroeder Hall
MAR 7	All Day	NATS Choral Event	Schroeder Hall
MAR 8	3:00 p.m.	Symphony Orchestra + Symphonic Wind Ens.	Weill Hall
MAR 9	7:30 p.m.	Concert Band & SRJC	Weill Hall
MAR 9-13	All Day	Invitational Band/Orchestra Festival	Weill Hall
MAR 28	10:00 a.m.	Music Department Entrance Auditions	Schroeder Hall
APR 3	7:30 p.m.	Concerto Competition	Schroeder Hall
APR 7	7:30 p.m.	Faculty recital: Laura Reynolds	Schroeder Hall
APR 16	7:30 p.m.	New Music Sonoma Concert	Schroeder Hall
APR 19	2:00 p.m.	Navarro Trio	Schroeder Hall
APR 24	All Day	CMEA State Choral Festival	Weill Hall
APR 25	7:30 p.m.	Symphony Orchestra	Weill Hall
APR 26	2:00 p.m.	Brass Ensemble	Schroeder Hall
APR 27	1:00 p.m.	Deartment Repertory Recital	Schroeder Hall
APR 27	7:30 p.m.	MT/Opera Scenes	Schroeder Hall
APR 28	7:30 p.m.	Guitar Ensemble	Schroeder Hall
MAY 1	7:30 p.m.	Jazz Combos/Latin Band	Schroeder Hall
MAY 2	7:30 p.m.	Rock Collegium	Schroeder Hall
MAY 3	2:00 p.m.	Chamber Music Ensembles	Schroeder Hall
MAY 4	12:00 p.m.	Instrumental Juries	Schroeder Hall
MAY 6	12:00 p.m.	Vocal Juries	Schroeder Hall
MAY 8	7:30 p.m.	Concert Band & Maria Carrillo HS	Weill Hall
MAY 9	7:30 p.m.	Concert Choir & Sonovoce	Schroeder Hall

MAY 10	2:00 p.m.	Student Composers*	Schroeder Hall
MAY 14	7:30 p.m.	Symphonic Wind Ensemble & Mt. San Antonio College Wind Ensemble	Weill Hall
MAY 15	7:30 p.m.	Jazz Orchestra & Mt. San Antonio College Jazz Ensemble	Weill Hall
MAY 20	1:00 p.m.	Vocal Repertory Concert	Schroeder Hall
JUN 22-26	All Day	Summer Band Conducting Symposium	Weill Hall

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Sonoma State University Department of Music
presents

2026
Sonoma County Honor Bands

Craig Bryant, Middle School guest conductor

Dr. Dustin Barr, High School guest conductor

***North Bay
Honor String Orchestra***

Brant Nishida, guest conductor

January 24, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Weill Hall, Green Music Center

PROGRAM

NORTH BAY STRING ORCHESTRA Brant Nishida, guest conductor

String Quartet No. 2

Maddalena Lombardini Sirmen

Arranged by Jennifer Meckler

Movement 1 from Symphony No. 8

Franz Schubert

Arranged by Robert McCashin

Adagio Cantabile

R. Nathaniel Dett

Arranged by Dion Morales

La Llorna

Arranged by Talamantes

Flexin'

Armond Vance

MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR BAND

Craig Bryant, guest conductor

Albany Fanfare

William Owens

Legacy of the Land

Tyler S. Grant

Softly Speaks the Night

Carol Brittin Chambers

Starlight Adventures

Adrian B. Sims

The Boom-Boom Galop

Randall D. Standridge

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND

Dr. Dustin Barr, guest conductor

Infinity

Katahj Copley

Autumn

Cait Nishimura

Corsican Litany

Vaclav Nelhybel

Illumination

David Maslanka

NORTH BAY HONOR STRING ORCHESTRA

1ST VIOLIN

Aldrick Martinez Cruz - SRHS
Rae Caleshu - AWHS
Jaaziel Mathias - WHS
Lorenzo Lopez - AHS
Clayton Rucker - CHS
Rhea Densmore - AHS
Ewan McKenna - CHS

2ND VIOLIN

Dennis Yakzan - AHS
Emma Fritsch - SRHS
Joshua De La Cruz - THS
Giada Saechao - CHS
Capri Prada - AHS
Madeline McCormick - CHS
Aurora Martinez - WHS
Benjamin Ruder-Zilber - CHS
Magnus Figueroa - CHS
Avyana Tendencia Boynton - CHS

VIOLA

Claire Sophia Landecker - SRHS
Fiona O'Dell - CHS
Seppe Cole - MCHS
Melanie Rodriguez - MCHS
Cassidy Arthur - MCHS
Elliot Rashap - MCHS
Ava Noel - MCHS
Katy Salazar - WHS

CELLO

Luke Roberds - SRHS
Sabrina Cody - SRHS
Cass Lein - AWHS
Billie Jones - SRHS
Lucia Carballo Hidalgo - SRHS
Oliver Vazquez - AWHS
Juan Garcia - EAHS
Fiona Erickson - SRHS
Jasmine Tonglaw - CHS
Leila Sherman - CHS
Yumin Yi - RCHS
Chloe Dearmore - SRHS
Chloe Hamlin - MCHS

BASS

Liam Jackson - THS
Rio McFarland - WHS
Jessica Beek - SRHS
Miles Markwood - PHS
Gabe Porter - AWHS

MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR BAND

FLUTE

Sarah Kwon - RVMS

Nora Zanzi - KJHS

Joseph Phaneuf - KJHS

Violet Keane - LJMS

Chloe Daniels - BMS

Claire Berg - MJHS

Tenoch Ibarra Castaneda - SRJH

Lia Kalinowski - SLMS

Logan Cao - MJHS

Natalie Vinluan - LJMS

Aurora Castillejo - CCLA

Carla Martinez Estrada - AMS

OBOE

Quinn Clymo - SLMS

Aaliyah Lasater - MJHS

BASSOON

Izzy Crandall - KJHS

CLARINET

Frankie Libecap - KJHS

Logan Barney - LJMS

Markus Wiser - HMS

Santiago Moya - CMS

Kianna Lam - CCLA

Daniela Alejandro Lopez - PJHS

Elin Swinburn - BMS

Emma Krebs - RVMS

Lily Hope - SRJH

Alizah Martinez - SLMS

Genesis Garcia Rodriguez - MJHS

Alysha Montoya - BMS

Sophia Martinez - HJHS

Kiki Lopez - BMS

Serena Graham - MJHS

Rebecca Resendiz Miranda - LJMS

Jocelyn Sanchez - CMS

Melissa Sullivan - PJHS

BASS CLARINET

Jose Mora Garcia - HMS

Liam Koenneker - CMS

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Hannah Merta - PJHS

Cora Raya - KJHS

Isabella Vasquez - SLMS

Eden Lapidés - CCLA

Joleen Chua - LJMS

Peter Bellomo - WMS

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Henry Guzman Alba - PJHS

Charlotte Benton - RVMS

Nico Drew - WMS

BARI SAXOPHONE

Bodhi Poole-Schram - PJHS

TRUMPET

Chris Chacon - KJHS

Henry Musman - PJHS

Evan Johnston - LJMS

Saul Diaz Paez - AMS

Reid Sanderson - WMS

Sawyer Kitchens - KJHS

Aiden Ortiz Beltran - SRJH

Dallas Erickson-Barbieri - PJHS

Ivan Romero Saldana - AMS

Lucas Hurst - HMS

FRENCH HORN

Luke Anderson - KJHS

Brandon Barajas Ochoa - KJHS

Josh Houghton - SLMS

TROMBONE

Ciella Kyle - SLMS

Stevie Ball - LJMS

Callie Strika - HMS

Karthik Sundar - KJHS

Liam Gardner - RVMS

EUPHONIUM

Kingston Harris - BMS

Daniel Rodriguez - LJMS

TUBA

Josephine Coyle - CCLA

Clark Robinson - LJMS

PERCUSSION

Dillon Sande - SLMS

Gavin MacLeamy - KJHS

Myles Romano - KJHS

Daelyn Hill - LJMS

Jasper Phipps - HMS

Aiden Soto - CCLA

Vivien Ruiz - RVMS

Oliver Peterson - WMS

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND

FLUTE

Lizzy Torres - RCHS

Emely Perez Meza - PHS

Kailash Wood - SRHS

Alissa Advocate - RCHS

Tomás Mercado - MHS

Ace Soy - PINER

Ally Buot - CGHS

Isla Pimentel - AHS

Sydney Foster - CGHS

Bryanna Cortez Sierra - HHS

Kevin Nuño Ledezma - SRHS

Songtsen Hergenrath - AHS

Benjamin Hegedus - AHS

Alyissa Codd - PHS

Makayla Velasco - PHS

Gauge Renshaw - WHS

Jonathan Flores - HHS

AtreyuMoats - SRHS

Anthony Carpenito - EAHS

Jaycee Beasley - AHS

Sarah Garcia - CGHS

Adelaide Ower - AHS

OBOE

Avery Uang - THS

BASSOON

Gio Caccavale - THS

Dex Griggs - PINER

CLARINET

Micah Stewart - MHS

Lara McAllister - THS

Ady Palomec - RCHS

BASS CLARINET

Lindy Zanga - THS

Elliott Larsen - MHS

Skyler Gomez - PINER

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Christopher Dueñas - MHS

Leandro Lopez - RCHS

Olivia Alvarenga - CGHS

Alondra Huanca-Huaman - THS

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Lexis Lee - PINER
Max Arango - RCHS

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Hadi Estrada - WHS
Nyx Stafford - AHS

TRUMPET

Ethan Levinson - RCHS
Emily Bendzick - CGHS
Will Kapis - AHS
Thomas Giroux - CGHS
Avery Rottman - THS
Huy Vu - EAHS
Chris Castro - PINER
Catherine Miles - AHS
Benton Lichty - CGHS
Silas McAllister - HHS

HORN

Camille Maurice - THS
Yael Arenas Vasquez - CGHS
Jose Lopez - MHS
Rose Pettibone - CGHS
Tomas Hernandez - WHS
Olivia Banuelos - RCHS
Tyler Campbell - RCHS

TROMBONE

Marley Namack Vespa - PHS
Daniel Montes - MHS
Jay Rojas - RCHS
Brian Guadarrama Barrera - PINER
Eli Mortensen - AHS
Eli Righetti - AHS
Jefferson Nix - WHS
Jake Hobbs - CGHS

EUPHONIUM

Josh Gomez - THS
Daniela Hernandez Sanchez - PHS
Elia DelMonte - AHS

TUBA

Jovan Hecker - PHS
Sharai Valdez - MHS
Vincent Simonson - RCHS
Jonathan Galeana - HHS

STRING BASS

June Duncan - CGHS
Kylie White - MHS

PERCUSSION

Kyra Palu - RCHS
Niles Cobb - HHS
Oliver Reyes - PINER
Anthony Alonso - RCHS
Henry Parkinson - SRHS
Kiera Meyer - CGHS

Participating Middle Schools

AMS	Altimira Middle School	Dana Phillips
BMS	Brookhaven Middle School	Andy DelMonte
CCLA	Cesar Chavez Language Academy	Kyle Thompson
CMS	Comstock Middle School	Erik Ohlson
KJHS	Kenilworth Junior High School	Kevin Klemenok
HJHS	Healdsburg Junior High School	John Natelli
HMS	Hillcrest Middle School	Nick Pulley
LJMS	Lawrence Jones Middle School	Carolyn Niehaus-Owen
MJHS	Montgomery Junior High School	Sara Williams
PJHS	Petaluma Junior High School	Cliff Eveland
RVMS	Rincon Valley Middle School	Roxanne Boulais
SRJH	Santa Rosa Junior High	Tim Decker

Participating High Schools

ACHS	American Canyon High School	Brendan Day
AHS	Analy High School	Casey Jones
CGHS	Casa Grande High School	Sean Millard
EAHS	Elsie Allen High School	Efrain Nava
HHS	Healdsburg High School	John Natelli
MCHS	Maria Carrillo High	Matthew Bringedahl
MHS	Montgomery High School	Matthew Perez
MSA	Marin School of the Arts	Matthew Verplaetse
PHS	Petaluma High School	Cliff Eveland
PINER	Piner High School	John Mayer
RCHS	Rancho Cotate High School	Dustin Friel
SRHS	Santa Rosa High School	Tim Decker
SVHS	Sonoma Valley High School	Landon Lemnoine
THS	Technology High School	Jenna Eggering
WHS	Windsor High School	Steve Hoffman

BIOGRAPHIES



Brant Nishida (he/him) serves as Director of Instrumental Music at San Ramon Valley High School in Danville, California. At SRV, he directs the orchestra, marching band, jazz band, symphonic band, and wind ensemble. Under his leadership, these ensembles have earned numerous accolades at CMEA and NCBA festivals and competitions. In addition to his teaching duties, Brant serves as President of the California Orchestra Directors Association (CODA). He has previously held positions as Vice President and All-State Orchestra Coordinator for CODA, as well as Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access Co-Representative on the California Music Educators Association (CMEA) State Council of Representatives.

Brant holds a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from the University of the Pacific (UOP) and a Master of Music in Music Education from Boston University (BU). At UOP, he studied double bass with Thomas Derthick and instrumental conducting with the late Dr. Eric Hammer. His graduate research at BU focused on the development of culturally responsive curriculum in the secondary music classroom. In 2017, he received the CMEA Bay Section Gilbert T. Freitas Memorial Award for Achievement in Music Education.

Born and raised in Mililani, Hawai'i, Brant now resides in the San Francisco Bay Area with his wife, Kim, and their corgi, Toast.



Craig Bryant has served as the Director of Instrumental Music at Albany High School in Albany, CA since 2007. Mr. Bryant leads a strong and diverse music program that is recognized for its musical excellence throughout the Bay Area. The instrumental program at Albany is made up of 200 students in two orchestras, two concert bands, and two jazz ensembles. Under Mr. Bryant's direction, groups have received top ratings and awards at various band and orchestra festivals throughout CA.

Albany High School musical groups have performed at Carnegie Hall, the CMEA State Conference, the Next Generation Jazz Festival presented by the Monterey Jazz Festival, and the Essentially Ellington Festival presented by Jazz at Lincoln Center. Mr. Bryant serves as President of CMEA Bay Section, with prior service to the profession as Secretary for the California Alliance for Jazz, and as Band Representative for CMEA Bay Section. He is in demand as an adjudicator and clinician in the Bay Area, serves as regular conductor at Cazadero Music Camp, and conducted the 2016 California Jr. High School All-State Jazz Ensemble. Mr. Bryant was recognized as an NBC Sports Bay Area All-Star Teacher in 2018, and received the 2019 CMEA Outstanding Jazz Educator Award. He was inducted to the John Philip Sousa Foundations Legion of Honor in 2022. He was recently recognized with the CMEA Byron Hoyt / Don Schmeer Outstanding Band Educator Award.

Mr. Bryant grew up in Asheville, NC, where his parents were his high school band and choir teachers. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree in trombone performance from the Indiana University Jacobs

School of Music and a Master of Music Education degree from Boston University. He is a freelance trombonist in various bands and orchestras throughout the Bay Area. Nevada at Reno.



Dustin Barr is the Director of Wind Studies and Associate Professor of Music at California State University, Fullerton, where he leads the university's comprehensive band program. He conducts the acclaimed University Wind Symphony and University Band, oversees the graduate wind conducting program, and teaches courses in conducting and music education. Prior experiences include appointments as Assistant Director of Bands at Michigan State University, Director of Bands at Mt. San Antonio College, and Assistant Director of Bands at Esperanza High School in Anaheim, California.

A leading pedagogue in the field of conducting, Barr collaborated with theatre director Jerald Schwiebert to integrate performance theory with various movement disciplines, pioneering innovative approaches to conducting instruction. Their co-authored book, *Expressive Conducting: Movement and Performance Theory for Conductors* (Routledge, 2018), has become an essential resource for conductors worldwide. His work in movement theory has resulted in invitations to present masterclasses and lectures throughout the USA and in Spain. Moreover, his research on Scandinavian chamber wind ensemble music resulted in published editions of Asger Lund Christiansen's Octet, Op. 43 and Svend Schultz's *Divertimento for Wind Octet*.

Dr. Barr's accomplishments have garnered wide recognition, including winning Second Prize of the 2024 American Prize in Conducting and Second Prize of the 2024 American Prize in Collegiate Wind Band Performance. His leadership of the CSUF University Wind Symphony has resulted in prestigious performances at the College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA) conferences at both national (2019) and regional (2024) levels, as well as a headlining performance at the 2023 California All State Music Education Conference. The University Wind Symphony's 2022 album, *Effigy*, is another noteworthy achievement. This album features the music of composer Brian Baumbusch and was the result of innovative musical practices and remote recording projects undertaken during the COVID-19 pandemic. Under Barr's direction, the ensemble also received Third Prize in the 2021 American Prize Ernst Bacon Award for the Performance of American Music.

Dr. Barr has guest conducted prominent ensembles, including the United States Army Band "Pershing's Own" and the United States Air Force Band of the Golden West, in addition to numerous collegiate bands across the country. Additionally, he has appeared as guest conductor of leading municipal bands throughout Spain and will travel to Panama in 2026 to conduct the inaugural Panama National Youth Honor Band. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts in conducting from the University of Michigan, and both Master and Bachelor of Music degrees from California State University, Fullerton. His principal mentors include Michael Haithcock and Mitchell Fennell.

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STRINGS

Eric Cabalo, Classical Guitar

Gail Hernandez Rosa, Violin & Viola

Jill Rachuay Brindel, Cello

Mark Wallace, Classical Bass

Aaron Westman, Violin & Viola

WOODWINDS

Andrew Harrison, Classical Saxophone

Victoria Hauk, Flute

Laura Reynolds, Oboe & English Horn

Jeff Robinson, Bassoon

Roy Zajac, Clarinet

BRASS

Alicia Mastromonaco, Horn

Daniel Norris, Trumpet

David Ridge, Trombone

Jonathan Seiberlich, Tuba and Euphonium

PERCUSSION AND PIANO

Marilyn Thompson, Piano

Jennifer Wilsey, Percussion

VOICE

Mary Evelyn Hangley

Mark Kratz

JAZZ

Ian Carey, Trumpet

Ken Cook, Piano

Andrew Emer, Bass

Kendrick Freeman, Latin Band

Raffi Garabedian, Saxophone

Doug Leibinger, Trombone

George Marsh, Drums

Randy Vincent, Guitar

PERFORMING ENSEMBLES

Choral/Vocal

Concert Choir

Symphonic Chorus

SonoVoce

Music Theater/Opera Scenes

Instrumental

Concert Band

Symphonic Wind Ensemble

Symphony Orchestra

Brass Ensemble

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2025 - 2026 AUDITION DATES

November 1 (Early Action)
January 31
February 28
March 1



DEGREE PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Music

Music Teacher Preparation, Instrumental
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Performance, Instrumental
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