

MUSIC

2025 - 2026



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SPRING 2026 CONCERTS

All concerts are held at the Green Music Center

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| 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 |

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| 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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\$20 General

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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 Lapides - 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

OBOE

Avery Uang - THS

BASSOON

Gio Caccavale - THS
Dex Griggs - PINER

CLARINET

Micah Stewart - MHS
Lara McAllister - THS
Ady Palomec - RCHS

Songtsen Hergenrather - 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

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 Vespia - 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

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| 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

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| 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 AllState 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.

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

FACULTY

R. Anderson Collinworth, Department Chair, Director of Bands

Jenny Bent, Director of Choral Activities and Voice Program

Alexander Kahn, Director of Orchestral Activities

Doug Leibinger, Director of Jazz Studies

Thom Limbert, Composition Program

Kim Mieder, Music Teacher Preparation

John R. Palmer, Musicology, Musicianship, Rock Collegium

Marilyn Thompson, Piano and Chamber Music Director

Brian S. Wilson, Music Theory Program

STRINGS

Eric Cabalo, Classical Guitar

Gail Hernandez Rosa, Violin & Viola

Jill Rachuy 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

Percussion Ensemble

Guitar Ensemble

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Saxophone Quartet

Rock Collegium

Jazz

Jazz Orchestra

Latin Jazz Band

Concert Jazz 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

Music Teacher Preparation, Choral

Music Teacher Preparation, Jazz

Performance, Instrumental

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