

The California Music Educators Association  
Central Coast Section



**2022-2023**  
**HIGH SCHOOL**  
**HONORS CONCERT**

FEATURING

**High School Honor Orchestra**  
**High School Honor Band**

Cabrillo College  
6500 Soquel Dr. Aptos, CA  
February 4, 2023  
2:00 p.m.

## Welcome Message



Welcome to the 2022-2023 CCS Honor Concert. On behalf of the CMEA Central Coast Section Board of Directors, congratulations to the top young musicians from four counties - Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo and Santa Cruz, who perform today and to those who made the extraordinary effort to audition for these high caliber ensembles.

After two years of adjusting to COVID 19 restrictions, it has been our duty to ensure we keep these events alive for the benefits of our students to expand their study of music. The guest conductors have selected and prepared challenging and engaging repertoire to build a cohesion of pedagogy in the art form and establish high standards for music education.

With the support of their communities, families, teachers and school administrators. Thank you for supporting and valuing arts education by supporting their journey to this stage. With this said, for the last 2 years we had run into some financial difficulties due to COVID. We are one of the only sections in California that tries to keep our audition and participation fees affordable for all students. With your donation we can keep our motto that music education is for all students regardless of finances. We need your support, if you agree please donate to our organization, so that we can keep these events in the future.

Today's concert is being digitally recorded and will be available on our website for free. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to obtain a professional recording. This is done by your donation!

Please plan to enjoy the entire concert. Concert etiquette and respect for the musicians ask that you silence all electronics, escort distressed children to the lobby, and use flash photography only between pieces. It is also requested that, if necessary, you enter or exit only between performances. Thank you for supporting a truly balanced curriculum for your students that includes music education. Enjoy the Concert!

Best,

Sam Oh, President.  
CMEA-Central Coast Section

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Central Coast Section is an affiliate member of the California Music Educators Association.  
CMEA is a Federated unit of NAFME: National Association for Music Education.

## Donations

### Why Donate?

Much of our funding comes from donations. Like many organizations, the dark ages of COVID has affected our ability to recover expenditures used to keep up with the cost of hosting our annual Honors Events and Festivals throughout the year, as well as cover costs for other such expenses that are normally replenished. These events provide opportunities for the musicians of the Central Coast Section to develop crucial and life-long music skills, build relationships with other musicians as well as educators, establish a foundation of success in what we hope become lifelong music careers, and allow students to experience the true joy and passion of what the arts provide. We thank you for your continued support and dedication.

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## Purpose

Membership is open to all music educators working in public and private schools, colleges and universities in California. The purposes of the association are: (1) to promote access to a sequential music education for all Pre-K through Grade 12 students taught by fully qualified music educators; (2) to support and improve existing music programs; (3) to promote quality pre-service and in-service music teacher preparation programs; and, (4) to create a greater awareness of the value of music education through partnerships with other associations and advocacy among state and local agencies.

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## High School Honor Orchestra Conductor



**Danko Druško**- Born to Croatian parents in Germany, Danko Druško is Artistic Director of COJAC (California Orchestra and Jazz Academy), and Music Director of El Sistema USA/Salinas and the Monterey County Youth Symphony. He is guest Cover Conductor for the LA Phil at Walt Disney Hall, the Hollywood Bowl and The Ford, and has collaborated with artists such as Alison Balsom, Nicola Benedetti, Lukas Vondracek, Ledisi, Simone Young, Thomas Wilkins, David Newman, Café Tacvba, Gustavo Dudamel, and more. Drusko was Director of Orchestra & Opera and taught conducting at the Northern Illinois University School of Music. He was Associate Instructor at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music and is a frequent guest conductor, clinician and pre-concert lecturer.

Drusko has conducted professional, university and youth orchestras throughout Europe and North America such as the Frankfurt Radio Symphony, Frankfurt Opera, Opéra Royal de Wallonie, Budapest Operetta, Metropolitan Orchestra Lisbon, Rochester Philharmonic, Naples Philharmonic, University of Florida School of Music, University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Music, University of Nebraska-Omaha School of Music, Jacobs School of Music, Eastman School of Music, Guildhall School of Music, Staatliche Hochschule für Musik Trossingen, Idaho State Civic Symphony, Santa Clara University Orchestra, San Diego Youth Symphony, and YOLA (Youth Orchestra Los Angeles, LA Phil), among others.

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## High School Honor Orchestra Conductor

With career beginnings as a trumpet player, Drusko competed in Germany's national competition for young musicians "Jugend musiziert" after which he was invited to study trumpet at the Augsburg College of Music, today the Leopold Mozart Zentrum. Along with work as a professional trumpet player in symphonies and opera pit orchestras in Germany, Drusko also enjoyed performing as a tenor in several operas and toured with orchestras to Spain, Italy, Denmark, Poland and the United States.

Drusko was a recipient of the 2011 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship and won the first and only prize in conducting by the County Culture Foundation of Lake Constance in Germany (2012). In 2014 he was awarded the prestigious Friedrichshafen City Art Award, a distinction given to promising artists every two years in their effort to promote cultural advancements in the region. He was invited to some of the most competitive conducting competitions with orchestras such as the London Symphony Orchestra and Frankfurt Radio Symphony.

He is an advocate for new music and founded the Hoosier Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir 2016, recruiting 250 musicians to perform Mahler's Symphony No. 2 in its inaugural concert at the Indiana Memorial Union's Alumni Hall.

Drusko holds a Doctor of Music degree in Orchestral Conducting from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. He received his Master's Degree in Orchestral Conducting from the Eastman School of Music and holds Staatsexamen degrees from both the Staatliche Hochschule für Musik in Trossingen (B.M. & M.M.) and the University of Konstanz (B.A. & M.Ed. English Literature & Linguistics; minor in Philosophy & Ethics). He also passed the highly competitive physical aptitude test in order to study sport science in Germany. Drusko currently lives in what John Steinbeck described as paradise with his wife, son, and pets.



## High School Honor Band Conductor



**Christopher Woodruff** has been director of bands since fall 2018. He served as associate director of bands from fall 2006 and was interim director for 2017-18. In addition to his responsibilities with the concert and athletic bands at Cal Poly, he teaches courses in music education and music theory.

As instructor of trumpet, he also coaches brass chamber ensembles and teaches methods courses in brass pedagogy.

Woodruff pursued a bachelor's degree in music education at Louisiana State University. He continued his studies in conducting at Northwestern University, where he received the Eckstein Band Conducting Grant and earned a master's degree in music. His principal conducting teachers have included Frank Wickes, John Paynter, Stephen Peterson and Mallory Thompson. While in Chicago, Woodruff served as music director of the Spring Valley Concert Band and was a guest conductor for the Northshore Concert Band and the Northshore Chamber Orchestra.

He has appeared as guest conductor for the Cal Poly Symphony, Penn Central Wind Band, and San Luis Chamber Orchestra. He also serves as conductor for honor bands in California and across the nation.

An active trumpet performer, Woodruff has been a member of numerous professional and community ensembles. He regularly performs with local groups such as Orchestra Novo, Santa Maria Philharmonic and Opera San Luis Obispo. He has been featured in solo works for trumpet with the Penn Central Wind Band, San Luis Obispo Wind Orchestra, and the San Luis Obispo Chamber Orchestra. In 2014 he performed at the Kaleidoscope Festival in Dublin, Ireland. He has studied trumpet with James West, Joseph Jamerson, Adam Luftman, Rex Richardson and Jose Sibaja.

**High School Honor Orchestra**

Danko Drusko, Conductor

Jillian Lassen, CCS HS Honor Orchestra Chair

Holberg Suite, Op. 40, Movement 1 .....Edvard Grieg

Impromptu.....Jean Sibelius

Heart of Fire.....Lauren Bernofsky

Viva La Vida.....Guy Berryman, John Buckland,  
Will Champion, Chris Martin

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**High School Honor Band**

Christopher Woodruff, Conductor

Joey Fortino, CCS HS Honor Band Chair

Americans We.....Fillmore Fennell

One Life Beautiful.....Julie Giroux

Shenandoah.....Omar Thomas

That Which Binds Us.....Brian Balmages



# High School Honor Orchestra

## Violin I

Anais Huet \* PCS  
Kai Hu \* RLS  
Jazzmin Morenzi \* RLS  
Erin Kang \* RLS  
Angela Liu \* PGH  
Hannah Shu \* CHS

## Viola

Rylee Sakakihara \* PGH  
Eunwoo Kim \* MHS  
Kira Lieberman \* PGH  
Keira Galvez \* PGH  
Rose Finn \* YOR  
Kevin Wang \* RLS

## Bass

Max Tempesta \* PCS  
William Bulfin \* PCS

## Violin II

Kylie Wright \* CHS  
Nathan Chen \* CHS  
Kenzi Sakakihara \* PGH  
Libby Travis \* RLS  
Tasuku Nagashima \* RLS  
Elizabeth Chan \* CHS  
Hudson Fallon \* CHS  
Erin Ikemiya \* CHS  
Lillian Murkison \* PGH

## Cello

John Paul Lee \* PCS  
Olivia Bartle \* CHS  
Katrina Bauer \* RLS  
Lilian Mendez \* CHS  
Connor Bone \* CHS  
Merielle Flagg \* CHS  
Melia Handley \* CHS  
Alexander Ryan \* PGH  
Milan LaVilla \* MAR  
Zachary Lee \* PAL

# High School Honor Band

## Flute

Sophia Pyo \* PHS  
Zoe Huet \* PCS  
Braedon Dysart \* SLV  
Sabrina Lim \* HOL  
Zachary Rasmussen \* CHS  
Haylie Rivers \* NMCH  
Sadie Spaulding \* SOQ  
Abigail Gabrielson \* SLV  
Claire Kim \* CHS  
Lauren Agredano \* HOL  
Ethan McKee, Felton \* SLV

## Oboe

Robert Gomez \* CHS  
Bailey Ghigliazza \* SHS  
Yaretzi Martinez \* NSH  
Lillian Gullo, Felton \* SLV  
Taylor Madrid \* HOL

## B-flat Clarinet

Dylan Freitas \* HOL  
Giada Scattini \* CHS  
Samantha Barragan \* PGH  
Riley McArdle \* CHS  
Fernanda Hernandez Mena \* NSH  
Lucas Quezada, Salinas \* NSH  
Abigail Kim \* CHS  
Michael Perez \* SHS  
Arturo Ordaz-Gutierrez \* NSH  
Natalie Fernandez, Felton \* SLV  
Angeline Rivas, Salinas \* AHS  
Faith Brenkwitz \* HHS  
Elizabeth Andrade \* HHS

## Bass Clarinet

Leeza Gatson \* HOL  
Brandon Barrios \* EAH  
Kevin Baskerville \* SOQ

## Bassoon

Sebastian Montoya \* AHS  
Bernadette Razo \* PHG  
Jori Fields \* SLV

## Alto Saxophone

Annette Ma \* RLS  
Sarah Stopper \* HOL  
Avery Cua \* HOL  
Daniel Spadafora \* SOQ

## Tenor Saxophone

Noah Rowe \* HHS  
Brandon Gatson \* HOL

## Baritone Saxophone

Jared Provencio \* HOL

## Trumpet

Yuvia Padilla \* HOL  
Joseph Logan Manildi \* HHS  
John Klevan \* PGH  
Rawly Capone \* SOQ  
Nolan Frink \* HHS  
Carly Rodolf, PGH  
Rodrigo Lara, Salinas \* AHS  
Owen Pesenhofer \* PGH  
William Coen \* PGH  
Isaias Leon-Jimenez \* HOL  
Noah Arista, Salinas \* AHS  
Troy Dawson \* SFHS

## Horn

Christopher (Gus) Juhl \* HHS  
Isabelle Lima \* PGH

## Trombone

Jose Romero \* PGH  
Alexis Rodas-Mendoza \* PGH  
Isabella Davi \* CHS  
Joshua Gabrielson \* SLV  
Byron Bunch \* HHS  
Antonio Plaza \* SOQ  
Leo Hagedorn \* SOQ

## Baritone

Tristan Molina \* HOL  
Onniel Mendoza Duran \* NSH

## Tuba

Eduardo Rosas \* HOL  
Andy Merino-Juarez \* AHS

## Mallets

Ruben Marcus \* SOQ  
Oliver Willet \* HHS  
Cody Warren \* SHS  
Danika Perez \* HOL  
Noah Mayer \* CHS

## Percussion

Avery Addae \* SCH  
Zev Nagle \* HHS  
Jonah Harre \* PCS  
Adrian Hagedorn \* SOQ  
Cody Warren \* SHS  
Mateo Dozal \* HOL  
Kyle McMillan \* HHS

## Key to Schools- Orchestra

<u>School</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School Code</u>
Carmel High School.....	Brian Handley.....	CMS
Marina High School.....	Maria Carney.....	MAR
Monterey High School.....	Robert Aguilar.....	MHS
Pacific Collegiate School.....	Heather Calame.....	PCS
Pacific Grove High School .....	George Warren.....	PGH
Palma High School .....	*Private Instructor.....	PAL
Stevenson School.....	Robert Stange.....	RLS
York School.....	*Private Instructor.....	YOR
*Private Music Instructor.....	Dave Dally and Margie Dally	

## Key to Schools- Band

<u>School</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School Code</u>
Alisal High School .....	Sam Oh.....	AHS
Carmel High School.....	Brian Handley.....	CHS
Everett Alvarez High School.....	Joshua Mack.....	EAH
Harbor High School.....	Dillon Baiocchi.....	HHS
Hollister High School.....	Joseph Fortino.....	HOL
North Monterey County High School.....	Barry Capioux.....	NMC
North Salinas High School.....	Brian Parker.....	NSH
Pacific Collegiate School.....	Heather Calame.....	PCS
Pacific Grove High School .....	George Warren.....	PGH
Salinas High School .....	Micah Cabaccang.....	SHS
San Lorenzo Valley High School.....	Carey Liston.....	SLV
Santa Cruz High School.....	Christy Latham.....	SCH
Soquel High School.....	Jim Stewart.....	SLV
St. Francis High School.....	Dan Dewig.....	SFH
Stevenson School.....	Robbie Stange.....	RLS

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