

The California Music Educators Association  
Central Coast Section



# 2023-2024 HONORS CHOIR CONCERT

FEATURING

**Middle School Honor Choir**

**High School Honor Choir**

Pacific Grove Middle School  
835 Forest Ave Pacific Grove, CA

January 27, 2024

2:00 p.m.

## Welcome Message



Welcome to the 2023-2024 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 three 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 3 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

### California Music Education Association • Central Coast Section

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.

## 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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## Middle School Honor Choir Conductor



Dr. Angel Vazquez-Ramos Angel M. Vázquez-Ramos, a native of Carolina, Puerto Rico is Director of Choral & Vocal Studies and Associate Professor of Music at California State University, Bakersfield. He teaches undergraduate courses in music education, secondary choral methods, and choral conducting. In addition, Dr. Vázquez-Ramos conducts the University Singers, Treble Singers, and Chamber Singers while maintaining an active schedule as guest conductor, adjudicator and clinician throughout the state and western region.

Before completing his doctoral studies at Florida State University, Vázquez-Ramos taught secondary choral music at Pinellas County Schools in the Tampa Bay Area. Previous music director positions have included congregations in both Florida and California. Serving as the Central Region Representative on the California Choral Directors Association Board, Dr. Vázquez-Ramos also keeps current memberships in the following professional organizations: American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), National Association for Music Education (NAfME), and the Organization of American Kodály Educators (OAKE).

He completed his Bachelor of Arts in Music Education at the University of Puerto Rico. Studying with Judy Bowers, Rodney Eichenberger, Kevin Fenton and André Thomas, he graduated with Master of Music Education and Ph.D. in Music Education degrees from Florida State University. Research interests include: teacher preparation, rehearsal techniques, adolescent choirs, and ethnic choral music. Dr. Vázquez-Ramos has presented nationally and published articles on assessment in music education and teacher preparation in the *Journal of Research in Music Education*, the *International Journal of Research in Choral Singing* and the *Florida Music Director*.

## High School Honor Choir Conductor



Dr. Lynn Atkins Hailed as a voice with, “rich vocal color and appealing quality”, he is known for his range of expression and clarity on the podium as well as a tenor in solo and choral ensemble performance. While earning his bachelor’s degree in Music Education from Westminster Choir College of Rider University he began his career as a chorister, singing in choirs and small ensembles behind some of the most influential artists of the age: Julie Andrews, Linda Eder, Denyce Graves, Patti LaBelle, and Sarah Brightman; and with the New York Philharmonic (Maazel, Dutoit, Davis), New Jersey Symphony (Macal), and the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra (Dougherty).

Lynn’s solo credits include performances in recital as well as larger masterworks with Litha Symphony Orchestra (NY), Richmond Philharmonic Orchestra, Petersburg Orchestra (VA), Swarthmore Chorale (PA), Masterworks Chorale of Central Virginia, Masterworks Chorale of the Shenandoah Valley, and Princeton Pro Musica.

In 2012, Dr. Atkins was hooded as the first Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting Performance, Pedagogy, and Literature from James Madison University. For his efforts as student, instructor, and performer at JMU, he was inducted into the Iota Eta Chapter of the Society of Pi Kappa Lambda, the National Music Honor Society. In 2018, he was inducted into the Richmond Chapter of Choir Psi Phi National Music Society.

**Middle School Honor Choir**

Dr. Angel Vazquez-Ramos, Conductor  
Jared Masar, CCS MS Honor Choir Chair  
Justice Post, Accompanist

The Little Creek.....Matt Carlson

When Our Voices Rise.....Stuart Chapman Hill

Heartbeat.....Kyle Pederson  
Djembe Joshua Mack

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho.....arr. By Andre J. Thomas

**High School Honor Choir**

Dr. Lynn Atkins, Conductor  
Brandon Ellsworth, CCS HS Honor Choir Chair  
Teruyo Petrocelli, Accompanist

Gloria Fanfare.....Jeffrey L. Ames

O Schone Nacht.....Johannes Brahms  
arr. by Maynard Klein

Let the Life I've Lived Speak for Me.....Gwyneth Walker

Exsultate.....John Leavitt

**Middle/High School Combination Piece**

Sing Out, My Soul .....Rollo Dillworth  
(Take Me to the Water)

## Middle School Honor Choir

### Soprano

Olivia Anderson \* CMS  
Maye Beatman \* MHM  
Haven Borg \* GVM  
Dakota Boyles \* PGM  
Elena Bracamontes \* MHM  
Naomi Gluck \* PGM  
Chloe Kelley \* MHM  
Fallon Lykken \* CMS  
Pia Marie (May) McAdams \* WMS  
Eemunah Minami \* MHM  
Hadlee Moore \* OES  
Amelia Nunez \* MHM  
Andrea Olvera \* CMS  
Maizie Paulson \* WMS  
Rhianna Ramirez \* WMS  
Emily Roberts \* PGMSTema  
Scherman \* CMS  
Avery Smith \* PGM  
Brooklyn Smith \* PGM  
Kiana Tayros \* GVM  
Alison Cruz \* GVM  
Milena Marini \* MHM  
Reese Gollither \* MHM  
Blake Sutlick \* MHM  
Bella Serna \* WMS  
Stella Saich \* PGM  
Grace DeMers \* PGM  
Taylor Lippert \* PGM

### Alto

Nora Allen \* MHM  
Nico Brockmeyer\* PGM  
Avery Brubaker\* PGM  
Shelby Cabrera \* WMS  
Viviana Cortez \* WMS  
Coco Cracolice \* MHM  
Erws Duran Barrera \* JGM  
Kylee Gilmore \* CMS  
Rosie Golden \* MHM  
Hendrix Heimbold \* CMS  
Hudson Heley \* CMS  
Alexandra Hudzik \* CMS  
Scarlett Hughes \* CMS  
Ryan Joyce \* KBS  
Mikey Keaton \* CMS  
Vivian Lander \* CMS  
Marley Larsen \* CMS  
Kristen Lascina\* JGM  
Alex LeRoy \* CMS  
Aliyah Marciel \* JGM  
Holden McDermott \* CMS  
Emily McNary \* PGM  
Mia Mille \* MHM  
Ashby Mitchell \* MHM  
Cydney Niazi \* WMS  
Catalina Saenz \* SBM  
Calli Sells \* PGM  
Fiona Steinberg \* CMS  
Camille Vasquez \* WMS  
Jade Voss \* CMS

### Baritone

Kevin Hanalla\* PGM  
Elijah Hernandez \* HMS  
Anders Lindstrom \* SBM  
Miles Lloyd \* SBM  
Luis Lopez \* WMS  
Nicholas Lorono \* WMS  
Aidan SanFilippo \* PGM  
Ethan SanFilippo \* PGM  
Alex Sells \* PGM  
Santiago Jimenez- KBS

## High School Honor Choir

### Soprano

Abdi Kuri \* ALH  
Madison Reid \* APT  
Shyamali Sheth \* CHS  
Lila Glazier \* CHS  
Juliet Norman \* CHS  
Maddie da Silva \* GBK  
Betty Ray \* GBK  
Yue Yu \* GBK  
Abigail Deutsch \* PCS  
Amber Waldo \* PCS  
Amber Hoffman \* PGH  
Serra Arkan \* PGH  
Hailie Atkinson \* PGH  
Dayci Dishny \* PGH  
Adah Ortiz \* SAL  
Ava Hillard \* SCH  
Amelie Lindberg \* SCH  
Lucia Mott \* SCH  
Lovela Jones \* SCH  
Jennifer Macauley \* SCH  
June Parvis \* SCH  
Paizly Ravazza \* SCH  
Stella Hefti \* SOQ  
Annette Ma \* RLS  
Ansam Qureshi \* RLS  
Claire Lee \* RLS

### Alto

Greer Hambly \* APT  
Alexis Pine \* CHS  
Charlie Felsing \* CHS  
Fiona Heilig \* CHS  
Bradley Lander \* CHS  
Karen Meheen \* CHS  
Alyssa Galicia \* CHS  
Anna Prescott \* CHS  
Leydi G Gonzalez X. \* EAH  
Rebekkah Perkins \* GBK  
Kylie Brunelli \* MVC  
Miranda Livingston \* NSHS  
Aubrey Fessenden \* PCS  
Marlene Burgess \* PCS  
Adeline Pereyo \* PGH  
Ariana Diaz \* RSJ  
Hannah James \* SAL  
Alex Tapia \* SAL  
Amma Fogler \* SCH  
Julia Peevers \* SCH  
Claire Turner \* SCH  
Hazel Hammer \* SCH  
Layla Pasquini \* SCH  
Sarah Huang \* RLS

### Tenor

Chelsea Cabasag \* ALH  
Max Magana \* ALH  
Galilea Velazquez Loreda \* ALH  
Chase Lander \* CHS  
Adam Angel \* CHS  
Pablo Cardenas \* NSHS  
Leonardo Lopez-Sepulveda \* NSHS  
Dakota Boulware \* PGH  
Max Deegan \* PGH  
Lawrence Cheung \* SAL  
Daniel Vizcarra \* SAL  
Heaven Cardenas \* SCH  
Max Shields \* SCH  
Niall Andrews \* SOQ  
Felipe Romero-Vega \* SFH

### Bass

Mateo Cuprill \* APT  
Andrew Careaga \* CHS  
Henry Bell \* CHS  
Sebastian Danielson \* CHS  
Felix Cameron \* HHS  
Oscar Echeverria Hernandez \* NSHS  
Maximus Tempesta \* PCS  
Leo Colby \* SAL  
Misael Reyes \* SAL  
Reynaldo Olivas \* SCH  
Matteo DeMarco \* SCH  
Chris Yang \* RLS



## Key to Schools- Middle School

<u>School</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School Code</u>
Carmel Middle School.....	Tom Lehmkuhl.....	CMS
Georgina Bruce Kirby School.....	Zina Urquhart.....	GBK
Gavilan View Middle School.....	Diane Gehling.....	GVM
John Gutierrez Middle School.....	Shannon Casapia.....	JGM
Harden Middle School.....	Jennifer Parker.....	HMS
Mission Hill Middle School.....	Lindsey Eldred.....	MHM
Olson Elementary School.....	Allison Preece.....	OES
Pacific Grove Middle School .....	Jared Masar.....	PGM
San Benancio Middle School.....	Sammie Cohen.....	SBM
Washington Middle School.....	Michelle Boulware.....	WMS

## Key to Schools- High School

<u>School</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School Code</u>
Alisal High School.....	Sam Oh.....	ALH
Aptos High School.....	Jessalyne Levine.....	APT
Carmel High School.....	Tom Lehmkuhl.....	CHS
Everett Alvarez High School.....	Joshua Mack.....	EAH
Georgina Bruce Kirby School.....	Zina Urquhart.....	GBK
Harbor High School.....	Dillon Baiocchi.....	HHS
Monte Vista Christian School.....	Stephen Bigger.....	MVC
North Salinas High School.....	Brandon Ellsworth.....	NSHS
Pacific Collegiate School.....	Clement Cano.....	PCS
Pacific Grove High School.....	Michelle Boulware.....	PGH
Rancho San Juan High School.....	Jillian Lassen.....	RSJ
Robert Louis Stevenson School.....	Willow Manspeaker.....	RLS
Salinas High School.....	Michelle Boulware.....	SAL
Soquel High School.....	Jorge Torrez.....	SOQ
Santa Cruz High School.....	Jorge Torrez.....	SCH
St. Francis High School.....	Dan Dewig.....	SFH

## 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.

Scan the code below to donate directly to our organization!



## Acknowledgements

\*HS Honor Choir Chair,  
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Principal Sean Roach  
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be found on the CMEA-CCS  
website and  
[sundancelanerecordings.com](http://sundancelanerecordings.com)

\*MS Honor Choir Chair,  
Jared Masar

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Justice Post

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