

The California Music Educators Association  
Central Coast Section



# 2023-2024 HIGH SCHOOL HONORS CONCERT

FEATURING

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

Cabrillo College  
6500 Soquel Dr. Aptos, CA  
February 10, 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

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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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## High School Honor Orchestra Conductor

As a conductor, Loewenheim has earned a reputation for getting the most out of any orchestra, whether coming in for a single performance or festival week, as at the Hong Kong International School Choral and Orchestra Festival, or building an orchestra over a period of years, as at MUN or for MAYO. He founded the Fresno Opera and Orchestra Summer Academy (FOOSA), the iMAYO festival in Bloomington, Indiana, and was a co-founder of the international Tuckamore chamber music festival in St. John's, Newfoundland.

**Thomas Loewenheim** is a modern renaissance man: a unique musician who enjoys an international career, combining cello performance, conducting, and teaching at the highest levels. He has toured North America, Europe, the Middle East, and the Far East, performing with orchestras, giving recitals, and playing chamber music, and has been broadcast over the national radio networks in Austria, Canada, Israel, and the United States.

Loewenheim is currently Professor of Cello and Director of Orchestras at the California State University, Fresno, and the Music Director and conductor of the Youth Orchestras of Fresno. Recently he received the Fresno State Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching (2016), the California Music Educators Association John Swain College/University Educator Award (2015), the Ella Odorfer Educator of the Year Horizon Award from the Fresno Arts Council (2012), the Fresno State Provost's Award for Promising New Faculty (2011), and Special Recognition from the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi for his service to the university and the community (2011). Previously he taught at the Indiana University String Academy and the Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN), and served as music director and conductor of the Musical Arts Youth Orchestra (MAYO) in south-central Indiana.

Through his own performing, working with some of the great musicians of our day, and his cumulative experience as a teacher, Loewenheim has synthesized an approach to teaching and conducting which produces a technical confidence that rapidly enables music-making at a sophisticated level. He is currently demonstrating this approach in his master classes around the world.

Loewenheim is also an active researcher, who has been rediscovering lost masterpieces, then performing and editing them. He has been the dedicatee of a number of cello works, most unaccompanied.

Loewenheim earned a doctorate in cello performance from the renowned Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, where he studied with Janos Starker and Tsuyoshi Tsutsumi, and was mentored in conducting by David Effron. He received a master's degree from the University of Michigan under Erling Blöndal Bengtsson and a bachelor's degree from the Rubin Academy for Music and Dance in Jerusalem. He also took part in master classes with Yo-Yo Ma, Mischa Maisky, Antonio Meneses, Arto Noras, Aldo Parisot, William Pleeth, and Menahem Pressler, among others. He plays a Jean Baptiste Vuillaume cello, made in 1848.



## High School Honor Band Conductor

**Dr. Sixto F. Montesinos Jr.** holds key roles at Saint Mary's College of California in the San Francisco Bay Area, serving as Assistant Professor of Music, Chair of the Music Department, and Director of Instrumental Studies. Most recently, he led the Sonora Philharmonic Orchestra in Hermosillo, Sonora (Mexico) and conducted the Bay Area premiere of *Cruzar la Cara de La Luna*, a Mariachi Opera with the West Edge Opera Company in Oakland, CA. He serves as a regular guest and cover conductor for the Youth Music Theater Company in Berkeley, CA. Additionally, he is a regular guest conductor with the Awesome Orchestra Collective. Dr. Montesinos has conducted premieres of some of the repertoire programmed for tonight, such as the World Premiere of *Descarga* by Jorge Sosa with the University of Houston Wind Ensemble and the US Premiere of *Chandé* and *Tango* by Victoriano Valencia with the Rutgers University Concert Band.



Dr. Montesinos is also a member of the advisory board for the Music/Mexico Symposium at Dartmouth. Recently, he has guest-conducted various groups, including the Dartmouth College Wind Ensemble, University of Houston Wind Ensemble, and Diablo Valley College Symphonic Band. He has also been a featured clinician at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, as well as the WASBE conference in Prague. Furthermore, he has been a recent guest on the Everything Band Podcast, The Score Podcast, and Putting it Together Podcast (The Music of Stephen Sondheim).

At Saint Mary's College, he has revamped the instrumental ensembles program, focusing on commissions and original arrangements. As its artistic director, he guides the Saint Mary's College Concert Ensemble, Chamber Players, and Jazz Band, premiering works by notable and emerging composers like Nubia Jaime Donjuan and Latin Grammy-Nominated artist Sam Reider. Montesinos has also been instrumental in establishing a path to the music education credential and a new course on Mexican Pop Music. Additionally, he serves as the chair of the music scholarship committee and ranking member of the Undergraduate Educational Policies Committee.

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## High School Honor Band Conductor (cont'd)

He holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts in Wind Conducting from Rutgers University, and his dissertation focused on the evolution and socio-political influence of wind bands in Mexico from the War of Independence to the Mexican Revolution. During his time at Rutgers, Dr. Montesinos also served as a teaching assistant with the Rutgers University Marching Scarlet Knights, participating in notable performances for President Barack Obama and then Vice President Joe Biden.

Before graduate school, he was a band director at Jersey Village High School in Houston, Texas. In this capacity, he assisted with the instruction of a 300-member marching band, four concert bands, and conducted the all-school musical. He also taught beginning instrumental classes at the middle school feeder. At Jersey Village, he was the primary conductor of the Symphonic II band, consistently earning Division I ratings at the University Interscholastic League (UIL) Concert and Sightreading Contest.

Dr. Montesinos completed a Master's Degree in Orchestral Conducting at the University of Texas at Arlington and additional studies in wind and orchestral conducting at the following programs: The Frederick Fennell Memorial Conducting Masterclass at the Eastman School of Music (twice) and the Cincinnati Conservatory, The University of North Texas Conductors Collegium, The Art of Band Conducting at the University of Texas at Austin, The International Conductors Workshop and Competition at Mercer University, and The International Institute for Conductors in Bacau, Romania. Additionally, he worked closely and shared the podium with H. Robert Reynolds as a doctoral conducting student during a week-long residency at Rutgers University. He completed a Bachelor's Degree in Instrumental Music Education at the University of Houston (band emphasis). His articles have been published by the Instrumentalist Magazine and internationally by the WASBE Journal.

As a flutist, Dr. Montesinos was a featured soloist at the 70th Annual Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic with the Ridgeview Middle School Percussion Ensemble. He has also been on the faculty at Froot Fire Houston.

Montesinos is a native of Coyoacan in Mexico City, where he began his musical career at the early age of four, studying piano at the prestigious Yamaha Institute. He lives in Walnut Creek, CA, with his partner (a professional harpist) and their two fluffy feline companions, Dash and Berlioz. Instagram: @sixtofmontesinosjr.

## High School Honor Orchestra

Thomas Loewenheim, Conductor  
Brian Handley, CCS HS Honor Orchestra Chair

Sinfonia No.3 in E minor .....Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy  
I. Allegro di molto  
II. Andante  
III. Allegro

Romanze in C op. 42 for String Orchestra.....Jean Sibelius

Suite for String Orchestra.....Carl Nielsen  
I. Prelude  
II. Intermezzo  
III. Finale

Jalousie-Tango Tsigane..... Jacob Gade

## High School Honor Band

Dr. Sixto Montesinos Jr., Conductor  
Joey Fortino, CCS HS Honor Band Chair

Descarga (2023)..... Jorge Sosa

Monarch Migration (2022).....Nubia Jaime Don Juan

Momo Bambuco.....Carlos Mario Buriticá

Tango.....Victoriano Valencia

Chandé .....Victoriano Valencia

Sahuaro.....Nubia Jaime Don Juan

# High School Honor Orchestra

## Violin I

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Angela Liu       | PGHS |
| Anais Huet       | PCS  |
| Tasuku Nagashima | RLS  |
| Benjamin Goodwin | PCS  |
| Maya Huet        | PCS  |
| Emily Kim        | CHS  |
| Erin Kang        | RLS  |
| Kylie Wright     | CHS  |
| Elizabeth Chan   | CHS  |
| Sarah Lo         | CHS  |

## Violin II

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Kenzi Sakakihara           | PGHS |
| Sora Petrocelli            | RLS  |
| Libby Travis               | RLS  |
| Ruby Iranmanesh            | CHS  |
| Lillian Murkison           | PGHS |
| Brenda Pineda              | NSHS |
| Kendall Wright             | CHS  |
| Chloe Thompson             | SCS  |
| Christina Lee              | PGHS |
| Piet Hopmann               | RLS  |
| Bianca Borja               | MAR  |
| Luka Demushkane            | MHS  |
| Jackeline Soriano-Gonzalez | AHS  |

## Viola

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Rylee Sakakihara | PGHS |
| Kevin Wang       | RLS  |
| Carolyn Chen     | CHS  |
| Eunwoo Kim       | MHS  |
| Nicole Hunsaker  | MAR  |

## Cello

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Olivia Bartle   | CHS  |
| Lillian Mendez  | CHS  |
| Merielle Flagg  | CHS  |
| Mason Jeffries  | CHS  |
| Mariella Norris | PGHS |
| Henry Park      | RLS  |
| Alexander Ryan  | PGHS |
| Connor Bone     | CHS  |
| Zachary Lee     | PAL  |
| Milan Lavilla   | MAR  |
| Alan You        | RLS  |

## Bass

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Zoya Bograd    | PGHS |
| Jack Zhong     | RLS  |
| Zachary Powers | NSHS |



# High School Honor Band

## Flute

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Sophia Pyo        | PGH |
| Zoe Huet          | PCS |
| Auren Dysart      | SLV |
| Meya Lin          | CHS |
| Zachary Rasmussen | CHS |
| JoAnna Lee        | MHS |
| Haylie Rivers     | NMC |

## Oboe

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Alexander Lee     | SCH |
| Lillian Gullo     | SLV |
| Emiliano Ramirez- | NMC |
| Montejano         |     |
| Bailey Ghigliazza | SOQ |

## Bassoon

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Adler Blackmun     | SCH |
| Bernadette Razo    | PGH |
| Jori Fields-Rapley | SLV |
| Sebastian Montoya  | AHS |

## B-flat Clarinet

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Giada Scattini   | CHS |
| Abigail Kim      | CHS |
| Nat Fernandez    | SLV |
| Lucas Quezada    | NSH |
| Nora Clay        | SCH |
| Annika Yasay     | EAH |
| Maya Weinberg    | SCH |
| Arundhati Sharma | SOQ |
| Andy Hwang       | RLS |
| Micah Bercasio   | HHS |
| Keven Lugo       | AHS |

## Bass Clarinet

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Leeza Gatson    | HHS |
| Brandon Barrios | EAH |

## Alto Saxophone

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Annette Ma       | RLS |
| Avery Cua        | HHS |
| Mikayla Dorado   | HHS |
| Daniel Spadafora | SOQ |
| Finn Mahoney     | SFH |

## Tenor Saxophone

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Craig Balbo   | CHS |
| Conor O'Brien | PGH |

## Baritone Saxophone

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Jared Provencio | HOL |
| Michael Padilla | EAH |

## Trumpet

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Nolan Frink      | HHS |
| Joseph Logan     | HHS |
| Manildi          |     |
| Rawley Capone    | SOQ |
| Tejah Echinique  | SOQ |
| Jacob Stone      | SCH |
| Raymond Cavlan   | SOQ |
| Mark Hanson      | SOQ |
| Cliff Bunden     | SAL |
| Nathanael Marcus | SOQ |
| Carly Rodolf     | PGH |
| John Pagtama     | NSH |
| Megan Phillips   | HHS |

## Horn

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Jeane Kim       | CHS |
| Jocelyn Perez   | NSH |
| Vasquez         |     |
| Reynaldo Olivas | SCH |
| Chelsea Cabasag | AHS |

## Trombone

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Isabella Davi     | CHS |
| Antonio Plaza     | SOQ |
| William Li        | HAR |
| Byron Bunch       | HAR |
| Joshua Gabrielson | SLV |
| Leonardo Lopez    | NSH |
| Kai Bishop        | PGH |
| Leo Hagedorn      | SOQ |
| George Little     | SLV |

## Baritone

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Gustavo Aleman | NMC |
|----------------|-----|

## Tuba

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Abraham Estrada | SAL |
| Lopez           |     |
| Eduardo Rosas   | HHS |
| Peter Gunn      | MHS |
| Sonia Zambrano  | HHS |

## String Bass

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Zachary Livingston | SLV |
|--------------------|-----|

## Mallets

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Oliver Willet     | HAR |
| Esmeralda Amezcua | SAL |
| Jenessa Muros     | NSH |

## Percussion

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Avery Addae     | SCH |
| Jonah Harre     | PCS |
| Ruben Marcus    | SOQ |
| Kyle McMillan   | HAR |
| Michael LaVerne | SLV |

## Key to Schools- Band

| <u>School</u>                             | <u>Teacher</u>        | <u>School Code</u> |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Carmel High School.....                   | Brian Handley.....    | CMS                |
| North Monterey County.....                | Barry Capiaux.....    | NMC                |
| San Lorenzo Valley High School.....       | Carey Liston.....     | SLV                |
| Hollister High School.....                | Joey Fortino.....     | HOL                |
| Monterey High School .....                | Bill Ton.....         | MHS                |
| Pacific Grove High School .....           | George Warren.....    | PGM                |
| Stevenson High School.....                | Robbie Stange.....    | RLS                |
| Salinas High School.....                  | Micah Cabaccang.....  | SHS                |
| Alisal High School.....                   | Sam Oh.....           | AHS                |
| Everett Alvarez High School.....          | Joshua Mack.....      | EAH                |
| North Salinas High School.....            | Brian Parker.....     | NSHS               |
| Santa Cruz High School.....               | Christina Latham..... | SCH                |
| Harbor High School.....                   | Dillon Baiocchi.....  | HAR                |
| Pacific Collegiate School.....            | Heather Calame.....   | PCS                |
| Soquel High School.....                   | Jim Stewart.....      | SOQ                |
| St. Francis HS Salesian College Prep..... | Dan Dewig.....        | SFH                |

## Key to Schools- Orchestra

| <u>School</u>                    | <u>Teacher</u>                              | <u>School Code</u> |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Carmel High School.....          | Brian Handley.....                          | CMS                |
| Alisal High School.....          | Sam Oh.....                                 | AHS                |
| Marina High School.....          | Maria Carney.....                           | MAR                |
| Monterey High School .....       | Bill Ton.....                               | MHS                |
| North Salinas High School.....   | Brian Parker.....                           | NSHS               |
| Palma High School .....          | Private Music Instructor: Margie Dally..... | PAL                |
| Pacific Collegiate School.....   | Heather Calame.....                         | PCS                |
| Pacific Grove High School.....   | George Warren.....                          | PGH                |
| Stevenson High School.....       | Robbie Stange.....                          | RLS                |
| Santa Catalina Upper School..... | Mark Purcell.....                           | SCS                |

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### 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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