



El Cerrito High School Department of Music

# WINTER CONCERT

*Featuring the*

WIND ENSEMBLE  
SYMPHONIC BAND  
CONCERT BAND

*Keith Johnson, Conductor*

**Friday, December 15, 2023**

7:00 PM | El Cerrito High School  
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# PROGRAM

## CONCERT BAND

<i>Frogs</i> (2018)	Randall Standridge
<i>Cook Strait Crossing</i> (2021)	Laura Estes
<i>Front and Center</i> (2022)	Gene Milford

## SYMPHONIC BAND

<i>Crystal Moon</i> (2004)	Larry Clark
<i>Amen!</i> (2009)	Frank Ticheli

**\*\* INTERMISSION \*\***

## WIND ENSEMBLE

<i>Spoon River</i> (1933)	Percy Aldridge Grainger
<i>Requiem for the Unarmed</i> (2022)	Kevin Day
<i>Sleigh Ride</i> (1948)	Leroy Anderson

Please join us in the cafeteria following tonight's program for a free reception presented by the El Cerrito Band Association!

# ABOUT THE BANDS

Located in the East Bay of the San Francisco Bay Area, El Cerrito High School holds a proud history of musical excellence that dates to the school's opening in 1941. The band program at El Cerrito High School offers students the opportunity to develop their skills and passion for music through a variety of experiences that include performances, clinics, festivals, and travel opportunities. The program is comprised of three concert bands: the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band as well as three jazz bands, the Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Workshop, and Jazz Lab. In addition to our classes, the program also offers several extra-curricular ensemble opportunities that include the Gaucho Band and Jazz Combos.

Throughout its 60-year history the El Cerrito High School Wind Ensemble has received superior ratings at local and state festivals and has been recognized as one of the San Francisco Bay Area's top high school wind bands. The band has made regular appearances at the California Music Educator's Association (CMEA) State Band and Orchestra Festival and has performed in venues and cities across the country including San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, and Vancouver. Notable performances include Carnegie Hall in New York City (2015), Chicago's Symphony Hall (2017), and the 2018 California All-State Music Education Conference (CASMEC) in San Jose where the group was selected as a featured performing ensemble.

Since 1965 the El Cerrito Jazz Ensemble has been recognized among California's top high school jazz bands and has performed in venues throughout the United States and abroad. The Jazz Ensemble has earned top ratings and first place awards at numerous jazz festivals across the west coast and have been finalists at Monterey's Next Generation Jazz Festival in 2015, 2017, 2018, and 2019. Over the past ten years the group has hosted and performed alongside prominent jazz artists that include Chris Potter, Wycliff Gordon, Alan Ferber, John Daversa, Donny McCaslin, and Terrell Stafford, among others. Notable performances include appearances at the Monterey Jazz Festival, North Sea Jazz Festival, Montreux Jazz Festival, Umbria Jazz Festival, and the 2014 California All-State Music Education Conference (CASMEC) in Fresno as the conference's featured jazz group.

**For a full history of El Cerrito High School Bands please visit our website  
at [www.echsbands.com/echsbandshistory](http://www.echsbands.com/echsbandshistory)**

# THE DIRECTOR

**Keith Johnson** serves as Director of Bands at El Cerrito High School and lecturer of music at California State University, East Bay as conductor of the CSUEB Wind Ensemble. A San Francisco Bay Area native, his career as a music educator spans two decades with experience at the middle school, high school, and collegiate levels. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in music and a Master of Arts degree in music education with an emphasis in wind conducting from San José State University.

Keith has been the recipient of various teaching honors that include the El Cerrito High School Teacher of the Year (2020), CMEA Bay Section's Outstanding Jazz Educator Award (2018), KRON 4 Teacher of the Week (2016), CMEA Bay Section's Outstanding Music Educator Award (2014), and the West County Ed Fund's Teaching Excellence Award (2014). In 2014 he was also recognized as the West Contra Costa Teacher of the Year. Groups under his direction have received multiple awards and performed across the United States and Europe in venues that include Carnegie Hall in New York, Chicago's Orchestra Hall, the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., and at several international jazz festivals including Jazz à Vienne and the Montroux, North Sea, Umbria, Victoria, and Monterey jazz festivals.

Since arriving to El Cerrito High School in 2009, the ECHS Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble have been featured ensembles at the California All-State Music Education Conference (CASMEC) in 2014, 2018, and 2024. Prior to joining ECHS, Keith held positions as jazz director at Portola Middle School in El Cerrito, CA and later director of the Jazzschool Young Musicians Program at the California Jazz Conservatory. As program director at the CJC, Keith founded and directed the award-winning Jazzschool Studio Band, recipient of four national Downbeat Magazine Student Music Awards and winner of the "Large Jazz Ensemble" category in 2011.

In addition to his teaching commitments Keith works frequently as an adjudicator, clinician, and guest conductor throughout Northern California and has served on the boards of several professional music education organizations including the California Music Educators Association (CMEA), California Alliance for Jazz (CAJ), and is a Past President of CMEA Bay Section.



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# CONCERT BAND

## FLUTE

Alexander Becker  
Corwin Gauna  
Itsuka Sumii

## CLARINET

Beatrix Hatton  
Michael Geller  
Molly Pitts  
Emma Visel

## BASS CLARINET

Jadyne Espinoza

## BASSOON

Isaac Peterson

## ALTO SAX

Alexander Jacox  
Jahnaia Jones  
William MacDonald  
Edward Smith

## TENOR SAX

Ethan Stafford

## BARITONE SAX

Colette Green

## TRUMPET

Leonard Abesamis  
Daniel Betanzos  
Mimi Odyniec  
Natalie Rosenfeld

## FRENCH HORN

Aiden Choi  
Tristan Dos Santos Getas  
Azha Elsaesser  
Troy Proctor

## TROMBONE

Neil Cooney  
Elise de Hart  
Joselyn Lucia  
Penelope Ayala

## EUPHONIUM

Taz Haynes

## TUBA

Ramses Tirado

## PERCUSSION

Penjon Ghising  
Elliott Jacob  
Sevan Markarian  
Rani Millstein

# SYMPHONIC BAND

## FLUTE

Miki Berliner  
Juliet Hilton  
Ruby Miller \*  
Winter Phimister  
Marianne Santos  
Mateo Warmerdam

## OBOE

Ava Luna  
Felicity Wong

## CLARINET

Clariza Chavez  
Sagan Daigle  
Jonathan Duerr \*  
Alex Johnson  
Benjamin Mendelyon  
Nataasha Rudd  
Veronica Rudd  
Cameron Square  
Ronan Wynden

## BASS CLARINET

Hollyce Bauer  
Dominik Gansmiller  
Spencer Wong

## BASSOON

Lena Chinn  
Felix Hotho  
Maxwell Medvecky

## ALTO SAX

Meah Bauer  
Anai Brown  
Oliver Kasprzycki \*  
Galianna Mendler  
Maude Montarnal

## BARITONE SAX

Aniyah Jones  
Brenda Mendoza Gutierrez

## TRUMPET

Anthony Conner  
Leia Fong  
Tselha Khando  
Mia Navarro \*  
Andrew Ybarra

## FRENCH HORN

Oliver Arkin  
Otis Lechner  
Tallulah Moon  
Madison Norton  
Guinevere Troxell

## TROMBONE

Ailyn Arias Sanchez  
Henry Clason  
Matthew D'Amato  
Marco Ivicic  
Kinker Jorden \*  
Kyan Kurihara  
Christian Vargas  
William Zwiebach

## EUPHONIUM

Strider Boland  
Aidan Herp  
Yessenia Hernandez

## TUBA

Peter Clason  
Samuel Jepson  
Alex MacDonald  
Nirmal Shrestha

## PERCUSSION

Sonia Bruce  
Omar Frometa  
Shirley Kattuah  
Lyana Lum  
Niall Monteleone  
Georgia Power  
Rocco Scarcella

*\* Principal players*

# WIND ENSEMBLE

## PICCOLO

Claire Diaco

## FLUTE

Edda Grondahl

Vienna Karlsson-Tung

Mayari Mendo \*

Lucia Saridis

## OBOE

Andrea Huyah

## CLARINET

Sydney Bergero

Sasha Cacho

Mason Larson

Squid Pletcher

Nigel Weiss \*

Walt Williams

## BASS CLARINET

Judith Keig

Julian Rosenthal

## BASSOON

William Bowden \*

Evan Ratner

Emma Ruth

## ALTO SAX

Romy Weitzer

Sean Favian \*

## TENOR SAX

Javier Gutierrez

## BARITONE SAX

Kenji Malaowala

## TRUMPET

Nico Cohen Humphreys

Matteo Diaco

Adam Feiszli

Sam Schweitzer

Linden Stacey \*

Evan Toth

## FRENCH HORN

Carina Lucia

Brenna Moore \*

Cole Raikow

Maceo Reyes

Emilia Walker

## TROMBONE

Brenden Cech

Amelia Harrington

Pasha Krasnoiarov

Lucy Lebeck \*

Arvid Pokhrel

## EUPHONIUM

Benji Dutta \*

Abigail Yee

## TUBA

Willow Bown

Charles Pryor

Ramiro Velasquez

## BASS

Guy Gibson

## PERCUSSION

Marisol Castro

Henry Clayton

Silvio Gomez

Lewis Parkinson

Isaac Satzman \*

Athena Shiozaki

Evan Steinkoler

*\* Principal players*

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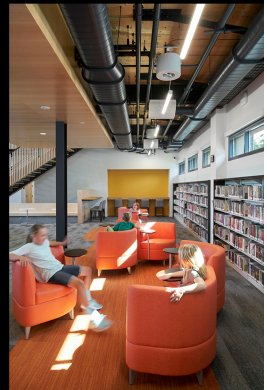
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