

El Cerrito High School Department of Music

WIND ENSEMBLE
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CONCERT BAND

Keith Johnson, Conductor

IN CONCERT

Friday, March 15, 2024
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PROGRAM

CONCERT BAND

Winds of Eternity (2016)

Chris Bernotas

Prairie Dance (2023)

Zachary Docter

Dancing Snakes (2012)

Neil Simon

SYMPHONIC BAND

March of the Belgian Paratroopers (1946)

Pierre Leeman, Arr. Swearingen

Patrick on the Railway (2003)

Pierre La Plante

**** INTERMISSION ****

WIND ENSEMBLE

Urban Light (2021)

James M. David

And More (2021)

Joshua Hobbs

The Klaxon (1930)

Henry Fillmore, Edited by Fredrick Fennell

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, Wycliffe 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**

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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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
Edward Smith

TENOR SAX

Ethan Stafford

BARITONE SAX

Colette Green

TRUMPET

Leonard Abesamis
Daniel Betanzos
Mimi Odyniec
Milton Velasquez

FRENCH HORN

Aiden Choi
Tristan Dos Santos Getas
Azha Elsaesser

TROMBONE

Neil Cooney
Elise de Hart
Joselyn Lucia
Penelope Ayala

EUPHONIUM

Taz Haynes

TUBA

Ramses Tirado

PERCUSSION

Evan Dea
Elliott Jacob
Sevan Markarian
Rani Millstein
Elizabeth Patusco

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
Natasha 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

BARITONE SAX

Aniyah Jones

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

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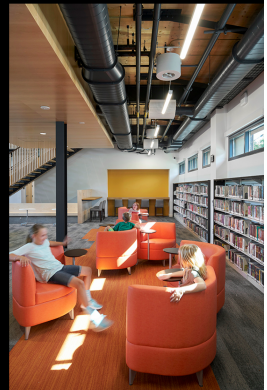


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