



EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL

WIND SYMPHONY

Keith Johnson, Conductor

Spain Tour

SENDOFF CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024

7:00 PM | El Cerrito High School Theater

PROGRAM

Amparito Roca (1935 / 2008)

Jaime Texidor, Arr. Gary Fagan
(1884-1957)

Simple Gifts: Four Shaker Songs (2002)

Frank Ticheli
(b. 1958)

I. In Yonder Valley

II. Dance

III. Here Take This Lovely Flower

IV. Simple Gifts

Strange Humors (2006)

John Mackey
(b. 1973)

And More (2021)

Joshua Hobbs
(b. 1990)

Children's March (1918 / 2000)

Percy Aldridge Grainger, Arr. Douglas Wagner
(1882-1961)

Ms. Tiffany Carrico, Conductor

Puszta: Four Gypsy Dances (1988)

Jan Van der Roost
(b. 1956)

I. Andante Moderato

II. Tranquillo

III. Allegro molto

IV. Presto

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (1923)

John Phillip Sousa
(1854-1932)

EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM

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.

The El Cerrito High School **Wind Symphony** is comprised of members of the El Cerrito Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble for their 2024 Spain performance tour. Throughout its 65-year history, the El Cerrito Wind Ensemble has been recognized as one of the San Francisco Bay Area's top high school wind bands and have been the recipient superior ratings and first place awards at local and state festivals. The band has made regular appearances at the California Music Educator's Association (CMEA) State Band and Orchestra Festival and has performed in venues across the United States including San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Washington D.C., and Vancouver. Notable performances include Carnegie Hall in New York City (2015), Chicago's Symphony Hall (2017), the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. (2019), and the 2018 California All-State Music Education Conference (CASMEC) in San Jose where the group was selected as a featured performing ensemble.

In its over 50-year history, the El Cerrito **Jazz Ensemble** has been recognized as one of California's top high school jazz bands and has performed in venues throughout the United States and abroad. Led by El Cerrito alumnus, Keith Johnson, the El Cerrito Jazz Ensemble has earned top ratings and first place awards at numerous jazz festivals across the west coast and have been regular finalists at Monterey's Next Generation Jazz Festival. Over the past 10 years the group has hosted and performed alongside prominent jazz artists that include Chris Potter, Wycliff Gordon, Alan Ferber, John Daversa, Donny McCaslin, Eric Harland, and Terell Stafford, among others. Notable performances include appearances at the Monterey Jazz Festival, North Sea Jazz Festival, Montreux Jazz Festival, Jazz á Vienne, and the Umbria Jazz Festival. The El Cerrito Jazz Ensemble has twice been selected as featured performers for both the CMEA Bay Section Winter Conference (2020 and 2024) and California All-State Music Education Conference (2014 and 2024) and were recently invited to perform at the 2024 Midwest International Clinic. In April 2024, the El Cerrito Jazz Ensemble were the winners of the California Jazz Championships.

ABOUT THE CONDUCTORS

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 Montruex, 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.

Tiffany Carrico has served as Director of Bands at Portola/Korematsu Middle School since 2004. She is a graduate of the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Music Education in 1990. Ms. Carrico moved to the bay in 1993 and began her career as a freelance trumpet player, becoming a prominent member of the Montclair Women's Big Band, Jazzphoria, and the Slaptones, among others, in addition to her recent work with Grammy-nominated artist Wayne Wallace. Ms. Carrico was recognized by the Bay Section of the California Music Educators Association as the Gilbert Freitas Memorial Outstanding Band Educator in 2024. Ms. Carrico appreciates working in the El Cerrito community for its outstanding support of music in the schools.

ECHS WIND SYMPHONY

FLUTE

Miki Berliner
Corwin Gauna
Juliet Hilton
Mayari Mendo *
Ruby Miller
Winter Phimister
Lucia Saridis
Mateo Warmerdam

OBOE

Ava Luna
Felicity Wong

CLARINET

Sydney Bergero
Sasha Cacho
Sagan Daigle
Johnathan Duerr
Alex Johnson
Benjamin Mendelyon
Mason Larson
Squid Pletcher
Ronan Wynden
Nigel Weiss *

BASS CLARINET

Hollyce Bauer
Dominik Gansmiller
Spencer Wong

BASSOON

William Bowden *
Lina Chinn
Max Medveczky
Emma Ruth

ALTO SAX

Meah Bauer
Ariel Barber
Phantom Brown
Sean Fivian *
Oliver Kasprzycki
Galianna Mendler
Romy Weitzer

TENOR SAX

Javier Gutierrez

BARI SAX

Kenji Malaowala

TRUMPET

Nico Cohen Humphreys
Adam Feiszli
Leia Fong
Miriam Odyniec
Linden Stacey *
Sam Schweitzer
Evan Toth
Andrew Ybarra

FRENCH HORN

Oliver Arkin
Otis Lechner
Brenna Moore *
Madison Norton
Cole Raikow
Maceo Reyes
Guinevere Troxell
Emilia Walker

TROMBONE

Brenden Cech
Henry Clason
Matthew D'Amato
Amelia Harrington
Marco Ivicic
Pasha Krasnoiarov
Kyan Kurihara
Arvid Pokhrel *
William Zwiebach

EUPHONIUM

Strider Boland
Anthony Connor
Aidan Herp *

TUBA

Willow Bown
Peter Clason
Samuel Jepson
Alex MacDonald
Charles Pryor
Ramiro Velasquez

BASS

Guy Gibson

PERCUSSION

Marisol Castro
Lewis Parkinson
Georgia Power
Sevan Markarian
Rani Millstein
Isaac Satzman *
Rocco Scarcella

* *Principal players*

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