

78th Annual

# KERN COUNTY HONOR MUSIC FESTIVAL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2026

7 P.M.

MECHANICS BANK ARENA,  
THEATER & CONVENTION CENTER



78th Annual  
KERN COUNTY  
JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL  
HONOR ORCHESTRA, CHORUS, AND  
BAND FESTIVAL

## Orchestra

JOHN FERRANDINI, CHAIRPERSON  
SOUTHERN KERN SCHOOL DISTRICT

MARISA FAROOQ, CO-CHAIRPERSON  
PANAMA-BUENA VISTA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Choir

MADELYNNE HEISS, CHAIRPERSON  
BEARDSLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

INGRID BORJA, CO-CHAIR  
NORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Band

DAVID STANKIEWICZ, CHAIRPERSON  
DELANO UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

CYNTHIA NEEDHAM, CO-CHAIR  
GREENFIELD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

### PRESENTED BY:

KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OFFICE  
JOHN G. MENDIBURU, ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT

KERN COUNTY MUSIC EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION  
TERESA RIZO, PRESIDENT

IN COOPERATION WITH  
PANAMA-BUENA VISTA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
KATIE RUSSELL, SUPERINTENDENT

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**Coordinator Local Initiatives Support**  
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**Visual & Performing Arts**  
Panama-Buena Vista Union School District

**Actis Jr. High School**  
**Honor Orchestra Rehearsal Site**  
Patrick Spears, Principal  
Marisa Farooq, Site Coordinator

**Mountain View TK-8 School**  
**Honor Choir Rehearsal Site**  
Erica Rosas, Principal  
Abigail Clippinger, Site Coordinator

**Thompson Jr. High School**  
**Honor Band Rehearsal Site**  
Lana Martin, Principal  
Heather Wright, Site Coordinator

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Panama-Buena Vista Union School District

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Panama-Buena Vista Union School District

To all who assisted during auditions and rehearsals, thank you  
for helping the students become participants of the Honor  
Music Festival.

# GUEST CONDUCTORS



## Orchestra – Debora Wondercheck

Debora Wondercheck is a visionary leader at the intersection of arts, education, and social transformation. With nearly 30 years of experience in arts advocacy and education program implementation, she is widely recognized as a champion for equity and purpose-driven leadership.

As Founder and CEO of the Arts & Learning Conservatory, Debora has dedicated her career to creating inclusive, high-quality arts education for youth across Southern California. A cellist, orchestral conductor, and professor of string pedagogy, she blends artistic excellence with community service, impacting thousands of students. Debora has produced acclaimed culturally relevant projects including Symphonic Soul, Gospel Voices of OC, and Music of the March, honoring the legacy and brilliance of African American artists through music and storytelling. Her leadership has earned widespread recognition, including a 2025 LA Times Orange County Leadership Award nomination, being named one of Orange County's 125 Most Influential People, and features as an Arts Hero on KNX Radio. She is a contributor to Forbes Magazine and has served as a guest lecturer at UCLA's Herb Alpert School of Music. Debora serves on numerous boards, including Vanguard University, Arts Orange County, and the Philharmonic Society, and is the Arts Commissioner for the City of Costa Mesa, where she has been honored as Woman of the Year and a Woman of Distinction by the California State Assembly and Senate. Above all, Debora believes the arts are a powerful force for healing, hope, and lasting community change—one student at a time.

## Choir – Harlee Castro Balajadia

**Harlee Castro Balajadia** is a Long Beach-based music educator, tenor vocalist, and arts administrator passionate about building inclusive, transformative spaces for young musicians. He serves as Director of Choir / Music Appreciation / Musical Theater / Production Activities at Charles Evans Hughes Middle School (LBUSD), Artistic Director of the Long Beach Youth Chorus, and the Chaperone Coordinator for CASMEC & CCDA, leading students to national stages—including Carnegie Hall in 2025 and 2026. A first-generation Filipino American and dedicated advocate for culturally responsive and student-centered music education, Harlee brings a commitment to mentorship, representation, and excellence to every ensemble he leads. Harlee can also be seen performing with groups all over the nation including: The Filharmonic, Catalyst, Long Beach Camerata Singers, Choral Arts Initiative, Choral Audacity, and many more! He recently earned a Master's in Music Education at Boston University and is preparing for doctoral studies in the fall. He is honored to make his guest conductor debut this year at Kern County Honor Choir and to celebrate the power of young voices coming together in song.

## Band – Lawrence Stoffel

Lawrence “Larry” Stoffel is the 2022 recipient of the NAFME/Music for All “George N. Parks Leadership in Music Education” Award. As Director of Bands and Professor of Music at California State University, Northridge, the CSUN Wind Ensemble is recognized throughout the state and nationally providing all CSUN band students with extraordinary performance opportunities. Over the years, the CSUN Wind Ensemble's touring has taken students from Orchestra Hall in Chicago, to the historic Scott Auditorium in Honolulu; from Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, to one of California's state prisons. Known for his enthusiasm at rehearsals, concerts, and clinics alike, Dr. Stoffel has most recently conducted all-state bands in Virginia, Texas, and California; he is published and lectures on topics pertinent to the profession. In 2018 Dr. Stoffel received the Hall of Fame Award from the California Music Education Association, in 2019 was elected membership into the American Bandmasters Association, and in 2021 was recognized with the CSUN Outstanding Faculty Award (the University's highest faculty honor).

# PROGRAM

## Welcome

*Teresa Rizo*

Retired Kern County Music Educator, KCMEA President

## MUSIC SELECTIONS

*(SELECTIONS ORDER SUBJECT TO CHANGE)*

### COMBINED OPENING

National Anthem ..... Arr. Ed Hughes

### ORCHESTRA

Egmont Overture ..... Ludwig Van Beethoven  
Arr. Richard Meyer

Selection's from Tim Burton's "Corpse Bride" ..... Danny Elfman  
Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Into The Storm ..... Robert W. Smith

The Barber of Seville (Overture) ..... Gioachino Rossini  
Arr. Richard Meyer

### CHOIR

BECKY BAKER, COLLABORATIVE PIANIST

MARISA FAROOQ, BASS

ELLIS GIBSON, DRUM SET

O Lux Beatissima ..... Mark Burrows

A Red, Red Rose..... Victor C. Johnson

Marujo do Rosario..... Elisa Dekaney & Eduardo Lakschevitz

Take This Gift ..... Tracy Wong

Lovely Day..... Bill Withers  
Arr. Robert T. Gibson

### BAND

Heroes Triumphant ..... William Owens

Kentucky 1800 ..... Clair Grundman

Amen! ..... Frank Ticheli

Last Ride of the Pony Express ..... David Shaffer

### COMBINED CLOSING

America the Beautiful ..... Arr. James Sproul

# PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS AND DIRECTORS

## ORCHESTRA

<b>Actis</b>	<i>Marisa Farooq</i>	<b>Stonecreek</b>	<i>Jeremy Martin</i>
<b>Almond Tree</b>	<i>Melissa Brindle</i>	<b>Tevis</b>	<i>Mary Cervantes</i>
<b>Desert</b>	<i>Tonya Chenworth</i>	<b>Tevis</b>	<i>Kelly Willey</i>
<b>Freedom</b>	<i>Brady Allred</i>	<b>Thompson</b>	<i>Heather Wright</i>
<b>Norris</b>	<i>Martin Diaz</i>	<b>Tropico</b>	<i>John Ferrandini</i>
<b>Reagan</b>	<i>Braxton Porter</i>	<b>Warren</b>	<i>Mary Cervantes</i>
<b>Saint John's</b>	<i>Abby Higgins</i>	<b>Warren</b>	<i>Nicole Nalupa</i>
<b>Stonecreek</b>	<i>Marisa Farooq</i>	<b>Whitley</b>	<i>Tanner Germanetti</i>

## CHOIR

<b>Actis</b>	<i>Amanda Locke-O'Hearn</i>	<b>Olive Knolls</b>	<i>April Parrish</i>
<b>Almond Tree</b>	<i>Melissa Brindle</i>	<b>Pioneer</b>	<i>David Stankiewicz</i>
<b>Beardsley</b>	<i>Madelynne Heiss</i>	<b>Quailwood</b>	<i>Jennifer Prox</i>
<b>Cecil Avenue</b>	<i>Brenda Perry-Reed</i>	<b>Richland</b>	<i>Jennifer Powers</i>
<b>Columbia</b>	<i>Jennifer Prox</i>	<b>Standard</b>	<i>Matthew Willis</i>
<b>Discovery</b>	<i>Jennifer Prox</i>	<b>Stonecreek</b>	<i>Amanda Locke-O'Hearn</i>
<b>Endeavour</b>	<i>Jennifer Prox</i>	<b>Tevis</b>	<i>Jessica Ardray</i>
<b>Freedom</b>	<i>Haley Smith</i>	<b>Thompson</b>	<i>Jessica Ardray</i>
<b>Fruitvale</b>	<i>Jennifer Prox</i>	<b>Tropico</b>	<i>John Ferrandini</i>
<b>Greenfield</b>	<i>Cynthia Needham</i>	<b>Veterans</b>	<i>Abby Baker-Lizaola</i>
<b>Jacobsen</b>	<i>Eric Dyer</i>	<b>Warren</b>	<i>Maritza Borja</i>
<b>La Viña</b>	<i>Clarissa Iraola</i>	<b>Whitley</b>	<i>Abigail Clippinger</i>
<b>Norris</b>	<i>Ingrid Borja</i>		

## BAND

<b>Actis</b>	<i>Ben Horton</i>	<b>Pioneer</b>	<i>David Stankiewicz</i>
<b>Beardsley</b>	<i>Amber Shupe</i>	<b>Rosedale</b>	<i>Matt Hoyt</i>
<b>Fruitvale</b>	<i>Michael Kerr</i>	<b>Saint Francis</b>	<i>Walt Crider</i>
<b>Greenfield</b>	<i>Cynthia Needham</i>	<b>Saint John's</b>	<i>Abby Higgins</i>
<b>Jacobson</b>	<i>Eric Dyer</i>	<b>Standard</b>	<i>Nathaniel Mauldin</i>
<b>La Vina</b>	<i>Clarissa Iraola</i>	<b>Stockdale Christian</b>	<i>Gary Scudder</i>
<b>Lincoln</b>	<i>Kathy Mondragon</i>	<b>Stonecreek</b>	<i>Jeremy Martin</i>
<b>McFarland</b>	<i>Jonathon Barr</i>	<b>Tevis</b>	<i>Kelly Willey</i>
<b>McKee</b>	<i>Christopher Drummer</i>	<b>Thompson</b>	<i>Heather Wright</i>
<b>Norris</b>	<i>Martin Diaz</i>	<b>Tropico</b>	<i>John Ferrandini</i>
<b>Olive Drive</b>	<i>Nakyung Kang</i>	<b>Warren</b>	<i>Nicole Nalupa</i>
<b>Ollivier</b>	<i>Angel Ortiz Valenzuela</i>	<b>Whitley</b>	<i>Tanner Germanetti</i>

# ORCHESTRA STUDENTS

## VIOLIN 1

Jayden An (Warren)  
Carlita Viarreal (Warren)  
Mia Wood (Norris)  
Sophia Kang (Warren)  
Kris Siripane (Warren)  
Carol Keriakos (Warren)  
Abigail Carney (Warren)  
Lillian Yuan (Warren)  
Alice Li (Warren)  
Thomas Resk (Warren)  
Hanna Latif (Warren)  
Aanya Chatterjee (Warren)

## VIOLIN 2

Karen Keriakos (Warren)  
Brianna Kang (Reagan)  
Eliam Lamis (Stonecreek)  
Lillian Tydryszewski (Warren)  
Itsuki Sandoval (Freedom)  
Emyah Evans (Actis)  
Victoria Gonzalez (Stonecreek)  
Fernando Aguilar (Stonecreek)  
Ashton Park (Warren)  
Mason Park (Warren)  
Jonah Celedon (Warren)  
Camila Cota (Whitley)  
Mia Suarez (Stonecreek)  
Aayush Mathukia (Warren)

## VIOLA

**Stevie Giandalia-Dirkse (Warren)**  
Lana Chen (Warren)  
Kathryn La (Warren)  
Elizabeth Sandoval (Actis)  
Julia Lee (Tevis)  
Darla Carrillo (Tevis)  
Declan Leheny (Warren)

## CELLO

Katelyn La (Warren)  
Emilia Fordham (Warren)  
Brianna Gallardo Moreno (Stonecreek)  
Sanvi Mahajan (Warren)  
Barbara Zhang (Warren)  
Sanay Mahajan (Warren)  
Chantal De La Torre (Whitley)  
Savyaa Vyas (Warren)

## BASS

**Dev Patel (Warren)**  
**Anela Holguin (Actis)**  
**Estefania Zuniga (Stonecreek)**

## FLUTE

Santiago Terrazas (Thompson)  
Malaya Amoroso (Tropico)

## CLARINET

**Arielle Chen (Warren)**  
**Kiyomasa Chan (Warren)**  
**Kenna Meeks (Norris)**

## BASS CLARINET

Claire Bluemel (Norris)

## TRUMPET

Emmanuel Juarez (Warren)  
Ramon Gonzalez (Stonecreek)  
Fernel Valadez (Almond Tree)

## FRENCH HORN

Lucas Ramirez (Stonecreek)  
Zachary Royer (Stonecreek)

## TROMBONE

Jonan Fernandez (Actis)  
William Clark (St. John's)

## TUBA

Caleb Jaime (Stonecreek)

## PERCUSSION

Ethan Ozaeta (Norris)  
Ellie Richert (Actis)  
Joshua Delgado (Desert)  
Emerson Conan (Tevis)  
Michael Martinez (Warren)

# CHOIR STUDENTS

## SOPRANOS

Kelsey Acosta (Almond Tree)  
Brynley Allred (Richland)  
Emma Alvarez (Almond Tree)  
Sofia Anaya (Discovery)  
Lizzie Armistead (Norris )  
Lauraine Barroga (La Viña)  
Raelynn Barry (Norris )  
Madison Behill (Fruitvale)  
Juniper Brown (Freedom)  
Alaya Bursett (Stonecreek)  
Abby Busby (Olive Knolls)  
Jizelle Carreon (Whitley)  
Aliana Cortes (Freedom)  
Brianna Cortes (Warren)  
Raylee DeFlicht (Norris )  
Nichole Duron (Beardsley)  
Lilah Everist (Actis)  
Melanie Fajardo (Norris )  
Lianna Ferrer (Norris )  
Valena Flores (Warren)  
Alexandra Frutos  
(Stonecreek)  
Lily Garcia (Actis)  
Keerat Gill (Warren)  
Madaline Gomez Viveros  
(Stonecreek)  
Brianna Gutierrez (Norris )  
Braylyn Hallum (Norris )  
Ivy Hamilton (Fruitvale)  
Mia Hernandez (Pioneer)  
Ella Hoffman (Beardsley)  
Serenity Holloway (Beardsley)  
Rebekah Hurley (Fruitvale)  
Serenity Jones (Stonecreek)  
Skylar Jones (Discovery)  
Kayelynn Lambert (Norris )  
Maria Lopez (Greenfield)  
Vanessa Madero (Actis)  
Liam Mechem (Norris )  
Mia Moya (Warren)  
Julisa Navarro (Richland)  
Graci Norman (Stonecreek)  
Mayra Oritz (Cecil )  
Marjay Peña (Norris )  
Gianna Regalado (Discovery)  
Dylan Rocco (Norris )  
Alani San (Discovery )  
Ava Sanchez (Norris )  
Marilyn Santiago (Warren)  
Kenzie Schwartz (Olive Knolls)  
Maroska Shenouda (Warren)  
Madisyn Shepherd (Cecil)

## SOPRANOS CONT.

Katarina Sims-Kliwer  
(Beardsley)  
Au'Bree Spikes (Beardsley)  
Ellie Spradlin (Olive Knolls)  
Lanie Stone (Norris )  
Joshlyn Suarez (Stonecreek)  
Anna Grace Van Heerden  
(Norris )  
Isabella Vargas (Warren)  
Anahli Vasquez (Pioneer)  
Jennelyn Vidal (Almond Tree)  
Merycele Viduya (Cecil)  
Chloe Villegas (Cecil)  
Jaslyn Watson (Endeavor)  
Khaleesi Zepeda (Norris )

## ALTOS

Sophia Alvarez Lopez (Actis)  
Chloe Aranda (Stonecreek)  
Dayana Arredondo  
(Almond Tree)  
Lilee Balfour (Norris)  
Sadie Jean Barnes (Norris)  
Nayomi Barrios (Almond Tree)  
Jordyn Bryon (Stonecreek)  
Zaira Bumatay (Cecil)  
Novelyn Capalac (Almond Tree)  
Kayla Clark (Norris)  
Genevieve Dale (Warren)  
Ella Davis (Olive Knolls)  
Addison Debenham (Warren)  
Alexis Debenham (Fruitvale )  
Brisa Diaz (Tevis)  
Scarlett Downing (Richland)  
Darlene Espinoza Ruiz (Actis)  
Victoria Esquivel (Warren)  
Emily Flores (Stonecreek)  
Carolyn Foster (Freedom)  
Stephanie Franco Briceno (Actis)  
Ana Garcia (Tropico)  
Angelique Garcia (Norris)  
Samantha Garcia (Stonecreek)  
Rashaan Gill (Warren)  
Annaly Gonzalez (Discovery)  
Isabelle Gonzalez (Whitley)  
Isabelle Gonzalez (Cecil)  
Olivia Goodspeed (Tevis)  
Aryanna Gutierrez (Thompson)  
Zoe Guzman (Stonecreek)  
Amiyah Hardin (Richland)  
Rylee Harrison (Norris)

## ALTOS CONT.

Narcissa Hernandez  
(Quailwood)  
Sophia Huitron (Warren)  
Magkwan Jackson (Actis)  
Kynsleigh Johnson (Norris)  
Megan Johnson (Norris)  
Carson Kreiser (Discovery)  
Wyatt Lemke (Discovery)  
Zoe Lewis (Warren)  
Hennessy Lopez (Beardsley)  
Jaymme Lopez (Actis)  
Kinzley Lopez (Norris)  
Summer Magaña (Norris)  
Caroline Maldonado  
(Whitley)  
Tabitha Manila (Stonecreek)  
Aileen Martinez (Tropico)  
Tania Mata Lopez (Actis)  
Claire Meridith (Veterans)  
Emely Meza (Almond Tree)  
Amanda Morse (Beardsley)  
Makena Murillo (Norris)  
Natalie Orozco (Actis)  
Michelle Ortiz (Almond Tree)  
Khloe Peña (Richland)  
Isla Quiambao (Norris)  
Grace Ramirez (Norris)  
Biridiana Reyes (Warren)  
Daniela Roman (Stonecreek)  
Kimberly Roman (Freedom)  
Brooklyn Routh (Norris)  
Alejandra Ruano (Norris)  
Alyssa Ruiz (Almond Tree)  
Jacquelin Ruiz (Richland)  
Faithlynn Salinas (Norris)  
Ceres Sharp (Tropico)  
Haylee Silva (Warren)  
Vannessa Smith (Beardsley)  
Sophia Stafford (Norris)  
Rylee Thompson-Lueck (Norris)  
Lily Thompson (Endeavour)  
Dani Todt (Stonecreek)  
Kylie Tolliver (Beardsley)  
Daphney Torres (Bear  
Willow Tyler (Tropico)  
Katelynn Uecker (Discovery)  
Jaylah Vasquez (La Viña)  
Hazel Ventura (Almond Tree)  
Chanel Williams (Columbia)

## BARITONES

Calbra Cooper (Stonecreek)  
Zackary DeArman (Actis)  
Angel Diaz (Norris)  
Isaiah Franklin (Warren)  
Maddox Garcia (Beardsley)  
Zeke Gomez (Norris)  
Eric Gutierrez (Actis)  
Andrew Guzman (Beardsley)  
Jose Hinojosa (Almond Tree)  
Gia Lao (Warren)  
Liam Lemison (Stonecreek)  
Matthew Leon (Richland)  
Noah Austin Link  
(Almond Tree)  
Junfer Lutrania (Cecil)  
Melanie Madera (Stonecreek)  
Rodrigo Meraz (Almond Tree)  
Cylis Miller (Beardsley)  
Giovanni Morales (Cecil)  
Bradley Nash (Standard)  
Rhys Parks (Standard)  
Victoria Bell Pickin (Warren)  
Victoria Ramirez (Stonecreek)  
Santiago Rivera (Norris)  
Javier Rodriguez (Warren)  
Timothy Rollins (Warren)  
Clark San Juan (Actis)  
Quentin Severson (Jacobsen)  
William Sidwell (Norris)  
Joshua Tillery (Standard)  
Camila Trujillo (Actis)  
Zachary Valley (Norris)  
Gustavo Vidal (Warren)

# BAND STUDENTS

## FLUTE

**Audrey Chang (Warren)**  
**Alexa Sepulveda (Ollivier)**  
**Santiago Herrera (Warren)**  
**Allison Carr (Norris)**  
**Stevie Farrand (Olive Drive)**  
**Paisley Peters (Stockdale Christian)**  
**Ariana Macias (Standard)**  
**Melanie De Santiago (Pioneer)**  
**Daniella Wardono (Warren)**  
**Gianna Porter (Warren)**

## CLARINET

Amirah Williams (Ollivier)  
Damian Jimenez (Thompson)  
Lana Martin (Stockdale Christian)  
Julie Ibarra (Ollivier)  
Irvin Silva (Lincoln)  
Rafael Gonzalez (Actis)  
Madi Wherry (Tevis)  
Alyssa Cervantes (Warren)  
Jintry Billington (Norris)  
Fernanda Andrade (Beardsley)  
Evelyn Flores (Ollivier)  
Vallerie Velazquez (La Vina)  
Bryanna Castorena (Thompson)  
Charles Schlaerth (St. John's Lutheran)

## BASS CLARINET

Judah Stout (Tevis)  
Damien Hoagland (Stonecreek)  
Estaban Lorigo (Actis)

## ALTO SAXOPHONE

Emily Herrera (Tevis)  
Benjamin Neri (Actis)  
Haya Alnahhal (Warren)  
Sophia Lainez (McKee)  
Kathryn Mondragon (Fruitvale)  
Emily Chipres (Warren)

## TENOR

### SAXOPHONE

Giuliana Arias (Warren)  
Koa Sargent (Norris)  
Danny Serrano (Tropico)  
Joshua Hilton (Rosedale)  
Kieran Bailey (Jacobson)

## BARITONE

### SAXOPHONE

Aiden Ilarde (Norris)  
Bailee Marmolejo (McKee)

## TRUMPET

Brooke Gormley (St. Francis)  
Valeria Rueda (Ollivier)  
Ethan Poh (Warren)  
Zoey Craft (Norris)  
Liam Saldana (Standard)  
Nikolai Kolosies (Tevis)  
Aaron Linares (Actis)  
Izzy Tsintzun (Actis)  
Nathan Woodland (Tevis)  
Luke Johnson (Warren)  
Damian Bonilla (Greenfield)  
Joshua Boado (Stockdale Christian)  
Anthony Solis (Stonecreek)

## HORN

**Genevieve Sullivan (Warren)**  
**Ryan Van Boering (Norris)**  
**Marisol Martinez (Stockdale Christian)**

## TROMBONE

Liam Ruud (Norris)  
Caleb Massie (Stockdale Christian)  
Jose Lopez (Tevis)  
Liyah Ramos (McKee)  
Paige Anderson (Fruitvale)  
Mason Potter (Tropico)

## EUPHONIUM

Samantha Ashley (Warren)  
Nathan Osborne (Tevis)  
Matthew Pacheco (Actis)  
Ewan McPhearson (Actis)

## TUBA

Jonathan Mechem (Norris)  
Zayden Jimenez (Thompson)  
Jonah Chavez (Whitley)  
Gabriel Ruiz (Stockdale Christian)

## PERCUSSION

Caiden Garcia (Warren)  
Justin Gonzalez (McFarland)  
Ivan Murillo (McFarland)  
Aaron Lopez (Thompson)  
Erick Ruiz-Esparza (Greenfield)  
Janelle Camarillo (Standard)  
Jonathon Rampe (Standard)

## MALLETS

Jayden Miranda (McFarland)

**KERN COUNTY MUSIC  
EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION  
2025-2026 AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**Band Educator**

*Amanda Posey*

**Choral Educator**

*Nichole Heasley*

**College Music Educator**

*Matt Hanne*

**Elementary Music Specialist**

*Sal Rios*

**Emerging Music Educator**

*Natalie Hensley*

**General Music Educator**

*Nancy Posada*

**Hall Of Fame**

*Grady Walls*

**Jazz Educator**

*Ben Horton*

**Orchestra Educator**

*Amanda Sproul*

**Multicultural Educator**

*Matt Ouska*

**School Administrator**

*Patrick Spears*

**Retiree**

*Teresa Rizo*

**Music Educator of the Year**

*Becky Baker*

# AUDIENCE ETIQUETTE

A peaceful environment is necessary for the enjoyment of the sounds from our wonderful “Grand Night for Music”. Simple rules of courtesy using common sense will vastly improve the serenity and happiness of the entire audience. The following guidelines will make concert going more enjoyable for all.

- Arrive on time and stay until the concert is over.
- Avoid unnecessary noise during the concert such as talking, paper shuffling, unwrapping candy, toe-tapping, humming, purse snapping, jangling jewelry and loud coughing.
- Applaud only after the end of the piece, not between movements. If you are uncertain, be the second one to applaud.
- For the comfort of our patrons, food and beverages are allowed in the lobby only.
- The use of cameras, cellular phones and recording devices are discouraged inside the hall. Also make certain the electronic signal on your watch is turned off during performances.

(Audience etiquette adapted from The Bakersfield Symphony)



Note to Parents, Educators: The news media may elect to cover all or part of this event which can include photos, video or text which identifies and may quote the child/student. This news coverage may appear in newspapers, newsletters, on television, radio or other publicly-circulated communications. State law permits media access to student competitions and often helps highlight the many wonderful students we have in our county