

Welcome to the 29th Annual

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY BAND FESTIVAL

Sponsored by the Pomerado Community
Band and the City of Poway




May 17-18, 2025

————— Old Poway Park



2025 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

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SUNDAY

12:00 PM	<u>San Diego City Guard Band</u>
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2:00 PM	<u>San Diego Concert Band</u>
3:00 PM	<u>San Diego British Brass Band</u>
4:00 PM	<u>Kearny Mesa Concert Band</u>
5:00 PM	<u>North County Winds</u>
6:00 PM	<u>Pomerado Community Band</u>



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All About Saturday's Featured Performers



Sax Diego

San Diego, CA

Director: Philip Myers

Sax Diego is a pure saxophone ensemble. The group was formed for the love of playing the sax with others. Sax Diego plays music of different styles and genres and brings the best harmonies together that only a sax can do. The group is looking forward to performing in festivals, December Nights, and private events. Sax Diego is excited to play in the Poway Band Festival, now and in the future.

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Sax Diego

Musical Program

The Star Spangled Banner.....	John Stafford Smith Arr. Kevin Albright
Cyrus the Great.....	Karl L. King Arr. Kevin Kastens
The Lone Ar-ranger Goes Sax Mad!.....	Philip R. Buttail Arr. Nigel Woods
Bach Toccata.....	J.S. Bach Arr. Nigel Woods
All in Good Time.....	Composed and Arr. Karen Street
Pictures at an Exhibition.....	Modest Mussorgsky Arr. Gary Bricault
Nimrod.....	Edward Elgar Arr. J.J. Ashley
Sousa One Step.....	John Philip Sousa Discovered and Arr. Loris Schissel and Dr. Paul Cohen
Bohemian Dance.....	Claude Debussy Arr. J.R.W. Crockford



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Huntington Beach Concert Band

Huntington Beach, CA

Director: Dr. Kenneth Foerch

The Huntington Beach Concert Band (HBCB) was founded in 1973, with the goal of providing a creative opportunity for qualified adult musicians to share their musical talents and the joy of music with others through performance. HBCB performs throughout Orange County and sponsors a Summer Series of free Sunday concerts in Huntington Beach Central Park.

Dr. Kenneth Foerch (DMA, USC, former Saxophonist “The President’s Own” U.S. Marine Band) has recently taken the baton from Tom Ridley, who directed the band for 46 years. Dr. Foerch currently serves as Associate Professor of Music at Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, CA.

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Huntington Beach Concert Band

Musical Program

Esprit de Corps.....	Robert Jager (b. 1939)
Valdres March.....	Johannes Hanssen (1874-1967)
Victory at Sea....	Richard Rodgers (1888-1989), Arr. Robert Russell Bennett
Swing's the Thing.....	Various, Arr. by Eric Osterline
Tijuana Brass in Concert.....	Arr. Ted Ricketts
Selections from E.T.	John Williams (b. 1932), Arr. Frank Erickson
West Side Story.....	Leonard Bernstein (1918-1991), Arr. W.J. Dethoit



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Covina and LASD Concert Bands

Covina, CA and Hacienda Heights, CA

Director:

Since 1956, the Covina Concert Band has continued to provide crowd-pleasing performances at no cost to their audience. The band of today consists of valuable individuals with years of training and experience and is conducted with an emphasis on quality, enthusiasm, and professionalism. The value of the organization is the culmination of years of community service. The band continues to provide the best in marches, medleys, the big band sound, classical compositions, and music written for band by current composers. Small ensembles have been created from within the band such as the “CCB Special Service Ensemble” (a mini concert band), “CCB Brass Ensemble”, and “Twist of Orange - the swing band of Covina Concert Band”. In addition to their summer weekly evening concerts in Covina Park, the band also attracts audiences to many performances at other venues. They attract an audience consisting of all age groups, ranging from children to senior citizens. Their audience is important to them and they welcome suggestions.

The LASD Concert Band has existed in many forms over the past 100 years. Currently constituted as a traditional concert band, the band has played throughout the world. The band is represented by music professionals and enthusiasts from all over Southern California. Our mission is to represent and support the Deputies of the LASD, and the public at large through music. We would like to thank the organizers of the Poway Band Festival, and congratulate them for bringing concert music bands together for a wonderful experience. Enjoy the music this weekend everyone.



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San Diego Community Jazz Band

San Diego, CA

Director: Richard Almanza

Started in the summer of 2017 so that musicians could play jazz year-round, it has progressed to be one of the premiere amateur jazz bands for adults. Sponsored by the San Diego Community College District via the Emeritus program, the band is a class open to the general public with no fees or charges.

Playing diverse musical jazz styles, this band has become adept at playing varied great jazz literature. The band is directed by Richard Almanza, who has over 40+ years of music education experience and who had the opportunity to play for jazz greats like Gary Foster and Glenn Stuart and went through the outstanding jazz program at Cal State Univ. Long Beach. He is also the recipient of the California Music Educators Association Jazz Educator award. But it is the musicians who make this program successful with their dedication and desire to excel at what they do best, play America's music – JAZZ. To find out more about the San Diego Community Jazz Band, you can email Mr. Almanza at ralmanza@sdccd.edu.

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San Diego Community Jazz Band

Musical Program

Cold Duck.....	Alan Blaylock
Witchcraft.....	David Wolpe
Chili Today, Hot Tamale.....	Rick Hirsch
Georgia.....	Tommy Newsom
Honk.....	Jeff Jarvis
El Abrazo.....	Alan Blaylock
I Get a Kick Out of You.....	Neal Hefti
Sabor de Cuba.....	Victor Lopez
In the Mood.....	Jeff Tyzik



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Pacific Coast Concert Band

San Diego, CA

Director: Kenneth Bell

Under the direction of Kenneth Bell since 1991, the Pacific Coast Concert Band has been delighting audiences all over San Diego County. We are a non-profit organization, providing musical entertainment and scholarship assistance to local musicians in North San Diego County. For over 35 years our community band of 50-70 woodwind, brass, and percussion players have performed a wide range of band music, from marches, musical theater, classical, movie scores, and big band. We've performed in over 300 concerts in a variety of venues, including concert halls, parks, band shells, schools, shopping centers, theaters, and residential communities

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Pacific Coast Concert Band

Musical Program

Gershwin on Broadway.....	Arr. John Moss
The Purple Carnival.....	Harry Alford
Selections from “Chicago”.....	Ted Ricketts
Second Suite in F, Mvts 1 &2.....	Gustav Holst
Swing the Mood.....	Arr. Michael Sweeney
The Trombone Rag.....	John Higgins
America the Beautiful.....	Carmen Dragon
The Stars and Stripes Forever.....	John Philip Sousa



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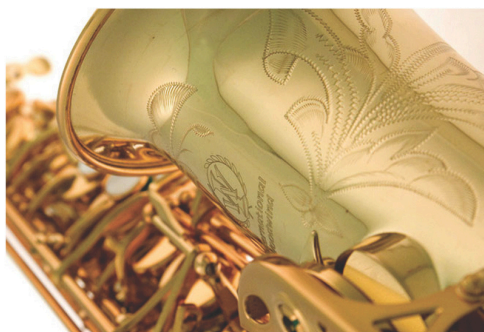
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All About Sunday's Featured Performers



San Diego City Guard Band

San Diego, CA

Director: Linda Thompson

The City Guard Band, under the direction of Linda Thompson , was organized in 1980 by a group of former musicians from high school, college and service bands wishing to continue playing the traditional band literature of Sousa, King, Fillmore and others.

The Band's style and repertoire are based on the original City Guard Band, founded in 1880 by J. M. "Jack" Dodge, a local entertainment promoter of the time. The Band was a part of the San Diego City Guard, a unit in the California National Guard.

The Band's library of over 2,500 compositions covers popular music from the 1880s to present-day, including many written specifically for the Band or for events in the San Diego region. The Band is part of the Heritage Band Society of San Diego, a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization, whose mission is to preserve band and orchestra music and literature from the 1880s to present. The combined library contains well over 5,000 compositions for band, orchestra, and ensembles.

We rehearse at the Recital Hall in Balboa Park. All ages from middle school to adult are welcome! Please visit our web site at www.CityGuardBand.org , and our Instagram at [sandiegocityguardband](https://www.instagram.com/sandiegocityguardband).



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San Diego City Guard Band

Musical Program

Star Spangled Banner.....	Arr. Jack Stamp
Fanfare of Wakakusa Hill.....	Itaru Sakai
Clarinet Polka.....	Arr. David Bennett
Choose Joy.....	Randall Standridge
Tuba Tiger Rag.....	Arr. Luther Henderson
Excursion.....	Lisa Galvan
Music of Jerry Goldsmith.....	Arr. Ted Ricketts
Zoot Suit Riot.....	Arr. John Moss
Chanteyman's March.....	John Philip Sousa



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Valley Winds Concert Band

Southwest Riverside County, CA

Directors: John Trebelhorn and Greg Cowee

Founded in 1990, the Valley Winds Concert Band serves the I-15/215 corridor in southwest Riverside County California. Our members reside mostly in Temecula, Murrieta, Lake Elsinore, Wildomar, Menifee, and surrounding communities. The organization supports two main ensembles: a 60-piece concert band and an 18-piece swing band. The groups perform concerts, entertain at community events, and support school music programs.

The Valley Winds Concert Band is a 60-piece ensemble made up of volunteer musicians from all walks of life. Members range from teenagers to 80-somethings, and include educators, engineers, writers, scientists, and a few professional musicians. The Concert Band performs a wide variety of music for different occasions, including marches, show tunes, patriotic and seasonal favorites, and modern band classics. Each season includes a few formal concerts, several holiday performances, and community events including the annual Memorial Day observance at the Lake Elsinore Cemetery



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San Diego Concert Band

San Diego, CA

Director: Roy Anthony, Jr.

Under the direction of Roy Anthony, Jr., the San Diego Concert Band performs a wide range of music; traditional symphonic band pieces, marches, pops and show tunes, and arrangements of orchestral works for band. The Band is composed of nearly 100 local musicians from all walks of life, including active and retired music educators, teachers, engineers, doctors, nurses, pilots, attorneys, insurance agents, business professionals, local and federal government employees, and college students. We are proud to have among our members several musicians who are currently stationed in San Diego and who are assigned to Navy and Marine Corps bands.

Founded in 1989, the San Diego Concert Band is celebrating its 35th year of entertaining San Diego residents, performing two formal concerts at the Joan B. Kroc Theater, in East San Diego and a series of summer concerts, including the Southern California (Poway) and San Diego community band festivals, La Mesa's "Sundays at Six," St. Dunstan's Independence Day Celebration, and "Twilight in the Park" at the Organ Pavilion.

In addition to performing, the Band supports various music programs by providing student scholarships, including Band at the Beach, East County Youth Symphony and the International Academy of Jazz, and sponsoring local school music programs, most recently Hillsdale Middle School and Valhalla high school.

The San Diego Concert Band, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, is supported solely by member dues, private sponsorships, individual donations, and the donations received for tickets to our performances and recordings. For more information, please visit web site www.SanDiegoConcertBand.com.

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San Diego Concert Band Musical Program

The Music of John Williams

Midway March

Superman March

Music from Jurassic Park

The Cowboys

March from 1941

Star Wars: The Awakening



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San Diego British Brass Band

San Diego, CA

Director: Linda Thompson and Pete Riley

Musicians in and around San Diego have built a community band with instrumentation consistent with that of the British Brass Band. The purpose of the San Diego British Brass Band (SDBBB) is to: (1) Perform a wide variety of brass band music that both interests and challenges our players, (2) Provide a learning environment for high school students to be mentored and inspired by more experienced players, and (3) Serve and entertain our community.

Since our founding in 2016, we have performed at a number of venues in and around San Diego, and we are always looking for new opportunities to play! We rehearse every Sunday (4pm – 6pm) at 4170 Balboa Ave. All brass players and percussionists are welcome to join us. You can find out more about the band by visiting our website: www.sdbbb.org or by emailing Pete Riley (pete@peteriley.org)



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Kearny Mesa Concert Band

San Diego, CA

Director: Richard Almanza

The Kearny Mesa Concert Band is the oldest unceasing community concert band in San Diego county. It was started in 1972 at San Diego Mesa College by Dr. Ellis Benson. It is currently under the leadership of director Richard Almanza, a director of music with over 40 years' experience.

Our mission is to provide a means for current and former musicians to gather and create wonderful music within a friendly, family atmosphere. The Kearny Mesa Concert Band is a community band first and foremost. It is also a tuition free continuing education class of the San Diego Community College District.

The music played ranges from classical to popular, including original compositions, Broadway and movie show tunes, as well as traditional marches. Musicians of all ages and abilities are welcome. There is a diverse makeup of musicians in the band; some are former military band musicians, some former professional musicians, some retired music teachers, but most are like yourself, someone with a love of music who wants to play their instrument (and may not have played for quite a while) in a musically invigorating environment.

We are supported by the San Diego Continuing Education College, which is a part of the San Diego Community College District. The class meets on the campus of Madison High School in the band room on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm. For more information about the band, you can go to our Facebook page or to our website. Please visit us at (www.kearnymesaconcertband.com).

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Kearny Mesa Concert Band

Musical Program

Arabesque.....	Samuel Hazo
Amazing Grace.....	Frank Ticheli
A Childhood Remembered.....	Rossano Galante
Colonial Song.....	Percy Grainger
Groovy Loops.....	J. Scott McKenzie
Chorale and Alleluia.....	Howard Hanson



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North County Winds

San Diego, CA

Director: Vince Hernandez

Under the direction of Vince Hernandez since 2002, the North County Winds is a San Diego based community wind ensemble, whose members are a collection of professional and amateur musicians of all ages, dedicated to performing challenging music and executing the highest quality level for their audience.

The North County Winds rehearses weekly, performs concerts throughout the year and supports music education in local schools, encourage individuals to play music throughout all stages of their lives, fostering friendship, camaraderie, community, and having fun!

We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and are fully supported by generous patron charitable contributions and member dues.

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North County Winds Musical Program

Rush.....	Samuel Hazo
See Rock City.....	Brant Karrick
Amazing Grace.....	Arr. Chris Coletti
Cyrus the Great.....	Karl L. King
The Incredibles.....	Arr. Lars Erik Gudim
Rail Riffs.....	Brian Balmages
Purple Carnival.....	Arr. Frank Erickson
Olympic Fanfare and Theme.....	Arr. James Curnow



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Pomerado Community Band

San Diego, CA

Director: Mark Nowak

The Pomerado Community Band was founded in 1990 to provide wind and percussion musicians the opportunity to perform and improve their musical skills, while encouraging a sense of community by performing at local events. The band presents 10-12 concerts a year in venues that include Old Poway Park, local schools, the USS Midway Museum, and the Organ Pavilion at Balboa Park.

For over 34 years, the band has made its motto “Good Friends and Good Music” come alive by fostering a sense of family within itself during the course of rehearsals, concerts, and tours. This festival is a manifestation of that philosophy.

We rehearse Wednesday evenings at Oak Valley Middle School and do not require auditions for membership. If you would like more information about the band, please visit our website at www.pomeradoband.org.

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Pomerado Community Band

Musical Program

In Your Wildest Dreams.....	Tyler S Grant
John Williams: The Symphonic Marches.....	Arr. John Higgins
Redemption.....	Rossano Galante
Tritsch-Tratsch Polka.....	Johann Strauss, Arr. Alfred Reed
Selections from Wicked....	Stephen Schwartz, Arr. Mark Nowak/Jay Bocook
Billy Joel in Concert.....	Arr. Paul Murtha



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