

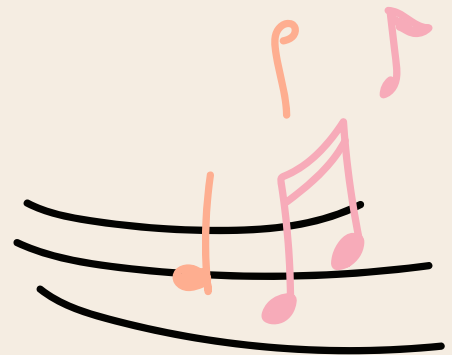
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2026 Performance Schedule

Saturday

11:00 AM

Sax Diego

12:00 PM

Huntington Beach Concert Band

1:00 PM

Valley Winds

2:00 PM

Coronado Big Band

3:00 PM

San Diego Community Jazz Band

4:00 PM

Pacific Coast Concert Band

5:00 PM

Ahwatukee Foothills Concert Band

6:00 PM

North County Winds



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2026 Performance Schedule

Sunday



12:00 PM

San Diego City Guard Band

1:00 PM

Kearny Mesa Concert Band

2:00 PM

San Diego British Brass Band

3:00 PM

San Diego Concert Band

4:00 PM

Germania Blaskapelle

5:00 PM

Pomerado Community Band



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All About
Saturday's
Featured Performers



Sax Diego

San Diego, CA

Director: Clarke Patton

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.



Sax Diego

Musical Program

National Anthem

Heaven Knows Donna Summers, Arr. John Wernega

Pure Imagination .. Leslie Bricusse & Anthony Newley, Arr. Roman
Valenciano

Suite for Variety Orchestra, Walz No. 2 Shostakovich, Arr. Jeff Bell

That's a Plenty Lew Pollack, Arr. Jeff Bell

The Hymn of Axiom Vienna Ten, Arr. Ian Rodgers and Jeff Bell

Midnight Soliloquy John Cacavas, Arr. Phillip Myers

Sweet Caroline Neil Diamond, Arr. Tim Waters

Mercy, Mercy, Mercy Joe Zawinal, Arr. Jeff Bell

Sir Duke Stevie Wonder, Arr. Ben Griffin

Everybody Wants to Rule the World Roland Orzabal and Ian
Stanley, Arr. Austin Ralphson

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.

Huntington Beach Concert Band

Musical Program

Light Cavalry Overture Franz von Suppe Arr. Charles Godfrey

Strike Up the Band George Gershwin, Arr. Warren Barker

Florentiner March J.E.W. Fucik, Arr. Igor Zugrou

Suite of Old American Dances Robert Russel Bennett

1. Cake Walk

2. Schottische

3. Rag

Selections from Wicked Stephen Schwartz, Arr. Jay Bocook

Phil Collins Collection Arr. Peter Kleine Schaars

Back to the Future Alan Silvestri Arr. Juri Briat

Valley Winds

Riverside County, CA

Directors: John Trebelhorn and Greg Cowee

Founded in 1990, the Valley Winds 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. The group also produces the Wine Country Community Band Festival each year.

The Valley Winds Concert Band is affiliated with Mt. San Jacinto College Adult Education.

Valley Winds

Musical Program

Champions of the Sky	Rossano Galante
Rephrygeration	Todd Stalter
The Town Band	Erika Suano
The Clapping Song	Randall D. Standridge
Hans Zimmer: Movie Milestones	Hans Zimmer, Arr. Michael Brown
Four: On a Remix of Beethoven	Randall D. Standridge
Rapture	Brian Balmages

Coronado Big Band

Coronado, CA

Director: Rolf Olsen

Introducing the Coronado Big Band, San Diego's premier 16-piece swing ensemble known for their dynamic performances and versatile repertoire. Established in 1997 as an initiative to provide jazz education to Coronado High School students, the band has since evolved into a powerhouse of seasoned musicians passionate about keeping the big band tradition alive. With an extensive songbook featuring swing classics and contemporary big band hits, the Coronado Big Band pays homage to jazz legends such as Count Basie, Stan Kenton, Buddy Rich, and Maynard Ferguson, while also showcasing the work of modern composers like Gordon Goodwin, John La Barbera, Rich DeRosa, and Alan Ferber. With a dedication to their craft, the band members gather every Tuesday night at Coronado High School to rehearse and refine their skills.

Over the years, the Coronado Big Band has graced stages across San Diego County, including iconic venues like Dizzy's jazz club, Balboa Park, Bernardo Winery, Hotel Del Coronado, Coronado Yacht Club, USS Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum, Grossmont Center, and UCSD. Additionally, they have become a beloved staple at the Coronado Ferry Landing, delighting audiences with their regular performances.

Come and see the magic of the Coronado Big Band! Let their large jazz ensemble sounds whisk you away to a world of unforgettable melodies and infectious rhythms.

Coronado Big Band

Musical Program

**Program will be
announced
from the stage**

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.

San Diego Community Jazz Band
Musical Program

**Program will be
announced
from the stage**

Pacific Coast Concert Band

San Diego, CA

Director: Michael Tramm

For more than three decades, the Pacific Coast Concert Band has been a vibrant part of San Diego County's musical landscape, bringing energy, variety, and community spirit to every performance. Founded in 1991, this non-profit ensemble is dedicated to sharing the joy of live concert band music with audiences of all ages.

With a dynamic group of 40–50 woodwind, brass, and percussion musicians, the band performs an exciting and diverse repertoire—from stirring marches and beloved musical theater selections to classical masterworks, cinematic scores, and lively big band favorites. Whether on a concert hall stage, in a sunny park, at a community event, or in a neighborhood venue, the band creates memorable musical experiences wherever it performs.

The Pacific Coast Concert Band proudly brings together musicians from all walks of life, blending talented amateurs and seasoned professionals into one cohesive ensemble. Rehearsing year-round in San Marcos, the band fosters a welcoming, collaborative environment grounded in musicianship, growth, and a shared passion for performance.

New members are always welcome! Musicians with solid playing skills, a love of music, and a commitment to regular rehearsal are encouraged to inquire. Participation is by approval of the conductor.

Please visit our FB page or our website: PCCBand.org.

Pacific Coast Concert Band

Musical Program

You Are Cordially Invited

Esprit de Corps

Concert Rondo

Shenandoah

On the Quarterdeck

Salute to American Jazz

Selections from Cats

Washington Post

Ahwatukee Foothills Concert Band

Phoenix, AZ

Director: Erin Quintus

Since 1990, the Ahwatukee Foothills Concert Band has supported life-long musical expression for its members and the community. The AFCB is a group of over 60 active members under the direction of Erin Quintus and performs roughly 10 concerts a year in community celebrations, retirement resorts, and charity events throughout the greater Phoenix area.

Erin received her bachelor's degree in music education and master's degree in instrumental conducting from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ. She is currently the band director at Arizona College Prep Middle School. Prior to that, she taught at Villago Middle School in Casa Grande, AZ and she was the Director of Bands at Basha High School in Chandler, AZ. During her ten years in music education, Erin has taught a variety of ensembles and courses including wind ensemble, jazz band, marching band, percussion ensemble, horn ensemble, flute choir, winter drumline, winter winds, winter colorguard, digital musicianship, AP music theory, and elementary general music. Additionally, Erin is adjunct faculty at Chandler-Gilbert Community College where she teaches French Horn lessons and is the Associate Conductor for their Community Band.

Part of the band's charter is also the support of up-and-coming musicians in the form of annual scholarships and donations to school music programs. The AFCB rehearses weekly from August through May. For more information, please visit us at www.afcband.org

Awatukee Foothills Concert Band

Musical Program

- Fairest of the Fair John Philip Sousa, edited by Frederick Fennell
- Saturday in the ParkRobert Lamm, Arr. Jim Mahaffey
- The Blue and the Gray Clare Grundman
- Moon River Henry Mancini, Arr. Michael Brown
- Sun Dance Frank Ticheli
- The Parting Glass..... setting by Matt Conaway
- Don't Stop Me Now Freddie Mercury, Arr. Paul Murtha
- What's Up at the Symphony Arr. Jerry Brubaker

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.

North County Winds

Musical Program

Feels So Good

The Music of Rocky Arr. Bill Conti

Pop & Rock Legends: Chicago..... Arr. John Wasson

Billy Joel in Concert Arr. Paul Murtha

Eric Clapton on Stage Arr. Paul Murtha

Santana, A Portrait Arr. Giancarlo Gazzani

Earth, Wind & Fire Arr. Paul Murtha and Will Rapp

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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).

San Diego City Guard Band
Musical Program

**Program will be
announced
from the stage**

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.

Kearny Mesa Concert Band

Musical Program

**Program will be
announced
from the stage**

San Diego British Brass Band

San Diego, CA

Directors: 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)

San Diego British Brass Band
Musical Program

**Program will be
announced
from the stage**

San Diego Concert Band

San Diego, CA

Directors: Roy Anthony

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.

San Diego Concert Band
Musical Program

**Program will be
announced
from the stage**

Germania Blaskapelle

San Diego, CA

Director: John Winkelman

Inspired by the Minnesota Bavarian Musikmeisters, John Winkelman started the Germania Blaskapelle in 2024. As a former director of community bands he contacted many of the players he knew and the band took off. Even after his third stroke John continues to direct the group. The ensemble is modeled after a German or Austrian village band. They play Oktoberfest, Karneval, and traditional German type music as well as a few American pieces that fit well with their instrumentation. The Blaskapelle (wind ensemble) is a sub-group of the German-American Societies of San Diego and rehearses at the clubhouse in El Cajon on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30pm. Afterwards the bar is open at the club house and we enjoy each other's company over a glass of beer or wine. Some musicians may even have a soda or Radler. As for the music, most of the charts are ordered directly from Germany. There are a few pieces that have been arranged for the standard orchestration of an Oompah Band.

The Germania Blaskapelle is a German-style Oompah Band. Oompah bands, famous for their vibrant brass playing and traditional attire, have been a mainstay of German culture for decades. However, what are Oompah bands exactly, and where do they come from? Oompah bands have their roots in Bavaria, Germany, from the 19th century. Initially, these bands were made up of neighborhood musicians who performed at taverns and beer halls to amuse customers while they sipped their drinks. The onomatopoeic sound of the bass instrument, the "Pauken," which is akin to the sound of a drum, is whence the name "Oompah" originates. The classic lineup of tuba, bass and drums, with trumpets, trombones, and woodwinds as oompah bands have developed and grown through time. Their peppy songs, called Schlager, and energetic performances have made them a mainstay during Oktoberfest and other traditional German festivals. Oompah bands' entertainment and "festive atmosphere-creating goals" have remained constant over the years. The smaller groups are regularly employed to play at weddings and private gatherings, and they are frequently used to accompany classic German dances like the Schuhplattler and the Polka.

All ages are welcome! To join the band, you must be able to read music, have an instrument, music stand, and a fun-loving attitude. We not only make fun music; we make music fun!

Komm Musizier mit uns. Wir machen music!

Please visit our web site at www.germaniablaskapelle.com, and our Instagram page.

Germania Blaskapelle

Musical Program

**Program will be
announced
from the stage**

Pomerado Community Band

San Diego, CA

Director: Mark Nowak

“Good Friends and Good Music.” This is the motto of the Pomerado Community Band, founded to give musicians in San Diego a place to continue to play their instruments and perform concerts across San Diego while also fostering a sense of camaraderie around a shared love of music. With a membership of nearly 70 musicians across a variety of backgrounds and ages, the Pomerado Community Band engages with the San Diego community through performing a variety of concerts throughout the year. Under the direction of Mark Nowak, the band performs annually at venues like Old Poway Park, the USS Midway, and the Organ Pavilion at Balboa Park. The Pomerado Community Band also presents a Winter Concert each year to celebrate the holidays and a Spring Concert each year to stretch their musical abilities through more challenging literature, and they engage with local middle school programs through joint concerts to show young musicians that music can be a lifelong passion.

Each May, The Pomerado Community Band invites bands from across Southern California and Arizona to perform at their Southern California Community Band Festival, which this year celebrates its 30th year of bringing musicians together at Old Poway Park to share their talent and love of music under the shade of the gazebo.

The Pomerado Community Band rehearses Wednesday evenings at Oak Valley Middle School and does not require auditions to join. If you'd like more information about the band, please visit our website at www.pomeradoband.org or check out our YouTube channel @PomeradoCommunityBand1994.

Pomerado Community Band

Musical Program

Transcendent Journey	Rossano Galante
Dixieland Bash	Arr. Michael Sweeney
Mancini!	Arr. Stephen Bulla
Children's March	Percy Grainger
Bond... James Bond	Arr. Stephen Bulla
Yorktown Centennial March	John Philip Sousa
Metal!	Arr. Sean O'Loughlin