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Making a Difference Through Music

Music is an essential part of almost every event and
The Monterey County Pops!
celebrates the moment.

ALL CONCERTS ARE FREE !!!

2024 Calendar

- ❖ May 27, Memorial Day – Monterey City Hall
- ❖ July 4, Devendorf Park, Carmel
- ❖ September 2 – Labor Day, Seaside

Concerts are Live Streamed on Amp Chanel 24
and on our website at
www.montereycountypops.org

Elementary School Programs featuring
Peter and the Wolf in the a.m. and
Residency School Programs for middle and
high schools with clinics from 1 to 6 p.m. then
FREE public "side-by-side" concert at 6:30 p.m.

- ❖ March 13, North Monterey County High School
- ❖ April 15, North Salinas High School
- ❖ May 2, Greenfield/King City

The public is invited to attend and give your support
to the students and our orchestra!!!

**MONTEREY COUNTY POPS! ORCHESTRA
REACHES ALL AGES...**

Monterey County Pops! (MCP!) is committed to making music accessible to everyone in our community. That's why we're excited to bring professional musicians to schools and senior care facilities throughout Monterey County. Our goal is to provide young and old alike with the opportunity to experience the joy of live music and to bring a sense of community and connection through the power of music. We hope to foster a love of music that will last a lifetime and create lasting memories for all who participate.

MCP! is thrilled to announce that this year, we are offering more in-school workshops and programs than ever before. Our expanded selection caters to students of all ages, from elementary schools to middle and high schools. Our experienced musicians and staff are committed to providing an exceptional experience that enhances students' connection to music.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Our professional musicians are always excited to bring our educational program *Peter and the Wolf* to elementary schools. This free program is designed to engage and educate young students on the different instruments of an orchestra and how they work together to create beautiful music. Through an interactive and fun experience, students will learn about the characters in the story and the instruments that represent them. Our program is not only educational, but also entertaining, as students get to enjoy a live performance of the story. We are committed to providing a practical and trustworthy experience for both students and teachers alike, and we believe that our *Peter and the Wolf* program is a perfect fit for elementary schools looking to enrich their music education.

RESIDENCY SCHOOL PROGRAM

MCP! brings our professional orchestra to engage in side-by-side workshops for middle and high school students. The culmination of the day features a captivating evening concert. As part of our commitment to education and accessibility, all school Residencies are by MCP! are completely free to the schools. MCP! conveys the magic of music to young minds and inspire the next generation of musicians and music enthusiasts

SENIOR CARE FACILITIES

MCP! is proud to announce our partnership with various senior care facilities in Salinas and Monterey to bring live music performances to their residents. Our Brass or Woodwind group of talented musicians will be performing hour-long shows that are sure to delight and entertain the residents.



**Woodwind Musicians to Bring Joy
TO SENIOR CARE FACILITIES**

We are excited to be working with facilities such as Ivy Park, Madonna Gardens, Merrill Gardens, and Park Lane to bring joy and happiness to the senior community. Our team is currently working on scheduling visits to these facilities, and we look forward to bringing our music to as many residents as possible. We believe that music has the power to lift spirits and bring people together, and we are honored to be able to share our passion.

This is another wonderful opportunity for senior care facilities to have live entertainment. Let us know if you would be interested in MCP! coming to your facility. MCP! will try to accommodate as many centers as possible as funds are available. This would also be your opportunity to be part of MCP! and sponsor a brass or woodwind group in senior care facility.

With the ability to live stream on our website and on AMP Channel 24, these senior care facilities residents can now watch our concerts live on their big-screen TVs. This brings their residents together in a comfortable setting to enjoy our music and celebrate the holidays.

MCP! will also welcome seniors being transported to any of our live concerts on the lawn or in a concert hall and reserve accessible seating for them.

Our Senior Care Facility Live Music Performances and Live Streaming of our concerts are all FREE!!!

MEMORIAL DAY IS COMING...

Mark your calendars for May 27, 2024, on the lawn at Monterey City Hall – Colton Hall lawn. Bring your favorite picnic treats, lawn chairs, and family and friends. MCP! is featuring the Latin Jazz Collective with John Nava and their Afro-Cuban Latin Jazz to kick off the day at 1:00 p.m. At 2:00 p.m. Monterey County Pops! orchestra brings you pop and patriotic music that is family friendly!



John Nava – percussion, Kevin McCullough- piano, Steve Uccello – bass, Martin Binder – drums. Stu Reynolds - sax and percussion, Brian Stock - trumpet and flugelhorn, Felix Diaz Contreras – trombone.

Members of the Collective are all well-known jazz performers in Monterey County. Members Stu, Brian, Steve, and Felix have also performed with Monterey County Pops! in the past. Trombonist Felix Diaz Contreras currently plays with MCP! Bassist Steve Uccello filmed the MCP! “Electric Bass” episode for “Pops Pros Teach” currently posted on the MCP! website. Trumpeter Brian Stock is a son of “Papa” Jake Stock (a saxophone and clarinet player who opened the first Monterey Jazz Festival in 1958; he died in 1995). Jake’s band was the Abalone Stompers.

MEET THE MUSICIANS...



Dr. Grant Rosen serves on the Ensemble Monterey Chamber Orchestra (EMCO) Board after many years performing with the organization. He continues to perform, as principal clarinet with the MPC concert band and with the MPC orchestra and Monterey County Pops!, as well as with other local organizations.

Past performance affiliations include Monterey Symphony, Western Stage, Jamesburg Players and MPC Theater, and past board associations include the Monterey Bay Dental Society.

He studied with Franklyn Stokes of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and Gary Gray of the UCLA music faculty. Besides dentistry, other interests include hiking and cycling, camping, and backpacking, target shooting, ocean kayaking, and building fine scale models.



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