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March 2023



What a year we have had
Making a Difference through Music!!!
2023 Promises to be even more exciting!!!

CONCERTS COMING IN 2023
MAY 30 – Memorial Day, Colton Hall, Monterey
JULY 4th. Devendorf Park, Carmel

ALL CONCERTS ARE FREE !!!

WHY THE MONTEREY COUNTY POPS! IS IMPORTANT TO YOU...

Music is a universal language that lifts us up, connects us, and helps us all to feel more optimistic about our lives and the world. You have a “pops” orchestra that performs FREE, LIVE magnificent music right in your backyard -

The Monterey County Pops!

The Monterey County Pops! is a great way to introduce new and young fans to hear music of every genre, ethnicity, the great “oldies”, jazz and so much more. The music is very listenable, and the audiences are always filled with people of all ages.

Not only does the community get to enjoy live, free concerts, but local businesses appreciate that we attract diverse, dynamic, and intelligent groups of people to the area.



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

This is just a start on our 2023 school programs:

- Tuesday, March 7, Elkhorn Elementary, Castroville
- Wednesday, March 8, Prunedale Elementary, Salinas
- Wednesday, March 8 North Monterey County High School Residency
- Thursday March 23, Ledesma Elementary. Soledad,
- Thursday March 23, Franscioni Elementary, Soledad
- Thursday, March 23, Soledad High School Residency
- Thursday, May 4, Greenfield High School Residency

HIGHLIGHT FROM 2023...

“May I Have This Dance?”

The Monterey County Pops! was again at the First Night Monterey event in the Golden State Theater on New Year’s Eve and presented their full orchestra of 40 players with three young guest soloists in a gala New Year’s Event program.



The challenge this year was the much needed but crowd-dampening rain. All who attended were delighted with the one-hour concert provided FREE by the Monterey County Pops! to attendees that had purchased their FNM buttons.



Dance and ballet selections on the program included "The Blue Danube Waltz," "The Waltz of the Flowers" from the Nutcracker, "Bacchanale" from Samson & Delilah, and "Lord of the Dance" from Riverdance; and featured holiday favorites included "A Christmas Festival" and "Sleigh Ride" by Leroy Anderson. The strings of the orchestra offered "Chanukah Medley" by Steve Ettinger.

Our young guest artists...



Flute soloist Monica Mendoza "*Tempesta di Mare*" by Vivaldi.



Eliodoro Vallecillo *Mozart's Concerto for Horn No. 3*



Mezzo Soprano Tatiana Magdaleno "*O Holy Night*"

MEET THE MUSICIANS...

Jeff Gallagher has been a clarinetist in the Monterey, Carmel, Salinas, and Santa Cruz areas since 1992. In addition to playing with the Monterey County Pops!, he has performed in the Santa Cruz County Symphony with Daniel Stewart; the Cabrillo Festival with Marin Alsop; the



Monterey Jazz Festival with Terence Blanchard; the Carmel Bach Festival with Bruno Weil; Ensemble Monterey with John Anderson; the Santa Cruz Chamber Players as frequent musician, concert director, and board member; New Music Works with Phil Collins; the Santa Cruz Chorale with Christian Grube; Cantiamo! with Cheryl Anderson; San Jose Stage; the Jewel Theatre Company; Cabrillo Stage; the Western Stage; and PacRep Theater, to name a few.

He plays most of the woodwind instruments professionally including recorder, flute, oboe, English horn, bass clarinet, and the soprano, alto, tenor, and baritone saxophones. Jeff currently works for UC Santa Cruz as University Relations Training and Support Analyst and has recently become the Killian Scholarship Coordinator at Hartnell College, a scholarship fund providing support to first-generation music majors with university degree goals.

“Working with the Monterey County Pops! over the years has been an extremely rewarding experience. Many of its performances coincide with civic or military holidays or other special events, and interacting with community members and their families during these joyous times with professionally performed music is simultaneously uplifting, energizing, and fulfilling. We live in an amazing region of an astonishing country, and I hope to perform with the Monterey County Pops! as much as I can for another 25 years!”

He maintains a private instruction studio at his home in Scotts Valley, and you can reach him at jeffga@sbcglogbal.net.

HOW CAN YOU HELP...

Become a “Patron of the Pops!”

Being a Patron of the Pops! of the Monterey County Pops! means getting access to donor-exclusive events and opportunities designed to bring you closer to the musicians and music you love. Your support is a vital part of making our FREE concerts and educational programs possible, and we are grateful for our community of dedicated donors. Sign up online on our website.

Volunteer

Fundraiser events (manage and run an event, decorations, Refreshments for mixers and members events, secure or donate auction and raffle items), Raffle ticket sales at events, Hospitality, Sponsor or host an event in your home Professional volunteer (consult on marketing, development, or finance projects), Sponsor a concert, members event or mixer, Hand out programs at a concert, Assist in setting up our concerts on the lawn or in a hall, and more!!!!

MORE GREAT TEACHING MOMENTS...

Pops! Pros Teach—A TV series of eighteen instrument classes was created in collaboration with AMP TV in Monterey, AND

Pops! Pros Teach 2.0—This series of ten episodes includes the orchestral string instruments and, most notably, classes in the contemporary instruments -- electric guitar, bass guitar, drum set, and acoustic guitar. By offering classes in these contemporary, popular instruments, MCP! is reaching beyond youth involved with school music to youth, as well as adults, exploring music on their own or in small bands.



These video classes are on our website for your use with informational material that you can download at

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