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June 2023 – Special Edition



CONCERTS COMING IN 2023

May 29, Memorial Day, Monterey

JULY 4th, Devendorf Park, Carmel

ALL CONCERTS ARE FREE !!!

Music is an essential part of almost every event and

The Monterey County Pops!

celebrates the moment.

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The Monterey County Pops! Woodwind Quintet brought "*Peter and the Wolf*" to 1750 elementary school children so far this year.

Castroville	March 7 – Elkhorn Elementary – 500
	March 8 – Prunedale Elementary – 500
Soledad	March 23 – Ledesma Elementary – 400
	March 23 – Francioni Elementary - 350

"Peter and the Wolf" is a classic fairy-tale written by Prokofiev for his children and set to his own unforgettable music. The kids heard Peter and his friends the Bird, the Cat, the Duck, and grumpy Old Grandfather as they outwit the villainous Wolf.

The members of the Monterey County Pops! Wind Ensemble also demonstrated their respective instruments (flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, French horn, and timpani/percussion), held a Name-That-Tune contest with the students, performed some well-known American Folk Songs by Stephen Foster and/or Richard Rogers "Sound of Music" and answered students' questions at the end of the performance.

The virtual version of the program, complete with narration, was performed at over 35 public/private elementary schools in Monterey County in the past two years.

All elementary schools in the county can contact the Monterey County Pops! for a free, live and in-person visit for your classrooms:

www.montereycountypops.org

2023 HIGHLIGHTS...

Music filled the air when Music Director Dr. Carl Christensen brought the Monterey County Pops! Residency Program to Soledad for a full day of listening, learning, and performing. This residency included programming for every grade level, culminating with a spectacular concert featuring the Monterey County Pops! Chamber Orchestra of 22 professional musicians – with additional performances by the beginning Soledad High School Band, the 26-member advanced band, and the newly formed 21-member Mariachi --all under the leadership and baton of Edward Maag.

The Residency began in the morning for the young students at Ledesma and Francioni Elementary School with *Peter and the Wolf*.

Throughout the afternoon, several of the Pops! musicians conducted 2-hour workshops in small group sessions with the high school band and Mariachi students. The residency ended with a spectacular evening concert for the whole community --- showcasing the Monterey County Pops! Chamber Orchestra, both Soledad High School bands, and the Mariachi. The concert concluded with a thunderous performance by the combined bands of the glorious OVERTURE 1812 – FINALE by Tchaikovsky.



"It's wonderful to see this musical diversity in our schools," says Monterey County Pops! Director Dr. Carl Christensen. *"We are very pleased to make this connection with the Soledad High music program, and we are excited to make this an annual collaboration."*

Monterey County Pops! Board President Steve DeCarli was also on hand to help with the pre-concert preparation – including a great meal for everyone. “The 150 plus audience members enjoyed and appreciated the evening and they stayed until the last song -- even after their own kids were done performing!” he was thrilled to report. “Soledad gave us one of the warmest receptions we’ve ever received. We were also thrilled to have the Soledad Rotary and their affiliated teen Rotaract Club supporting us as volunteers. Their efforts and service in the community are invaluable and so appreciated by all the families and community programs like ours”.



Learn more about Monterey County Pops! residency program, music education initiatives and free community concerts at montereycountypops.org.

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 www.montereycountypops.org.

MEET THE MUSICIANS...

James Paoletti earned his BA and MA in Music Education at California State University at Los Angeles. 1982-1989, has been a music educator in the Los Angeles area, 1989-2017 was a music educator in the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, 2017 to present teaches music at Stevenson School.



James has conducted the Monterey Symphony, Monterey Symphony Chorus, and Monterey County Pops! Brass Ensemble, Youth Music Monterey Youth Orchestra, and the Orchestra in the Schools-Youth Orchestra. Mr. Paoletti has performed as tuba soloist with the Monterey County Pops! Monterey Community Band, Hartnell College and Monterey Peninsula College. He also has performed with the Downey Symphony, Monterey Bay Symphony, Carmel Bach Festival, Monterey Symphony and other local Brass and Jazz Ensembles.

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