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Making a Difference Through Music

WHY IS *THE MONTEREY COUNTY POPS!* IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Music is an essential part of almost every Event and *THE MONTEREY COUNTY OPS!* celebrates the moment.

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 magnificent music right in your backyard – ***THE MONTEREY COUNTY POPS!***

The experience of a **FREE, LIVE** day of music that will make your heart sing and feet dance! This is not just an event; it is a community celebration that unites us all through the power of music. So, let us make some noise and experience joy, laughter, and unforgettable memories together!

Join us in 2025 for our live concerts on
Memorial Day in Monterey
July 4 in Carmel
Labor Day in Seaside
Veterans Day Parade in Salinas
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Jan. 2026, in Marina



WHAT WE DO SO WELL...Imagine a world where the enchanting sounds of live music fill the air in schools and senior care facilities alike! At Monterey County Pops! (MCP!), we are on a mission to make that dream a reality. Our incredible outreach programs are designed to bring professional musicians right into the heart of our community, ensuring that everyone, from the curious young minds to the wise and seasoned hearts of our seniors, can revel in the pleasure of music.

We visited 13 Elementary Schools, 8 Middle and High Schools, and 13 Senior Care Facilities including 4 concerts on the lawn, and 2 in-door holiday concerts that brought together over 13,000 individuals in 2024. With even more programs in the mill for 2025.

By creating these unforgettable experiences, we aim to ignite a lifelong passion for music in our participants and craft cherished memories that will resonate through the years. So, join us on this **harmonious** journey, because when it comes to music, there is truly something for everyone!

SCHOOL PROGRAMS - The excitement surrounding music education in our schools is truly inspiring. This year, MCP! is taking a bold step forward, rolling out an unprecedented array of in-school workshops and programs designed to ignite a passion for music in students of all ages—from the curious young minds in elementary schools to the aspiring artists in middle and high schools. With a team of seasoned musicians and dedicated staff, we are not just teaching music; we are creating unforgettable experiences that deepen students' connection to the art form.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - The Monterey County Pops! Wind Ensemble is thrilled to unveil its dynamic in-school young audience program, which has

already made an inspiring impact across public and private elementary schools in Monterey County over the past two years. This exceptional initiative is now accessible to all elementary schools in the county, offered free and delivered live and in-person, making it



a wonderful opportunity for students in PreK through sixth grade. Moreover, the program extends its reach to specialized educational programs, ensuring that children with disabilities also benefit from this enriching musical experience. This commitment to education not only cultivates a love for music but also fosters a sense of community and belonging among all young learners.

RESIDENCY SCHOOL PROGRAM - Our

Residency School Program, where the enchanting world of music meets the vibrant energy of young minds! Picture this:

professional musicians from our esteemed orchestra collaborating side-by-side with enthusiastic middle and high school students in



engaging workshops that are as educational as they are exhilarating. The grand finale? A spectacular evening concert that showcases the hard work and talent of these budding musicians, all for free! Yes, you heard that right—MCP! is dedicated to making music education accessible to all, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to shine. Our mission is to sprinkle a little musical magic into their lives, inspiring the next generation of musicians and music lovers alike. Get ready to be amazed as these talented students take the stage alongside the Monterey County Pops! Orchestra.

It is not just a concert; it is the beginning of a beautiful realization of dreams!

MUSIC FOR SENIORS - At MCP! we are thrilled to keep inspiring with an initiative that emphasizes the delight of music for our beloved seniors. Through our dedicated partnership with senior care facilities in Monterey County, we are set to deliver enchanting live performances by our exceptional Brass and Woodwind musicians.



These hour-long shows promise to uplift and entertain, creating moments of nostalgia and connection for residents who may find it challenging to attend live concerts. Additionally, our innovative live streaming feature allows facilities to share these musical experiences directly on their TVs, fostering a sense of community and shared enjoyment among residents. We are committed to inclusivity and accessibility, welcoming seniors from various care facilities to join us in person, with reserved seating tailored to their needs. This initiative not only brings the gift of music to those who deserve it most but also reinforces the belief that music transcends barriers, enriching lives and creating cherished memories.

WANT TO KNOW MORE...

For information about booking Monterey County Pops!

- ❖ general inquiries, visit our website www.montereycountypops.org
- ❖ email carl@montereycountypops.org
 - ❖ or call 831 484-5511
- ❖ send us a note at: Monterey County Pops!, P.O. Box 3352, Monterey, CA 93942

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