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May 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! not only does **FREE** concerts to celebrate holidays and events, but it has an extensive and active outreach program to introduce kids to music from elementary school to Residencies in middle and high schools.

What are residencies? Residencies are learning environments whereby the MCP! brings professional musicians to middle and high school bands and orchestras and do two-hour musical workshops. At the end of the day, a **FREE** concert is held at the high school with all the bands participating.

During the morning, our Brass or Wood Wind groups will engage elementary school children in a presentation of *Peter and the Wolf* or *Tubby the Tuba*. Instruments are demonstrated and the kids can relate the instrument to the characters in the fairy tale.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS...

Monterey County Pops! visits North Monterey County High School for school residency program.

By Jennifer Candiotti, flutist for Monterey County Pops!

The Monterey County Pops! (MCP!) 21-piece woodwind, brass, and percussion ensemble arrived at North Monterey County High School in the afternoon on March 8th for a school residency. They spent the day rehearsing with student musicians, coaching students in instrumental workshops, and discussing music over bean and cheese burritos.



During rehearsal, students had the opportunity to play music from their band classes alongside professionals from MCP! Side-by-side performance is a special way

for MCP! to engage and inspire young musicians, and many students were ecstatic about the experience.

"This is so different from any other concert we have ever done," said a young flutist from North Monterey County Middle School. *"Getting to play with professionals is so much fun!"*



After rehearsal, musicians from Monterey County Pops! educated 155 music students from North Monterey County Middle and High School in one-hour music clinics. Splitting off into separate classrooms, each section of the band worked on fundamentals in small groups, focusing on techniques specific to their instrument. These workshops with specialists are important learning opportunities, granting students a chance to meet and learn from professionals who play their instrument.

*"Having been to most, if not all, our school residency and community concerts the common denominator I see is how **appreciative** the students are for us being there,"* said MCP! Board President Steve DeCarli. *"The **respect** they give our musicians and their teachers...you see our mission at work."*

Monterey County Pops! and North Monterey County Middle and High School band students performed for an audience of 300 community members, school staff, parents, and students. North Monterey County band directors Nathan Cohen, Marcie Chapa, and Barry Capioux conducted Monterey County Pops! and their band students in side-by-side performances of *Arcadia March*, *Suite from the New World*, *Celebration*, *Encanto*, and the *1812 Overture Finale*.



"From my very earliest years I have marveled at the emotional impact of instrumental ensemble music," said MCP! conductor Dr. Carl Christensen. *"As I climbed onto the podium to conduct Stars and Stripes Forever March, I observed in front of me 64 young high school musicians with our 21 professional players spread out among them."*

As the professionals began playing the spirited march, there were wide-eyed, even shocked, expressions on the 64 young faces. They were spellbound to be in the middle of a professional rendition of such a famous piece. It must have been a bit like being on the bench with the players at a 49ers game!!”

MCP! also performed crowd favorites such as *Strike Up the Band*, *Jarabe Tapatío*, and *Bohemian Rhapsody* with students sitting among them on stage. At the end of the performance, students were glowing with excitement as their families whistled and cheered from the crowd.

On March 7th and 8th, six musicians from Monterey County Pops! performed “Peter and the Wolf,” a narrated musical fairytale designed to introduce children to the instruments of the orchestra, at Elkhorn and Prunedale Elementary Schools.

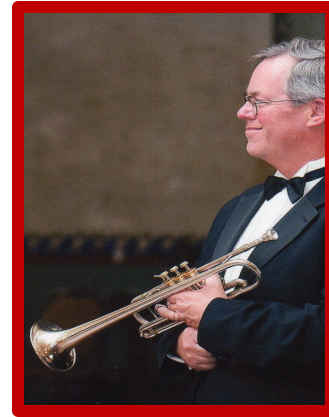


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MEET THE MUSICIANS...



Kevin Jordan is a free-lance trumpet player in the Monterey Bay Area. He is seen in bands, orchestras, opera, musical theatre shows, fanfares and Mariachi performances. He enjoys mentoring trumpet students and playing whenever possible.

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.

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