

Clef Notes

SEPTEMBER 2023



ALL CONCERTS ARE FREE !!!

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

2023 Calendar

- ❖ November 11 – Salinas Veterans Day Parade from Noon to 3 p.m.
- ❖ December 16, Holiday Concert, Hartnell Western Stage - 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ December 17, Holiday Concert, Carmel High School Performing Arts Center – 3:00 p.m.

Residency School Programs with Clinics from 1 to 6 p.m. and FREE public “side-by-side” concert at 6:30 p.m.

October 26 – Soledad High School
November 8 – King City High School

Monterey County Pops! Accepted into MCGives! 2023

Monterey County Pops! is thrilled to report that when MONTEREY COUNTY GIVES! Goes Live on Thursday, November 9, we will once again be part of their amazing matching gifts program. The Monterey County Weekly and their partners are already working on the MCGives! Guide to be inserted into *Monterey County Weekly* and uploaded to the MCGives! website. There, you will see a description of each organization’s Big Idea, links to our 990 forms, and multiple links to the DONATE page. More details to follow in our October Clef Notes!

Eliodoro “Lolo” Vallecillo

By Paulette Lynch, Executive Director

Monterey County Pops! musician, was honored this year by the Arts Council for Monterey County at their 18th Annual Champions of the Arts event.

Eliodoro is a classically trained French hornist, Mexican Accordionist, Vocalist, and Composer. He was raised in Salinas, California, and still resides there. Monterey County Pops! Music Director Carl Christensen



first met “Lolo” in 2008 when he was a senior in high school, studying horn with Jackie Orzel – a member of the Pops! orchestra since the start in 1985.

“I was so impressed, I invited “Lolo” as a soloist with the Monterey County Pops! right away,” Dr. Carl Christensen notes. “Now he plays with us as often as he possibly can. We also featured Lolo that first year – a fantastic Memorial Day Concert at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey where he performed his French horn version of La Virgen de la Macarena.”

Lolo’s outstanding talent, skills, and creativity have been frequently recognized since his youth! Still a teenager at the time, Eliodoro was a featured soloist on NPR’s “From the Top” twice and the recipient of the Jack Kent Cooke scholarship award designed for “exceptionally promising students who have financial need.”

In the Regional Mexican world of music, he has had two of his compositions make it on the top 20 list of the Latin Billboard charts nationwide. Eliodoro was nominated at the BMI Latin Music Awards in Los Angeles, California, due to the success of those compositions. He was also a recipient of the Premios Lo Nuestro from Univision’s award ceremony “*Premios Lo Nuestro*” as Revelación del Año.

He was featured on TV shows on Univision, such as Sabado Gigante, Despierta America, and El Gordo y la Flaca and has shared the stage with some of the biggest names in Regional Mexican music.

His career today is still multifaceted. As a freelance horn player playing French horn with the Pops!, Lolo also performs an accordionist, vocalist, and composer with the band 4toPrestigio. Moreover, Eliodoro is a gifted teacher. In addition to teaching for MCP! Lolo is Brass Specialist & Director of Mariachi Banda at YOSAL, a non-profit music program originally based in the heart of East Salinas.

“We are so pleased that he has found his way back to Monterey County and a position as Principal Horn with Monterey County Pops! In addition to his performing with us on the horn, we are very excited about tapping into his expertise and experience in contemporary Mexican music to help us reach a larger audience”.

Dr. Carl Christensen

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/fromthetop/video/season-2/204.ph>

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The Monterey County Pops! has been expanding our Residency Program in Monterey County...

A Residency Program takes our professional musicians to middle and high schools and conducts workshops, side-by-side instructions, and culminating in a grand evening concert with our musicians and the students.

Each visit is preceded by The Monterey County Pops! Wind Ensemble with an in-school young audience program: "Peter and the Wolf". Complete with narration. This extraordinarily successful program was performed virtually at over 35 public/private elementary schools in Monterey County in the past two years.

Peter and the Wolf is now available free, live and in person to all elementary schools in the county. Suitable for PreK-6. For scheduling and more information contact: **Contact Jennifer Candiotti at jennifercandiottiflute@gmail.com**

"Peter and the Wolf" is a classic fairy-tale written by Sergei Prokofiev for his children and set to his own unforgettable music. Hear 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 will also demonstrate their respective instruments, have a Name-That-Tune contest with the students, also perform some well-known American Folk Songs by Stephen Foster and/or Richard Rogers "Sound of Music", and answer students' questions at the end of the performance.



Flute – Oboe - Clarinet – Bassoon -French horn -
Timpani/Percussion

Research shows that education in and through the arts can have dramatic effects on student success — from increased test scores to the development of critical skills, such as creativity, teamwork, and perseverance. More specifically, *music education* prepares students to learn, facilitates academic achievement and develops the creative capacities needed for lifelong success

MEET OUR MUSICIANS...

Ruth Jordan is a professional free-lance musician who has worked in the Monterey Peninsula area since 1985. Ruth has performed with many groups around the Bay Area and the world, recently touring with a wind ensemble throughout Spair



Ruth Jordan

Ruth is a product of public-school music education and private training. She began her musical studies at age 10. She received a school instrument and went to her first private lesson the same week. The combination of performing with school groups and individual work made her the musician she is now.

Ruth was privileged to study with the great Dr. James H. Winter at CSUFresno. His professional guidance still shapes her approach to performance and life. Working with the Zalud Brass Quintet (now the Presidents' Brass Quintet) sparked a love of chamber performance that continues to grow.

The importance of being an ambassador to music and guiding students onto a successful path as they study music with her is as important as playing well.

To add to her participating in the orchestra, Ruth is now facilitating our Residency programs with Monterey County middle and high schools. MCP! is continuing to reach out to all schools and our young audience to bring music education and appreciation into their lives.

