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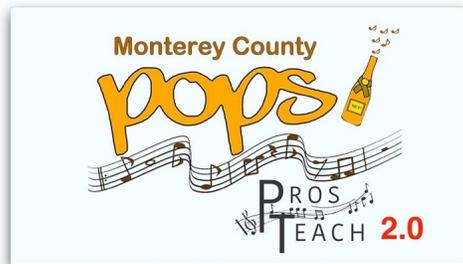
Our next concert will be live on **November 11, 2021**, and featured at the **Salinas Veteran's Day Celebration**. Check out our website for more information as it becomes available at www.montereycountypops.org

MONTEREY COUNTY POPS! SPREADS ITS WINGS POPS! PROS TEACH 2.0 Including Contemporary Instruments

During summers on the Monterey Peninsula, Monterey County Pops! is primarily known for its free, often outdoor, concerts of pops and patriotic music.

Possibly less known is that during the school year, MCP! visits county schools offering free instrument clinics in the afternoon and a joint side-by-side free concert with the students in the evening for the community. These events are often presented in the Salinas Valley, East Salinas, and North County communities.

The initial series of programs concentrated on wind and percussion instruments. The MCP! Musicians presenting the clinics all hold degrees in music performance and music education and have many years of experience performing professionally and teaching.



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For the past 12 months MCP! has not been able to perform or teach in person but they MCP! did create an on-line version of **Peter and the Wolf** for elementary schools which has been presented in schools as remote as Bradly more than 25 times to 4000 children.

Jointly with AMP TV, eight half-hour episodes of **Pops! Pros Teach** were created. These episodes covered history and traditions of each instrument, basic playing techniques, and equipment choices for the wind and percussion instruments. They are now showing three times per week on AMP TV and are also available at montereycountypops.org.

MCP! is now announcing the creation of **Pops! Pros Teach 2.0**. This series of ten episodes will include 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 classes will be taught by local musicians, well known in the community because of their appearances in many local venues: Paul Magpusao, electric guitar, Steve Uccello, bass guitar, and Andy Weis, drum set. These

classes will not use musical notation and will offer the viewers practical playing techniques, tips on song creation, and useful methods of improvisation.

The acoustic guitar class will be taught by peninsula resident and world-renowned guitarist **Terrence Farrell**. Farrell brings with him a lifetime of achievements as a concert guitarist, recording artist, and teacher. He has performed around the world and has taught the guitar on three continents. It is this wealth of experience playing (in every venue imaginable) and teaching (private, public, and master classes) that he brings to students of all ages whether they're as young as 6 or as young at heart as 76.



Finally, the series will include a class covering the **oboe** taught by Monterey County resident Peter Lemberg who, in addition to serving as MCP! Principal Oboe performs regularly with the San Francisco Opera Orchestra and the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra. The oboe is included because qualified teachers are hard to find and, although it is a very difficult instrument, it is an essential member of bands and orchestras. Students who learn this instrument will have many opportunities to perform in high school and college.



Pops! Pros Teach 2.0 is being filmed this Spring and broadcasts will begin this summer.



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