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Fellow Music Educators,

Welcome to the 2024 NMMEA All-State Music Festival and In-Service Conference! The NMMEA Executive Committee has been hard at work to make this event a valuable opportunity for you and your students.

We are excited to have everyone together for All-State 2024! We've lined up workshops that aim to enhance your teaching methods, give you a breather, and, most importantly, reunite you with fellow educators from across the state. Alongside these workshops, we're thrilled to showcase performances by our Honor Groups, promising exceptional musical experiences.

In these times of ever-changing education landscapes, music's importance in our lives remains undeniable. Human connections are crucial in education, and music plays a pivotal role. Let's not forget the power of music! Strengthening ties within our communities, big or small, is crucial to advocating for music in our schools. When we stand united to promote exceptional music education in New Mexico, our collective voice becomes stronger.

Take full advantage of what January offers: connect with the New Mexico Music Education Association community, revive old friendships, and make new ones. We're delighted to have you here, always stronger when we work together!

Enjoy the conference, and here's to an incredible 2024!

Sincerely,

Ty Frederick
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2024 All-State Guest Conductors

Small School Band – Pam Towry-Church



Pamela Towry Church has enjoyed a career as a music educator, clinician, adjudicator, and mentor for over four decades. A native of Dallas, Texas and graduate of Lake Highlands High School, Ms. Towry attended the University of Texas at Austin, earning her Bachelor of Music degree (1979) as well as her Master of Music degree (1985) in Instrumental Conducting. She taught in the public schools in Texas prior to assuming the position of Assistant Professor of Music/Associate Director of Bands, and Percussion Instructor at Northwestern State University of Louisiana in 1987. Ms. Towry moved to New Mexico in 1990, teaching at Santa Fe High School for two years before serving as the Music Department Chair and Director of Bands at Los Alamos High School until the spring of 2000. She re-established the band program in Cimarron, New Mexico in the fall of 2000, instructing grades 6-12. Ms. Towry retired from the Cimarron Schools in 2019.

In its third year of existence under her direction, the “Cimarron Wind Ensemble” was awarded “First Place” in Division A-AA at the New Mexico Activities Association’s State Concert Band Contest (2003.) During her tenure at Cimarron, the Wind Ensemble garnered a total of thirteen State Championship titles in their classification. Her Los Alamos Wind Ensemble was awarded four State Championships in Division AAA along with placing among the top three marching bands numerous times at the New Mexico Pageant of Bands and Zia Marching Fiesta in the 1990’s.

Ms. Towry has served on the Executive Board of the New Mexico Music Educators’ Association as Band Vice-President, President, and Past President. She was the Percussion Facilitator for the All-State performing ensembles for twenty-four years. In addition to her activity in the New Mexico Music Educators’ Association, Ms. Towry is a member of the Texas Bandmaster’s Association, Texas Music Educators’ Association, Tau Beta Sigma, Sigma Alpha Iota, Phi Beta Mu, and Phi Kappa Phi. She is the Past-President of the New Mexico chapter of Phi Beta Mu, national honorary bandmaster’s fraternity. She has presented workshops and conducted in Texas, Louisiana, Kentucky, New Mexico and at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago. She has also served as Education Coordinator for the “Music from Angel Fire” chamber music festival. Pam was named the NMMEA “Music Educator of the Year” (2011), was inducted into the NMMEA “Hall of Fame” (2015) and has been awarded the NMMEA “Emeritus Teacher Award” (2021).

Ms. Towry currently divides her time between her home in the mountains of Red River, New Mexico and with family in El Paso, Texas. She is an active clinician, adjudicator, mentor, and conductor.

Concert Band – Andrew Boysen



Andrew Boysen, Jr. is presently a professor in the music department at the University of New Hampshire, where he conducts the wind symphony and teaches conducting and composition. Under his leadership, the UNH wind symphony has released six recordings and been invited to perform at regional conventions of the College Band Directors National Association and National Association for Music Education. Previously, Boysen taught at Indiana State University and Cary-Grove (IL) High School and was the music director and conductor of the Deerfield Community Concert Band. He remains active as a guest conductor and clinician, appearing with high school, university and festival ensembles across the United States, Great Britain, and Australia.

Boysen earned his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in wind conducting at the Eastman School of Music, where he served as conductor of the Eastman Wind Orchestra and assistant conductor of the Eastman Wind Ensemble. He received his Master of Music degree in wind conducting from Northwestern University in 1993 and his Bachelor of Music degree in music education and music composition from the University of Iowa in 1991.

He maintains an active schedule as a composer, receiving commissions from festival, university, and high school concert bands across the United States. Boysen won the College Band Directors National Association Composition Contest in 2013, the International Horn Society Composition Contest in 2000, the University of Iowa Honors Composition Prize in 1991 and has twice won the Claude T. Smith Memorial Band Composition Contest, in 1991 and 1994. Boysen has several published works with the Neil A. Kjos Music Company, Wingert-Jones Music, Alfred Music, Ludwig Masters Music, and C. Alan Publications, including pieces for band, orchestra, clarinet and piano, and brass choir. Recordings of his music appear on the Sony, R-Kal, Mark, St. Olaf and Elf labels.

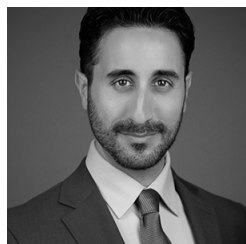
Symphonic Band – Robert Ponto



Robert Ponto lives in Eugene, Oregon. He is blessed with an infinitely patient spouse and three highly creative adult children. He recently retired as Assistant Dean at the University of Oregon School of Music and Dance where he has taught since 1992. He has conducted ensembles throughout the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom and his performing groups appeared at many state, regional and national music conferences and festivals. A self-described “musical omnivore,” Ponto is an advocate for original music in all genres and is actively engaged in the creation and performance of new works, both acoustic and electronic.

Treble Choir – Arian Khaefi

Arian Khaefi is Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Studies at San Diego State University where he conducts the SDSU Chamber Choir, Treble Choir, U-Chorus, teaches choral literature, and directs the graduate choral conducting program.



In 2017, Khaefi was appointed as the Director of the Cornish American Song Institute (now Music Across the Pond) Choral Scholars Program, a month-long intensive summer conducting program held in the United Kingdom in conjunction with Oxford University. In 2022 he was appointed Chorus Director of the La Jolla Symphony & Chorus, and now helms the symphonic chorus through performances of canonic masterworks as well as commissions and new music.

Khaefi maintains an active schedule leading ensembles and conducting workshops for high-schools, colleges, and universities across the country, and is particularly passionate about collaborating with leaders in education to promote the advancement of choral arts within secondary schools.

Khaefi is nationally and internationally recognized for his accomplishments as a conducting pedagogue and guest conductor. In addition to leading regional and all-state honor choirs, he has guest-conducted throughout Asia, Europe, and South America. Chorus under his direction have toured nationally and have performed in concert halls across the United States. Khaefi has prepared choruses for leading conductors including Michael Tilson Thomas, Leonard Slatkin, Christopher Warren-Green, and James Conlon.

Mixed Choir – Matthew Brady



American conductor and tenor, Matthew Brady is currently serving on the faculty at the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami. There he conducts Symphonic Choir and Bella Voce, as well as teaches courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels. In addition to his academic post, he is the Artistic Director of Miami Collegium Musicum. Prior to joining the Frost School, Matthew was the Director of Choral Activities at the New Mexico Military Institute and led the Choral Program at California State University, San Bernardino.

Matthew is concurrently finishing a Doctor of Musical Arts at the University of North Texas, where he conducted of the Women's Chorus, associate conductor of the Collegium Singers and A Cappella Choir, and taught undergraduate conducting. His time at North Texas afforded performances at the National Collegiate Choral Organization in Portland, OR, The Boston Early Music Festival, and the Texas Music Educators Association Conference.

Matthew holds a Master of Arts in Choral Conducting with distinction, from the University of Birmingham, UK. There he helped to conduct the four main curricular ensembles and the staff choir. Additionally, he was a member of the renowned City of Birmingham Symphony Chorus, where he performed and helped to support several of their outreach programs. Matthew also holds a Master of Music in Choral Conducting with honors, from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. There he was a member of the renowned Westminster Symphonic Choir, who regularly performed with the major orchestras of the world. Matthew joined the chorus for performances with the London Philharmonia, New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, Simón Bolívar Symphony Orchestra of Venezuela, West-Eastern Divan Orchestra, and more. Additionally, Matthew was the assistant conductor of the Westminster Choir and a member of the Westminster Kantorei. Performance highlights include tours of the Midwest and Southern United States, performances at the American Choral Directors Association National Conference, a Naxos recording featuring the music of Daniel Elder, and multiple appearances at the Spoleto Festival, USA.

Matthew is proud graduate of Western Michigan University, where he earned his Bachelor of Music Education degree. Before pursuing his graduate degrees, Matthew taught in the Michigan Public Schools at Brighton High School and at the Arts Academy in the Woods. He also served as director of the Session 4 SATB choir at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, and was the assistant conductor for the Livingston County Chorale.

Matthew is also active in professional ensemble singing. Recent engagements have included performances with the Philadelphia Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic, the Choral pick-up, Dallas Bach Choir, Dallas Choral Festival, Westminster Summer Festival Chorus and more.

Vocal Jazz – Diane Schutz



Diane Schutz earned a BA degree in Choral Music Education from Texas Christian University, and a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from New Mexico State University. Diane began her teaching career in New Mexico in 1975. She has taught elementary, middle, and high school choirs in Gadsden and Las Cruces Public School Districts. Her last twenty years were as the director of the seven choirs at Las Cruces High School, where her choirs gained national acclaim for their solo performances at The Kennedy Center For The Performing Arts and Carnegie Hall. One of her great challenges was helping choral programs increase in numbers and retention. Some grew ten times their size under her leadership. Always seeking to reach more students, she looked outside the box for answers to scheduling, administration, and day to day life interferences.

Mrs. Schutz served three terms as Choral Vice-President for New Mexico Music Educators Association and served three terms as New Mexico American Choral Directors Association President. She is a Member of NAFME, NMMEA, NMACDA, Mu Phi Epsilon, Phi Delta Kappa, and PEO. She is a former Alpha Gamma Delta Alumni Representative. She served on the Board of the Las Cruces Symphony for 3 years.

Mrs. Schutz was honored in 2002 as the New Mexico Music Educator of the Year, in 2006 as the recipient of the Arts in Education Award from the Dona Ana Arts Council and was inducted into the NMMEA Hall of Fame in 2005. She received the Teacher Emeritus Award from NMMEA in 2015.

Diane has served NMSU as Director of Campus Choir, accompanist, and student teacher supervisor for many years. Since “retirement” in 2006, she has continued to mentor new teachers, accompany choirs and bands for schools in Las Cruces and El Paso. Mrs. Schutz was a volunteer Director of a senior citizens choir in Las Cruces for eleven years.

Diane has served as music director for Mark Medoff’s theatre productions and the symphony’s productions of *Carousel* and *Annie Get Your Gun*. She has served as adjudicator in New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, Nebraska, Colorado, and California. Having served as organist and children’s choir director since 2007, Mrs. Schutz is now the Director of Music Ministry at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church.

Diane is married to John Schutz, Retired Coordinator of Visual and Performing Arts for LCPS. They have five children and eleven grandchildren.

Jazz 1 – Robert Washut



Robert Washut is Emeritus Professor of Music at the University of Northern Iowa where he retired in 2018. He served as Director of Jazz Studies from 1980-2002. An accomplished jazz composer and arranger, Washut has received numerous commissions from collegiate and high school jazz ensembles, professional jazz artists, and symphony orchestras. Many of his works are published by iJazzMusic, Kendor Music, UNC Jazz Press, ejazzlines, C.L. Barnhouse, Lorenz, Sierra Music, and 3-2 Music. He also has served as jazz composer-in-residence at several universities around the country, as well as conductor/composer with various professional and semi-professional big bands.

During his 22 years as director of the award-winning UNI Jazz Band One, Washut recorded eleven CDs (two of which earned 5-star ratings from *DownBeat* magazine), toured Europe three times, consistently received Outstanding Band recognition at collegiate jazz festivals throughout the Midwest and was awarded three Outstanding Performance citations in *DownBeat*'s Annual Student Music Awards.

Dr. Washut is in demand nationally as a clinician and adjudicator and has conducted all-state jazz bands in 17 states. He is also a jazz pianist who founded the locally popular Latin jazz band, *Orquesta Alto Maiz*, in 1986, with which he remained for 27 years. His most recent recording, *Journey to Knowhere*, was released in 2018 and features his original compositions for a 12-piece jazz big band. In 2000, he was a composer/arranger for Bobby Shew's *Salsa Caliente* recording. Washut also recorded a jazz duo CD (with Chris Merz) entitled *Gemini*, in 2007, and a jazz trio

CD (with Mark Urness & Kevin Hart) entitled *Songbook*, in 1999. With Orquesta Alto Maiz, he recorded 10 CDs and performed nationally and internationally. In 2013 Washut was inducted into the Des Moines Jazz Hall of Fame and the Jazz Educators of Iowa Hall of Fame in 2003. At UNI he was the recipient of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Orfeus award in 2018, the recipient of the Distinguished Scholar Award in 2015, and the College of Humanities, Arts, and Sciences Dean's Award for Excellence in Scholarship, Research, and Creative Activity in 2014. He received the Outstanding Teaching Award in 1996. In 2019, Washut was bestowed with the Iowa Bandmaster Association's Honorary Lifetime Membership.

Jazz 2 – Chris Buckholz



Chris Buckholz is a virtuoso crossover artist in both classical music and jazz. He is Associate Professor of Trombone at the University of New Mexico. Prior to coming to UNM in 2013, he was Associate Professor of Trombone at the University of Northern Iowa. In 2010, Buckholz became the first applied faculty member at the University of Northern Iowa to win a university-wide teaching prize: the Outstanding Teaching Award for tenure-track faculty.

Buckholz has three solo CDs to his credit, including the groundbreaking 2015 double album *Versatility*. He is the first trombonist to have released both a classical and a jazz solo CD. His publications include new editions of early twentieth century trombone literature and the rediscovery of Frederick Innes's 1887 work for trombone and band, "The Sea-Shells Waltz". Buckholz is trombonist with the Enchantment Brass Quintet, which released their first album *A Brass Menagerie: Music of John Cheetham* in 2017.

From 1997 to 2005, Buckholz was the lead trombonist for the Army Jazz Ambassadors in Washington, D.C.. As a principal soloist with the Jazz Ambassadors, Buckholz was featured in concerts with the Boston Pops at Tanglewood and on the Esplanade, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, and the Cincinnati Pops at Carnegie Hall. Buckholz is featured as a soloist on four Jazz Ambassadors CDs.

Buckholz has had an extensive freelance career, performing with Evanescence, Lindsey Stirling, The Decemberists, Natalie Cole, Tony Bennett, The Four Tops, The Temptations, Smokey Robinson, Johnny Mathis, Vince Gill, and Rosemary Clooney, among many others. He has played on hundreds of studio recordings. He is a Yamaha Performing Artist.

In addition to his work as a performer, Dr. Buckholz has been an active clinician, lecturing and performing at schools such as New York University, the University of Colorado, the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, the University of Maryland, the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts, and the University of Northern Colorado. He has also presented at the International Trombone Festival, the Eastern Trombone Workshop in Washington, D.C., the Big 12 Trombone Conference in Lubbock, TX, and the Festival Mestres dos Sopros in Fortaleza, Brazil.

Dr. Buckholz received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Wake Forest University, his Master of Music from Yale University, and the Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Michigan. His principal teachers in classical music include Arnold Jacobs, H. Dennis Smith, John Swallow, and Christopher Dudley. He has studied jazz trombone with Conrad Herwig, Curtis Fuller, Steve Davis, Steve Turre, and Jim McFalls."

Jazz 3 – Daniel Holmes



Daniel Holmes is the Director of Bands at V. Sue Cleveland High School in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. Mr. Holmes is in his sixth year at CHS and his 13th year of teaching. He directs the CHS Storm Regiment, CHS Wind Symphony, CHS Jazz Band I, and co-directs the Concert Band. In 2022, the Cleveland Wind Symphony won the New Mexico Activities Association 5A Concert Band State Championship and was the 2023 NMMEA High School Honor Band. In addition, the CHS concert bands consistently earn Superior Ratings at the District VI Music Performance Assessment. The Storm Regiment Marching Band won the Pageant of Bands 5A Championship in 2022, 2021, and 2018 and have been perennial finalists at the Zia Marching Fiesta and Tournament of Bands.

Previously, Mr. Holmes was the Associate Director of Bands at Coronado High School in El Paso, Texas. Under his direction, the CHS Symphonic Band won Sweepstakes at the UIL Concert and Sightreading contest from 2012-2017, and the CHS Jazz II was a two-time winner of the Hanks Jazz Festival in the Non-Varsity division. As a co-director of the Thunderbird

Marching Band, Mr. Holmes helped the group earn three-consecutive UIL State Marching Band Contest births and one UIL Area championship. In addition, the Thunderbird Marching Band was the 2013 Tournament of Bands Grand Champions.

In his first teaching position at Albuquerque High School, Mr. Holmes helped the marching band earn its first-ever Zia Finals appearances in 2009 and 2011 and win first place in 4A at the 2009 Pageant of Bands. In 2012, the AHS Jazz Band was the NMJE Honor Jazz Band and performed at the NMMEA All-State Conference. His educational background includes earning a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from New Mexico State University in 2008 and a Master's Degree in Music Education from Adams State University in 2022, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude.

Guitar – Rex Willis



Rex Willis is head of classical guitar, composition and teaches music theory, music appreciation, and directs/conducts the SCF Orchestra (Bradenton Symphony Orchestra) full time at State College of Florida. Willis has bachelors and master's degrees in music from Florida State University. While there he participated in Composition Master classes/readings with visiting composer Aaron Copland. Willis studied guitar with Bruce Holzman and participated in Guitar Master Classes with Christopher Parkening and Pepe Romero.

Willis' original music has been reviewed in top classical guitar publications (Soundboard, Classical Guitar, etc.) as "accessible . . . skillful . . . brilliant . . . powerful . . . seductive . . . an absolute gem of a piece . . . highly desirable . . .". He composed the film scores for several award-winning independent movies including two for One Day Films of Tampa. He composed the score for the musical "¡Ybor!" and wrote the book, music and lyrics for a new musical "Worthy Souls". Willis has been a featured performer with the Florida String Quartet (Sarasota Orchestra affiliation), Sarasota Pops, Artist Series of Sarasota, North Port Orchestra, Florida State Music Teachers Association State Convention, Miami International Guitar Festival, Brno International Guitar Festival (Czech Republic), the Gwinnet Philharmonic Association Concert Series, the Sarasota Orchestra, and, with the professional chorus, Gloria Musicae/Choral Artists of Sarasota.

Willis' professional and collegiate music directing and conducting credits include "¡Ybor!," "The Gondoliers," "Amahl and the Night Visitors," "The Boyfriend," "Into The Woods," "Bye Bye Birdie," "Children of Eden", "The Music Man", "West Side Story", "The Civil War", ""Grease"", "Once on This Island", "Oklahoma", ""The Secret Garden"", The Mystery of Edwin Drood, the guitar orchestras at The Stetson Guitar Workshop, the Brno International Guitar Festival, the Florida Music Educators Association (FMEA) State Festival, and the Florida Community Music Symposium, where he has been the site coordinator/conductor of the guitar ensemble (division) in multiple years. Willis has conducted both instrumental ensembles and choirs at festivals in Europe including a work of his own (approved by French authorities) during 11:00am Mass in Notre Dame Cathedral in 1989, Paris. His original musical (Book, Music and Lyrics) ""Worthy Souls"" was performed at SCF in June of 2021 with further development and performances under consideration. In the Fall-2022-Spring 2023 Willis will conduct the SCF Orchestra (Bradenton Symphony Orchestra).

As an actor, in his second show at the Asolo Repertoire Theatre, Willis, as an understudy, did four shows playing the part of Joel in the musical "Knoxville", an absolute thrill as he shared the stage with many Broadway actors! His first season at the Asolo was ""Shakespeare in Love"", 2018.

As a classical guitarist, clinician, guest conductor, guest artist, composer in residence, adjudicator, workshop director, actor, full time college professor, commissioned composer and avid kayak fisherman, Willis maintains a busy schedule."

Symphony Orchestra – Rebecca MacLeod



Dr. Rebecca MacLeod is Professor of Music Education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where she directs the string education program and conducts the UNCG Sinfonia. Prior to joining the UNCG faculty, she was the assistant artistic director and conductor of the Tallahassee Symphony Youth Chamber Orchestra and Philharmonia Orchestra in Tallahassee, Florida. A native of Pennsylvania, she taught elementary, middle, and high school orchestra in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania and was orchestra director and chair of music activities in Beaver, Pennsylvania.

Dr. MacLeod is published in the Journal of Research in Music Education, International Journal of Music Education, Journal of String Research, Bulletin for the Council of Research in Music Education, Journal of Music Teacher Education, Psychology of Music and the American String Teachers Journal. Her research on at-risk string programs, effective instrumental rehearsals, vibrato technique, and music perception has been presented at the National Association for Music Education Conference, American String Teacher's National Conference, International Conference of Music Perception and Cognition, Society for Music Teacher Educators and various state conferences.

Dr. MacLeod received a bachelor's degree from Duquesne University and MME and PhD degrees from Florida State University. She serves on faculty at the Florida State University summer music camps and is a frequent guest conductor and clinician throughout the United States.

Concert Orchestra – Sixto Elizondo IV



Sixto Elizondo IV is the Orchestra Director at Reagan H.S. in San Antonio, Texas, and is celebrating his 23rd year of teaching. He conducts the Chamber Orchestra and three of the non-varsity orchestras in the Reagan program. He also enjoys coaching chamber groups and the students in the orchestras under the direction of Nathan Sharplin. In addition, he conducts the musical, annually presented by the Reagan Fine Arts Department. Under his direction, the Reagan Orchestra program has tripled in size, has consistently won sweepstakes awards at UIL, and has received commendations in regional and national competitions. The Reagan Chamber Orchestra performed at the 73rd Midwest Clinic in 2019, performed at the 2021 TMEA convention as Invited Ensemble, and was named a Finalist in the 2023 TMEA String Honor Orchestra Competition.

Elizondo has served state organizations in many capacities. Positions held include Region Chair, All State Orchestra Organizer, All State Orchestra Student Registration Chair, Past President of Mu Omicron, and Past President of the Texas Orchestra Directors Association. He is currently serving a three-year term on the UIL Prescribed Music List Committee. He is honored to receive invitations to adjudicate UIL events and festivals, and to conduct region orchestra clinics around the state of Texas each year.

Mr. Elizondo is a graduate of Baylor University. Professional affiliations include TODA, TMEA, TMAA, and Mu Omicron. Mr. Elizondo has been a member of the Corpus Christi Symphony for 26 years and performs frequently as a freelance violinist and vocalist in the San Antonio area. He and his wife Heather have been married for 23 years, and they have two children, Eos and Sixto V.

General Music Headliner – Jennifer Bailey



Jennifer Bailey is an elementary music educator and author. She holds a B.M. in flute performance from Michigan State University, teacher certification from the University of Houston, and a M.M. Ed. from Temple University. Jennifer serves on the faculty of the Gordon Institute for Music Learning where she teaches elementary and early childhood music Professional Development Certification Levels. She served on the General Music Council for the National Association for Music Education and was named the 2018 Music Educator of the Year by the Michigan Music Educators Association. Jennifer is author of the Singtokids blog. She is also a co-author for the new McGraw Hill Elementary Music Series to be released in 2025 and has authored several books with GIA Publications. Jennifer is a frequent presenter at state and regional music education conferences.

Keynote Speaker – Amanda Harmon



Angela Harman currently teaches orchestra Maple Grove Middle School in Mapleton, Utah where she more than doubled the program from 140 to 340 in just two years. Angela is passionate about music education and is the founder of www.orchestraclassroom.com, where she posts ideas and methods that she uses in her classroom. Her blog is well known in the string teacher world and many find inspiration in her articles.

Angela frequently seeks out special opportunities for her students. In 2015, her program was selected for 'The World We All Deserve Through Music' where renowned 'Time for Three' bassist, Ranaan Meyer composed a piece for the Spanish Fork Orchestra and visited in person to do a workshop with students. The Spanish Fork Junior High orchestra won the Give A Note Foundation/Radio Disney 'Music In Our Schools' tour in 2016 which included an Ardy and a grant.

Representatives from the Disney Channel visited Angela’s classroom and filmed a 1-minute commercial promoting music education which aired on the Disney channel in the Summer of 2016.

Angela was recognized by the Utah Music Educators association in 2017 with the Superior Accomplishment Award, and received ‘Best of State in Music Education’ in 2020. She served as the UMEA Orchestra VP from 2018-2020 and is currently serving on NAFME’s national orchestra committee.

Angela frequently shares her ideas with colleagues by presenting at professional development conferences. She presented sessions at the NAFME National Conference in 2015, 2016 and 2017 and ASTA National Conference in 2022. She has presented orchestra sessions in Utah, Maryland, Texas, Georgia, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Delaware, and Melbourne, Australia. She has been featured several times in NAFME's 'Music in a Minuet' blog and 'Teaching Music' magazine. She has had articles published in the UMEA Journal, SmartMusic blog, and GradeCam blog. Angela is a co-author of a book about to be released by GIA publishing called “The Music Teacher’s Guide to Recruiting and Retention.”

Mixed Choir Accompanist - Debbie Wagner



A native of Las Vegas, Nevada, Deborah completed her Doctorate of Musical Arts at Arizona State University after having obtained degrees from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Northwestern University. Since moving to Santa Fe in 2006, she has performed with Santa Fe New Music, the Santa Fe Symphony, the Placitas Artists Series, Coro de Camera, and the New Mexico Performing Arts Society. Deborah has been on the faculties of New Mexico Highlands University and Santa Fe University of Art and Design, and is currently teaching at Santa Fe Community College, in addition to maintaining a private teaching studio. She also plays for the Sangre de Cristo Chorale and the Zia Singers in Santa Fe.

Treble Choir Accompanist – Paul Roth



Paul Roth, a native of New Mexico, received his musical education at the University of New Mexico, studying with George Robert, Dr William Seymour, and Evelyne Brancart. He has worked as a collaborative pianist with various choral groups, musical theater programs, as well as accompanying classical & operatic repertoire. He currently is pianist and educator with the Young Voices of Santa Fe Opera program, pianist for the Santa Fe Symphony Chorus, and is principal pianist for the Cathedral Basilica of St Francis of Assisi .

Awards Luncheon Entertainment - 44th Army Band "Green Chile Gumbo" Brass Band

1SG Chris Campbell from Waukesha, WI
Residence - Albuquerque
Occupation - Elementary Music Teacher, Sandia
Base Elementary

SSG Paul E. McLaughlin from Las Cruces, NM
Lynn Middle School Band director
DMA North Texas State, MM UNM, attended
Mayfield HS

SSG Nathaniel Ashbaugh from Santa Fe, NM
Music teacher, Montezuma elementary, Albuquerque
BME - NMSU, MM - University of Utah

SPC Cruz S Muniz from Santa Fe, NM
Landscaping crew supervisor, Durango, CO
Attended Ft Lewis College and St Michael's High

SPC Elijah Eggleston from Farmington, NM
Currently Auditioning for active-duty bands
BA Ft Lewis College, attended Farmington High
School

SPC Edmund Strominger, Albuquerque NM
Graduate conducting student at UNM

SPC Lucas Jackson
Alamogordo Public Schools Music Coordinator and
Head Band Director
BME NMSU, attended Centennial High School

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**New Mexico Music Educators Association
All-State Music Festival Concerts
Popejoy Hall, University of New Mexico**

Saturday, January 13, 2024

9:00 am

Ty Frederick, NMMEA President – Presiding

Guitar Ensemble presented by Miguel Jaramillo, NMMEA Vice President, Guitar
Orchestras presented by Jennifer Rogers, NMMEA Vice President, Orchestra

Program

New Mexico All-State Guitar Ensemble
Rex Willis, Guest Conductor

Star Spangled Banner	Key, arr. Arakal
Tierra Mestiza	Tamez
Lotus Eaters	York
¡Fuego!	Willis
Trois Gymnopedies (No.1)	Satie, arr. Joubert
Kalimba	Kindle

New Mexico All-State Concert Orchestra
Sixto Elizondo, Guest Conductor

The Montagues and the Capulets from Romeo and Juliet	Prokofiev, arr. Siennicki
Lux Aurumque	Whitacre
Supermaximum	Bunch

New Mexico All-State Symphony Orchestra
Rebecca MacLeod, Guest Conductor

Swan Lake Suite, Mvt. 1 & 2	Tchaikovsky
Dusk	Bryant
Danzon No. 2	Marquez

**New Mexico Music Educators Association
All-State Music Festival Concerts
Popejoy Hall, University of New Mexico**

Saturday, January 13, 2024

12:00 pm

Ty Frederick, NMMEA President – Presiding

Bands presented by Adam Bryant, NMMEA Vice President, Band

Program

New Mexico All-State Small School Band
Pam Towry-Church, Guest Conductor

Star Spangled Banner
Choose Joy
March Diabolique
Blue and Green Music
Grand Galop

Key arr. Williams
Standridge
Balmages
Hazo
Vinson

New Mexico All-State Concert Band
Andrew Boysen Jr., Guest Conductor

Mary Shelley Meets Frankenstein
Song for My Parents
Finale from Symphony No. 2

Svanoe
Boysen
Cravens

New Mexico All-State Symphonic Band
Robert Ponto, Guest Conductor

Masque
Pale Blue on Deep
Symphonic Dance No. 2 “The Maskers”

Hesketh
Perrine
Williams

**New Mexico Music Educators Association
All-State Music Festival Concerts
Popejoy Hall, University of New Mexico**

Saturday, January 13, 2024

3:00 pm

Ty Frederick, NMMEA President – Presiding

Choirs presented by Pam Quinones, NMMEA Vice President, Choir

Program

New Mexico All-State Treble Choir
Arian Khaefi, Guest Conductor
Paul Roth, Accompanist

Star Spangled Banner
Jump!
Thulele Mama Ya
I Denna Ljuva Sommartid
Crossing the Bar
By Night

Key, arr. Cooper
Alexander
Young
Arnesen
Walker
Hagenberg

New Mexico All-State Mixed Choir
Amanda Quist, Guest Conductor
Debbie Wagner, Accompanist

Opening Chorus, Bartered Bride
Lacrimosa
Wildflowers
There was a Time
Tuba
Total Praise

Smetana, arr. Ellsworth
Mozart, arr. LaBarr
Petty and Foster, arr. Quist and Brent
Hagenberg
Traditional Xitsonga, arr. Barrett
Smallwood, arr. Barrett & Rao

**New Mexico Music Educators Association
All-State Music Festival Concerts
New Mexico State University**

Sunday, January 21, 2024

3:00 pm

Alex Austell, NMMEA Jazz Vice President – Presiding

Program

New Mexico All-State Vocal Jazz

Diane Schutz, Guest Director

This Will Be my Shining Hour	Mercer & Arlen, arr. Shaw
Moonglow	Hudson, DeLange, Mills, arr. Meader
On Green Dolphin Street	Marsh
Here's That Rainy Day	Meader
Sway	Shaw
In the Wee Small Hours of the Morning	Rutherford

New Mexico All-State Jazz 3

Daniel Holmes, Guest Director

Jump	Marsalis, arr. Berger
Downtown Tango	Hirsch
Maiden Voyage	Hancock, arr. Morales
Quiet Nights of Quiet Stars	Jobim, arr. Berry
Big Swing Face	Potts, arr. Sigler

New Mexico All-State Jazz 2
Chris Buckholz, Guest Director

Porch Swingin'
Such Sweet Thunder
I Can't Stop Loving You
Caravan
Tall & Lanky

Norman
Ellington/Strayhorn, trans. Berger
Gibson, arr. Jones
Ellington, arr. Washut
Corrin, arr. Zvacek

New Mexico All-State Jazz 1
Robert Washut, Guest Director

Goin' On
First In, Last Out
When I Fall in Love
Vortex
La Declaracion Balfour

Carter
Washut
Young, arr. Baylock
Darling
Washut



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Music Educator Schedule – Wed., Jan 10 – Thur., Jan 11, 2024
Collegiate Section

Wednesday January 10	
10:30 - 12:00	Registration – SUB Ballroom Lobby Area
12:00 - 12:50	Unlocking Support Systems and Opportunities as You Enter the Classroom FAC Keller Hall
1:00 - 1:50	Unlocking the Melodic Continuum: Teaching Music from Elementary to Advanced FAC 1111 Mastering the Art of Organization FAC 1020 Empowering Choral Music Educators: Embracing the Band Teaching Adventure FAC 1108 Harmonizing Two Worlds: Embracing the Intersection of Instrumental and Choral Education FAC 1019
2:00 - 2:50	Preparing Music Teachers to Embrace Students' Unique Learning Needs FAC 1111 Launching Your Teaching Odyssey: Transforming Aspirations into Achievements FAC 1020 Beyond the Classroom: Mastering Fundraising as a Young Educator FAC 1108 Destination Unknown: Embracing Unpredictable Opportunities FAC 1019
3:00 - 3:50	Decoding the Hiring Process from an Administrative Perspective FAC Keller Hall
8:45 pm	Collegiate Mixer Sheraton, Baldwin Ballroom
Thursday, January 11	
8:30 pm	Collegiate Roundtable Sheraton Baldwin Ballroom



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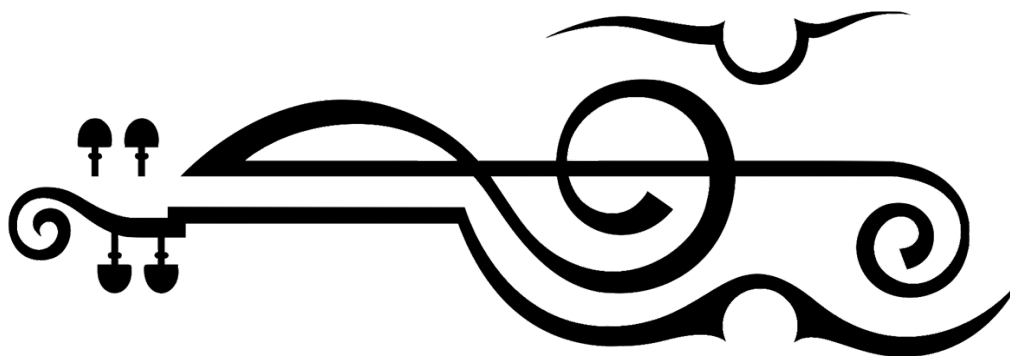


Music Educator Schedule

Wednesday, Jan 10, 2024

Wednesday January 10	Band	Orchestra	Choir	GM	Guitar/Jazz
2:15 - 4:15	SSB: Badges, Sectionals, Co-Chair Meeting SUB Ballroom A				
2:30 – 8:00	Registration & Directors Pickup Student Pre-Registration Packets – SUB Ballroom Lobby Area				
2:45-3:15	Co-Chair (CB, SB) Meeting FAC B117	Co-Chair Meeting FAC Keller Green	Co-Chair Meeting FAC Basement		GUITAR Co-Chair Meeting Rodey B409
3:30 – 4:15	1 st meeting & Badges – (C Band – FAC B117), (S Band – FAC B120), (C Orch. – SUB Lobo A&B), (S Orch. – Rodey Theatre), (M Choir – WW), (T Choir – Northrop 122), (Guitar – Rodey XTheatre)				
4:30 – 5:30	Required Meeting of all All-State Students & Directors Honor Jazz: Las Cruces High School Jazz Band/ Natl. Anthem: Rio Rancho Roadrunner Singers * Popejoy Hall				
5:15 – 9:00		Warmup Meeting 5:15-5:45 / Warmup 5:45-9:00 FAC Keller Hall	Warmup Meeting 5:15-5:45 / Warmup 5:45-9:00 WW		
5:45 - 6:15	NMSU Music Ensembles Performance FAC Keller Lobby				
6:00 – 6:20	Sectional Team Meeting FAC 1108	Audition & Sectional Team Meeting FAC 1111	Audition Team Meeting FAC Basement		GUITAR Sectional Team Meeting SUB Santa Ana
6:30 – 8:30	Sectionals CB - 6:30/SB - 7:30 Perc – 6:30-8:30 See Keller Lobby signs for room #	CO & SO Sectionals: Room # posted in Keller Hall Auditions: Gather in Keller Hall for Room # and time	TC & MC Auditions: Gather in Woodward Hall by County		GUITAR Sectionals: I – SUB Acoma II – SUB Fiesta III – SUB SAna IV – SUB Trail/Sp
7:00 – 8:30	SSB Rehearsal SUB Ballroom A				

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Thursday, Jan 11, 2024

Thursday January 11	Band	Orchestra	Choir	GM	Guitar / Jazz/ All
8:00 – 5:00	Registration – SUB Ballroom Lobby Area				
8:15 – 9:30	Keynote: Happy Teacher, Happy Student: The Path to Thriving - Angela Harman SUB Ballroom C				
9:45 – 10:45	Growing Up Your Saxophones from Middle School to College FAC 2100 NMAA Advisory Council Meeting - Winter FAC 1019		Is Belting Still a Dirty Word? FAC Keller Hall Classroom Management in a Choral Classroom FAC 1108	Sing and Say Your Way Through ELA FAC 1020 Improvisation Will Set You Free SUB Santa Ana Elementary Music Declassified: School Survival Guide FAC 1111	GUITAR CAGED Scales for the Beginning Guitarist Rodey B409 ALL Rethink, Recruiting and Retention SUB Ballroom C
11:00 – 12:00 pm	“Make It Happen!” Band Method: A New Approach for Your Developing Band FAC Keller Hall Strategies for Good Ensemble Tone: How to Help Every Student Play Beautifully FAC 2100	Engaging Young Bassists from the Start FAC 1111	NMAA Choral Advisory Council Meeting Rodey B427 Directing Choirs AND Teaching Voice? Spinning All the Plates in One Rehearsal FAC 1019	Traditional Songs & Games in Spanish SUB Santa Ana Content & Practical Approaches in the Elementary Music Classroom FAC 1018 IEP’s & Differentiation: Creating Meaningful Instruction for All Learners FAC 1108	GUITAR Using Jazz, Rock & Other Music to Enrich the Guitar Classroom Rodey B409 ALL Making Google Sheets Work for You! FAC 1020
12:15 – 1:30	Phi Beta Mu Meeting (bring own lunch) SUB Mirage/T-Bird	Luncheon: ASTA Meet the Directors FAC Keller Green Room	Lunch	Section Meeting (bring own lunch) SUB Acoma A	Lunch
2:15 – 3:15	The Young Oboist: How to Foster and Develop an Outstanding Foundation for Your Oboist in Band FAC 1108 How to Help Guide Your Beginners to the Best Instrument for Them While Still Maintaining Good Instrumentation in Your Middle School Band FAC 2100	Top Tips to Help Beginners Start Strong FAC 1020	Elevating Your Sound: A Guide to Engaging Rehearsals FAC Keller Hall	Be Different: Creativity and Improvisation Within Elementary General Music SUB Santa Ana Storybooks: How to Bring Magic to the Music Classroom FAC 1111	GUITAR Six Silver Moonbeams Rodey B409
3:30 – 4:45	Honor Orchestra: Santa Fe High School Chamber Orchestra - Performance (3:30 - 4:00) * Honor Band: Eisenhower Middle School Band - Performance (4:15 - 4:45) * Popejoy - Attendance required of all students for Performances				
5:00 – 6:15	Section Meeting SUB Keller Hall	Section Meeting FAC 1111	Section Meeting FAC 2100	Handbells and Hand chimes SUB Acoma A&B	GUITAR Section Meeting Rodey B409
6:15	Dinner & End of Sessions for Day				
6:30 - 7:00	ENMU Music Ensembles Performance FAC Keller Lobby				
8:30 pm	Roundtable Discussion for Collegiate members – Sheraton Baldwin Ballroom				

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Friday, Jan 12, 2024

Friday January 12	Band	Orchestra	Choir	GM	Guitar / Jazz/ All	
8:00 – 10:00	Registration – FAC Keller Lobby					
8:15 – 9:15	Buzz, Blow, Both...or Neither?! FAC 2100	Conducting, Creativity, and the Curriculum: Utilizing a Gestural Vocabulary that Fosters Independent Musicianship, Growth, and Development Within the Ensemble FAC 1111	Incorporating Technology into a Rehearsal FAC 1018	(8:15 – 9:45) General Music Headliner: The ABC's of MLT SUB Ballroom C	JAZZ How to Start (and Sustain) a Swingin' Jazz Program - Building a Jazz Program from the Ground Up FAC 1020 GUITAR The Power of Song: Teaching Phrasing to Beginning Guitar Ensembles Through Alternative Repertoire Sources Rodey B409	
9:30 – 10:30	Empowering Your Marching Band with Impactful Choices FAC1020 How to Recruit, Retain, and Motivate Your Title I Students FAC Keller Hall	Orchestra Sight Reading Session FAC 1111	Alternative Enhancing Assessment & Practices for the Secondary Choral Classroom FAC 1108 Do You Want a Lid on That? Preparing Our Singers for a Post Covid World! JAZZ UP! FAC 2100		(10:00 – 11:30) General Music Headliner: Playful & Purposeful Props for Music SUB Ballroom C	ALL Why You Should Consider & Pursue National Board Teaching Certification FAC 1018 GUITAR Reading Session: Beginners With Bite Rodey B409
10:45 – 11:45	Taking Your Clarinetists from Goose to Great Rodey B427	Representation Matters: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Orchestra Classroom FAC 1111	Tips for Vocal Health in the Music Classroom FAC 2100		GUITAR Working with a Neurodiverse Population in the Music Classroom Rodey B409 JAZZ Groove Clinic: Nurturing the Jazz Rhythm Section and the Band's Mastery of Improvisation FAC Keller Hall	
11:45 – 1:30	Awards/Business Luncheon - SUB Ballroom B					
2:15 – 3:15	The Secrets of Sustain in Percussion FAC Keller Hall	Meeting Tension with Awareness: A Study of Contemporary Alexander Technique FAC 1111	Programming Music for a High School Beginning Men's Choir FAC 2100 Back to the Start: Facing Challenges in a New Program FAC 1108	(2:15 – 3:15) General Music Headliner: The XYZ's of MLT SUB Ballroom C	JAZZ Section Meeting FAC 1018 GUITAR Latin American Rhythms for Guitar Rodey B409	
3:30 – 4:45	Honor General Music: The Massed Steel Collaborative - Performance (3:30 - 4:00) * Honor Choir: V. Sue Cleveland High School Concert Choir - Performance (4:15 - 4:45) * Popejoy – Attendance required of all students for Performances					
5:00 – 6:15	You're It: The Joys and Challenges of Teaching at a Small School FAC 1108 Let's Teach Music, Not "Band" FAC 2100	Teaching From Off the Podium FAC 1111	All State Sight Reading Preparation Clinic Rodey B427	Folk Dance: Phyllis Weikart FAC Keller Hall	GUITAR High School Guitar Reading Session Rodey B409	
6:15	Dinner & End of Sessions					
6:30 - 7:00	UNM Music Ensembles Performance FAC Keller Lobby					
8:30 pm	Educator Mixer Sheraton Baldwin Ballroom					

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Saturday, Jan 13, 2024

Saturday January 13	Band	Orchestra	Choir	GM	Guitar
9:00 AM	All-State Concert – Guitar Ensemble Popejoy Tickets available at the entrance to Keller Hall (Badge Required)				
9:45 AM	All-State Concert – Concert Orchestra Popejoy Tickets available at the entrance to Keller Hall (Badge Required)				
10:30 AM	All-State Concert – Symphony Orchestra Popejoy Tickets available at the entrance to Keller Hall (Badge Required)				
11:00 AM	UNM Alumni and Friends Reception Keller Green Room				
12:00 PM	All-State Concert – Small School Band Popejoy Tickets available at the entrance to Keller Hall (Badge Required)				
12:45 PM	All-State Concert – Concert Band Popejoy Tickets available at the entrance to Keller Hall (Badge Required)				
1:30 PM	All-State Concert – Symphonic Band Popejoy Tickets available at the entrance to Keller Hall (Badge Required)				
3:00 PM	All-State Concert – Treble Choir Popejoy Tickets available at the entrance to Keller Hall (Badge Required)				
3:45 PM	All-State Concert – Mixed Choir Popejoy Tickets available at the entrance to Keller Hall (Badge Required)				

Tickets for the Saturday Performances are \$14.00 for adults (19yrs and up) and \$7.00 for students (6yrs – 18yrs).

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Nickolas Baca -PAPA
Beatrice Tarango-NMSA
Cassius Martinez-Belen
Sidney San Gil-La Cueva
Matthew Soto-Cibola
Rio Chavez-ABQ Academy
Matthew Delaney-ABQ Academy
Elizabeth Burt-Home School
Madalyn Blair-School of Dreams
Anders DePierre-Cibola
Emily Littleman-Cibola
Nikko Medina-Santa Fe

Guitar 2

Quinn Ross-ABQ Academy
Julia Kelly-ABQ Academy
Liam Hays-La Cueva
Sydney Marks-ABQ Academy
Annie Hoang-ABQ Academy
Ayden Bartosz-Cibola
Gabe Lucero-Sandia Prep
Samuel Montoya-Belen
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Henry Cortez-Amy Biehl
Bruno Caraveo Castillo-Capital
Aden Lim-ABQ Academy
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Michael Thomsen-Albuquerque
Duke Rankin-Cibola

Guitar 3

Taryn Ortiz-ABQ Academy
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Amelia Selwyn-La Cueva
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Marcelo Tohen-ABQ Academy
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Marcus Brown-Sandia
Duc Pham-Cibola

Guitar 4

Andreas Hofer-ABQ Academy
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Michael Lueras-Cibola
Elise Hays-La Cueva
Carlton Littlefield -PAPA
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Violin 1

Cindy Verde-Explore Academy
Catherine Lopez-La Cueva
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Mariah Collyer-Farmington
Jane Bielejec-ABQ Academy
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Abigail Baker-Farmington
Emi Lew-La Cueva
Caitlin Ray-La Cueva
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Ian Nichols-Farmington
Alivia Greenwald-NMSA
Julia Cram-Rio Rancho
Euriyeon Kim-La Cueva
Jocelyn Martinez-Organ Mountain

Violin 2

Anna Richardson-La Cueva
Amaya Smith-NMSA
Aspyn Kaskalla-Navajo Preparatory
Luke Rand-Santa Fe Prep
Zachory Mori-Rio Rancho
Brock Erickson-Estancia V. Classical
Savannah Larson-Piedra Vista
Carmen Velazquez-Rio Rancho
Kyle Tan-Centennial
Mason Gardner-Organ Mountain
Maya Kronberg-Bosque School
Anne Yost-Piedra Vista
Aaron Jerkatis-Los Alamos
Cara Gattiker-Los Alamos
Karis Nakasone-Cleveland
William Hudlemeyer-Los Alamos
Coriandra Ladas-Masters Program
Sophia Garcia-Centennial

Viola

Abby Furlanetto-Santa Fe Prep
Samantha Rodriguez-Volcano Vista
Julie Thurgood-Cleveland
Shilo Bartram-Los Alamos
Zhenjia Yu-La Cueva
Natalie Galasso-Early College Academy
Ella Knaus-La Cueva
Kiara Thornton-Los Alamos

Viola cont.

William Nettleton-Los Alamos
Aiden Bohlen-Los Alamos
Julianne Fadner-Los Alamos
Gwenyth Graham-La Cueva
Dinuli Piyasena-La Cueva
Rowan Farrow-Cibola

Cello

Gabriel Adan Bujanda-Volcano Vista
Lauren Doupe-Eldorado
Larch Kingdon-Edwards-PAPA
Nathan Christensen-Santa Fe
Teigan Basso-Albuquerque
Soren Lines-Eldorado
Graciela Rodriguez-Cleveland
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Austin Sprunk-West Mesa
Matthea Fung-Los Alamos
Sofia Martin-La Cueva
Nathan Devenport-La Cueva

Bass

Rowan Mansell-Bosque School
Terra Donahue-NMSA
Kristalyn Jemmett-Farmington
Cooper Carroll-Las Cruces
Charleigh Roberts-Farmington
Alex Sauer-Sandia
Sean Gariety-La Cueva
John McCabe-St. Michaels

Flute 1

Elizamarie Adams-Eldorado

Flute 2

Natalie Myers-Organ Mountain

Flute 3

Ismael Romero-West Mesa

Oboe 1

Andres Gonzales-Clovis

Oboe 2

Radhman Azad-Los Alamos

Bassoon 1

Weston Barenberg-Eldorado

Bassoon 2

Katelyn Shafer-Clovis

Clarinet 1

Sophia Buchan-Santa Fe

Clarinet 2

Raul Campos-West Mesa

Trumpet 1

Adolfo Loya-Clovis

Trumpet 2

Connor Van Note-Eldorado

Trumpet 3

Jesse Cain-Roswell

Horn 1

Kylie Trueba-Cibola

Horn 2

Sophia Hafer-Hobbs

Horn 3

Jess Duggar-Manzano

Horn 4

Preston Evans-Hobbs

Trombone 1

Miguel Carrasco-Valencia

Trombone 2

Genesis Wiggins-Clovis

Trombone 3

Jack Tager-Santa Fe

Tuba

Nathaniel Romero-NMSA

Percussion

Thomas Icken-Rio Rancho
Hall Haven-NMSA
Felipe Ramirez-NMSA
Dante Salim-Volcano Vista

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Violin 1

Addie Oracion-NMSA
Abigail Soulsby-Las Cruces
Angus Gallegos-La Cueva
Ericka DeFazio-Axiom Christian Classical
Alicia Peng-La Cueva
Reagan Devenport-La Cueva
Aubrey Harmon-Home School
Jinheon Kim-Los Alamos
Chloe Li-Los Alamos
Lily Wyatt-Home School
Chloe Morris-Las Cruces
Angel Meng-Los Alamos
Petra Ginther-Rio Rancho
Xiaran Chen-Los Alamos
Olivia Yang-ABQ Inst-Math & Science
Anna Alice Patelli-ABQ Academy

Violin 2

Maria Lucero-Belen
Helena Welch-Los Alamos
Sophia Ray-La Cueva
Joanna Chang-La Cueva
Joseph Wang-La Cueva
Brisabel Martinez-Solano-Las Cruces
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Kevin Huang-Early College Academy
Faris Aswad-Centennial
Ash Mattia-NMSA
Emily Xu-Los Alamos
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Viola

Hanbi Park-Santa Fe
Melia Brinegar-Santa Fe
Raylene Carillo-Las Cruces
Lila Loweree-NMSA
Gavin Mitchell-ABQ Academy
Harmony Guan-La Cueva
Aditya Viswanathan-Los Alamos
Ciara Colgan-Los Alamos
Noelle Judd-Los Alamos
Linnhtet Htoon-Los Alamos
Aram Belian-Los Alamos
Camila Cardona-Centennial

Cello

Allyssa Wagner-Volcano Vista
Aneirin Hanan-Las Cruces
Elinor Shurtz-La Cueva
Abigail Czuchlewski-ABQ Academy
Ezekiel Henderson-Volcano Vista
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Joseph Han-La Cueva
Alisa Goorley-Santa Fe Prep
Norah Yang-La Cueva
Stephen Ray Gallegos-La Cueva
Narai Armour-NMSA
Axel Niklasson-Los Alamos

Bass

Nathan Lupinetti-La Cueva
Evan Sheffield-Manzano
Anna Jacobson-Los Alamos
Riley Rheinheimer-Los Alamos
Joaquin Houston-Las Cruces
Jared Muzzie-Los Alamos
Leon Garcia-Rivera-NMSA
Merritt Silber-Cibola

Piccolo

Trinity Brockman-Mayfield

Flute 1

Samantha Stearns-La Cueva

Flute 2

Maya Harris-Santa Fe

Oboe 1

Brian Avalos-Capital

Oboe 2

Paige Tomkins-Santa Fe

Bassoon 1

Josh Castro-La Cueva

Bassoon 2

Alejandro Lovato-Herrera-Santa Fe

Clarinet 1

Dylan Dencklau-Eldorado

Clarinet 2

Brendan Tierney-St. Pius

Trumpet 1

Avery Manginell-Eldorado

Trumpet 2

Jayden Pacheco-Volcano Vista

Trumpet 3

Gabriel Walter-Centennial

Horn 1

Heaven Galvan-Clovis

Horn 2

Ann Greenwood-Artesia

Horn 3

Apolo Figueroa-Volcano Vista

Horn 4

Stacey Bueno-Centennial

Trombone 1

Quentin Bosch-Volcano Vista

Trombone 2

Adrian Hein-Cleveland

Trombone 3

Dylan Harker-Rio Rancho

Tuba

Maxwell Rosenberg-Centennial

Percussion

Rodriguez Thoreau-NMSA
Liana Loucks-Clovis
William Blind-Sandia
Matthew Nichols-Las Cruces

Harp

Celeste El-Darazi-Los Alamos

Piano

Edon Major-Organ Mountain

2024 NMMEA All-State Small School Band

Flute 1

Claire DeFoy-Hope Christian
Ashlynn Nyght-PAPA
Zaina Hernandez-Santa Teresa
Kylie Wargo-Kirtland Central
Rut Ochoa-Valencia
Jewell Joy-Capitan

Flute 2

Sahara Robbins-Belen
Alfonso Talavera-Pradt-Valencia
Lawrence Andrade-Rehoboth Christian
Tandi Foreman-Portales
Janeesa Washington-Goddard
Katelyn Jeffries-Goddard

Oboe 1

Kiana Ramirez-Lovington

Oboe 2

Raley McBroom-Portales

Bassoon

Olivia Sizemore-Valencia

Clarinet 1

Athena Amindyas-Highland
Yaritza Alvarez-Torres-Valencia
Benjamin Jimenez-Santa Teresa
Hope Chapman-Kirtland Central

Clarinet 2

Miranda Perez-Artesia
Chris Knudsen-Goddard
Makayla Shorty-Shiprock
Cecilia Sanchez-Lovington
Alessandra Ochoa-Lovington

Clarinet 3

Dixie Turner-Hope Christian
Jan Marcial-Valencia
Sergio Medina-Lovington
Chloe Frederiksen-Rehoboth Christian
Michael Sanchez-Ruidoso
Marie-Clara Wittmar-Artesia

Bass Clarinet

Rhys Anderson-Los Alamos
Chase Lynch-Rehoboth Christian

Alto Sax 1

Jovany Labrado-Santa Teresa
Ellie Burris-Goddard
Blake Klobuchar-Valencia

Alto Sax 2

Preston Johnson-Santa Teresa
Ralph Ortega-Grants
Reese Clayton-Lovington

Tenor Sax

Dakari White-Kirtland Central
Anthony Chacon-Valencia

Bari Sax

Noah Steinhart -Goddard
Elias Montebancho-Portales

Trumpet 1

Brandon Gonzalez-Lovington
Arthur Houghtby -Goddard
Adilene Rodriguez-Lovington
Seferino Hughes-Silver

Trumpet 2

Christopher Teague-Los Alamos
Mikayla Tozer-Bloomfield
Henry Gomez-Highland
Andres Salas-Goddard

Trumpet 3

Brogen Goodrich-Artesia
Kadence Morrison-Portales
Jaime Godinez-Santa Teresa
Dylan Thompson-Portales

Horn 1

Keith Huller-Highland
Roxana Allamehzadeh-Portales
Molly Arsenault-Rehoboth Christian
Anthony Flores-Goddard

Horn 2

Jeremy Lampman-Santa Teresa
Peyton Stone-Artesia
Nathan Burford-Lovington
Sebastian Quevedo-Valencia

Trombone 1

Travis Pohl-Valencia
Jermy Mendoza-Lovington
Stephen Roberts-Portales
Javier Murillo-Santa Teresa

Trombone 2

Opal Wolfenbarger-PAPA
DJ Juliante-Kirtland Central
Zack Musgrave-Ruidoso
Donte Nelson-Shiprock

Euphonium

Jonathan Korte-Robertson
Jaedan Akin-Goddard
Jude Montoya-Portales
Josiah Cleveland-Home School

Tuba

Daniel Hall-Aztec
Wyatt Hellmers-Goddard
Angel Quevedo-Valencia
Damian Gonzalez-Campos-Santa Teresa
Esmeralda Sanchez-Santa Teresa
Danielle Velasquez-Valencia

Percussion

Benjamin Prosper-Home School
Evin Trentham-Goddard
Isiah Mendez-Highland
Elza Rubio-Santa Teresa

Piano

Suvin Madrid-PAPA

2024 NMMEA All-State Concert Band

Piccolo

Hernan Saenz-Los Lunas

Flute 1

Ruby Chappa-Carlsbad
Ava Southwell-Organ Mountain
Sophie Hernandez-Las Cruces
Natalia Hernandez-Valencia
Milianah Silva-Organ Mountain
Jordan Anyanonu-Volcano Vista
Sophia Garcia-Volcano Vista

Flute 2

Allie Travers-Eldorado
Kaitlynn Hogan-Las Cruces
Eleanor McArthur-Bosque School
Adrianna Cuebas-Clovis
Jamie Grow-Los Alamos
Sarah Allman-Rio Rancho
Adriann Anaya-Piedra Vista

Oboe 1

Ireland Myerscough-Cleveland
Anders McDaid-Roswell

Oboe 2

Spencer Brann-Rio Rancho Cyber
Neptune Barton-Eldorado

Bassoon 1

Kayla Warren-Mayfield
Kyle Cooper-Hobbs

Bassoon 2

Kimberly Duarte-Capital
Adrianna Cordero-Cleveland

Clarinet 1

Sol Romero-Los Lunas
Ariana Theil-Hadjilambrinos-La Cueva
Ruben Barnard-Atrisco Heritage
Melodie Guzman-Las Cruces
Gabriel Hernandez-Las Cruces
Arela Sacerio-Clovis

Clarinet 2

Luciano Valdez-Volcano Vista
Jose Salazar-NMSA
Cristian Souder-Alamogordo
Jessica Corral-Organ Mountain
Jaydyn Chapman-Clovis
Joshua Medina-Centennial
Amanda Barrera-Santa Fe

Clarinet 3

William Sanxter-Las Cruces
Judah Sundheimer-Rio Rancho
Joaquin Sanchez-Clovis
Osnar Villanueva-Atrisco Heritage
Marisol Rascon-Clovis

Clarinet 3 cont.

Bryce Hensley-La Cueva
Dana Oprisan-Las Cruces
Irisa Anaya-Volcano Vista
Matthew Kass-Mayfield

Bass Clarinet

Tatiana Herrera-Atrisco Heritage
Issac Ottesen-Rio Rancho
Zachariah Sena-ABQ Academy
Juila Buckingham-Mayfield

Alto 1

Flora Niu-La Cueva
Isaiah Galindo-Carlsbad

Alto 2

Jaden Rowlett-Organ Mountain
Theodore Gendone-Las Cruces

Tenor

Edwin Gutierrez-Atrisco Heritage
Makaylah Priddy-Rio Rancho

Bari

Cody Warren-Hobbs
Ciena Rodriguez-Volcano Vista

Trumpet 1

Dez Varona-Cleveland
Dominic Pam-Cleveland
Christopher Yee-Home School
Jamie Tompkins-Eldorado

Trumpet 2

Phoenix Anastasion-NMSA
Evan Meza-Los Lunas
Judah Garcia-Valencia
Allison VanGoethem-Eldorado

Trumpet 3

Duncan Bohannon-Home School
Kevin Mntungwa-Organ Mountain
Blair Dickens-Cleveland
Ethan Xia-ABQ Academy
Christopher Jones-Los Lunas

Horn 1

Victoria Phillips-Rio Rancho
Jaron Jolly-Los Lunas
Dannika Escapita-Centennial

Horn 2

Lily Lybarger-East Mountain
Evangeline Martinez-La Cueva
Bryce Karlson-Cleveland"

Horn 3

Ian Wald-Santa Fe
Aiden Coblentz-Santa Fe
Aubrey Bourgeois-Eldorado

Horn 4

Krisanne Hernandez-Rio Rancho
Ariana Calmes-Organ Mountain
Maya Diego-Las Cruces

Trombone 1

Lucas Sarabia-Mendoza-Los Lunas
Scotlan Douglas-Home School
Ethan LaCoursiere-Clovis

Trombone 2

Jack Miller-Mayfield
Kieran Gattiker-Los Alamos
Sebastian Ojeda-Las Cruces

Trombone 3

Alan Tolley-La Cueva
Nathan Bjorklund-Clovis
Luis Valtierra-Las Cruces

Euphonium

Daimik Garcia-Clovis
Abbey Klement-Las Cruces
Timothy Acker-Cleveland"
John Sanchez-Rio Rancho
Matthew Medved-La Cueva

Tuba

Kaleb Houston-Las Cruces
Jacob Licon-Organ Mountain
Millicent Lyman-Cleveland
Mario Hernandez-Organ Mountain
Samantha Snowden-Eldorado
Jordan Thompson-Los Lunas

Percussion

Ethan Jones-La Cueva
Tallulah Ortiz-ABQ Academy
Easterbrooks Erika-NMSA
Sawyer Garnaas-NMSA
Eila LaPointe-Rio Rancho
Ryan Darnold-Organ Mountain

Piano

Kyle Vandruff-Aztec

2024 NMMEA All-State Symphonic Band

Piccolo

Abigail Frey-Santa Fe

Flute 1

Katherine Kim-NM Connections

Ellie Ondo-Las Cruces

Lila Lindeen-Santa Fe

Annie Lee-Centennial

Lillian Yardman-La Cueva

Kaitlyn Garmong-Centennial

Flute 2

Christabel Theil-Hadjilambrinos-La Cueva

Hailey Tavenner-Cleveland"

Adalynn LeBaron-Rio Rancho

Isabella Park-Cibola

Mireya Delgado-Las Cruces

Isabelle Campos-Las Cruces

Oboe 1

Adriana Mulgado-Clovis

Elijah Smith-Home School

Oboe 2

Maya Walz-Burkett-La Cueva

Kate Schoenwald-La Cueva

Bassoon 1

America Van Soelen-Clovis

Aiden Blackwell-Cleveland

Bassoon 2

Parker Bass-Clovis

Norah Talbot-Organ Mountain

Clarinet 1

Davion Hein-Cleveland

Annabelle Brainard-Home School

Samantha Frame-Volcano Vista

Marcos Berrones-Basler-Goddard

Jack Fredine-Albuquerque

Waverly Bourgeois-Eldorado

Clarinet 2

Lucas Dwyer-Cleveland

Yanming Wu-NMMI

Bo Wilson-Sandia

Dylan Lari-Rio Rancho

Justin Alvis-Organ Mountain

Nathaniel Loya-Centennial

Steven Scott-Bosque School

Oakley Dugger-Cleveland

Clarinet 3

Yair Barraza-Mayfield

Irina Maiorov-Los Alamos

Ruby Lucero-Eldorado

Nataly Marcial-Los Lunas

Sophie Noren-La Cueva

Addison Smith-Santa Fe

Reid Meuth-NMSA

Trinity Peterson-Rio Rancho

Bass Clarinet

Cheyenne Hajagos-La Cueva

Joaquin Armijo-Cleveland

Sara Khan-Los Alamos

Anna Netherlin-Artesia

Alto 1

Silas Jones-La Cueva

Gabriel Ngo-Cibola

Alto 2

Kevin Gonzales-Cleveland

Yushan He-La Cueva

Tenor

Zachariah Parker-Clovis

Rhiana Rodriguez-Volcano Vista

Bari

Samuel Crozier-La Cueva

Jackson Cook-Eldorado

Trumpet 1

Emeline Duncan-Artesia

Hailey Hendricks-Volcano Vista

Austin Strot-Eldorado

William McGlumphy-Eldorado

Trumpet 2

Mario Mejia-Clovis

Mack Pokorny-Arrowhead Park

Silas Buchanan-Centennial

David Cooper-Las Cruces

Trumpet 3

Jiniu Lee-ABQ Academy

Emily Holmes-Estancia V. Classical

Ethan Perez-Cleveland"

Emily Christopher-PAPA

Fabian Duarte-Clovis

Horn 1

James Evans-Hobbs

Jeremiah Agrusa-Rio Rancho

Horn 2

Aeowynn Romero-Clovis

Aubrey Kuper -Cleveland

Horn 3

Pierre Williams-Mayfield

Quinn Culiver-Clovis

Horn 4

Augustus Casarez-Rio Rancho

Neve Potutschnig-Volcano Vista

Trombone 1

Vincent Quintana-Cleveland

Meg Zwiers-Rehoboth Christian

Claire Cassidy-Cleveland

Trombone 2

Roman Amador-Santa Fe

Landon Marquez-Hobbs

Grey Wilson-Sandia

Trombone 3

Jaden Bowie-Valencia

Joaquin Headley-La Cueva

Sara Whisenhunt-Cleveland

Euphonium

Jerimya Landin-Clovis

Mitchell Truong-Cowan-Clovis

Kourtney Heslop-Cleveland

Kara Martinez-Artesia

Tuba

Thomas Karingada-Rio Rancho

Braden Gonzales-Centennial

Julius Cooper-Highland

Alexander McGee-Rio Rancho

Kellen Larrabee-Cleveland

Analya Gutierrez-Santa Fe

Percussion

Stratton Seifert-Home School

Levi Vugrin-Eldorado

Daniel Seanez-Organ Mountain

Kaeleigh Kychie-Volcano Vista

Kane Trujillo-Clovis

Matthew Lewis-Rio Rancho

2024 NMMEA All-State Treble Choir

Soprano 1

Malaya Henry-Clovis
Rey Clauschee-Rehoboth Christian
Samantha Casillas-Rio Rancho
Magdalyn Magee-Piedra Vista
Lauren Lester-Bosque School
Kendra Heck-Bosque School
Yaneli Banuelas-Roswell
Emmalee Zila-Sandia
Leah Lopez-ABQ Academy
Addie Griffith-Portales
Haley Tarrant-Home School
Eibhleann Hinrichs-Los Alamos
Kayleigh Maldonado-Clovis
Olivia Montebancho-Portales
Trinity Flores-Portales
Susan Mayville-Portales
Victoria Morgan-Cleveland
Eliza Taylor-Organ Mountain
Julissa Villareal-Organ Mountain
Abbie Connors-Estancia V. Classical
Olivia Nielson-Artesia High
Maja Mandel-Organ Mountain
Persephone Easter-PAPA
Dagny Gellert-Cottonwood Classical
Micah Hodge-Hobbs Freshman
Emma Ward-Piedra Vista
Ximena Torres-Lovington
Ella Gamache-Arrowhead Park
Ansley King-St. Michaels
Harlee Lohse-Carlsbad
Izabella Cordova-Clovis
Cienna Parker-Organ Mountain
Abigail Urquidi -Las Cruces
Yasmin Gonzalez-Las Cruces

Soprano 2

Monica Castillo-Eldorado
Elizabeth Williamson-Carlsbad Early
Kadiah Dragone-Gutierrez-ABQ Academy
Alayna Hassanali-La Cueva
Clare Velasquez-St. Michaels
Amelia Peterson-Bosque School
Ciara St Clair-Alamogordo
Andie Kelly-Los Alamos
Kipper Sterba-PAPA
Isabella Harris-St. Pius
Winter Henderson-Alamogordo
Marina Archuleta-Los Alamos
Angelina Barcena-NMSA

Soprano 2 cont.

June Rodriguez-Carlsbad Early
Larkin Millburn-La Cueva
Ana Rodriguez-Ruidoso
Evelyn Johnson-Rio Rancho
Katelyn Self-Clovis
Ayushi Kathuria-La Cueva
Macy King-Bosque School
Seraphina Goldstein-La Cueva
Ella McGregor-Del Norte
Serena Apodaca-Moreno Valley
Emma Fisher-Cleveland
Rozelynn Otero-PAPA
Abigail Lantz-La Cueva
Giana Spencer-Lovington
Natalie Stuard-Hobbs
Sierra Stapleton-Cleveland
Camila Salgado Quiroz-Clovis HS
Freshman
Mia Kerwick-Clovis
Felicity Williams-La Cueva
Adda Gonzales-Lovington Freshman
Genevieve Alford-Cottonwood Classical
Amaya Thomas-Clovis HS Freshman
Thuy Phan-Del Norte

Alto 1

Elia Encinias-Moriarty
Katelyn Opie-Cleveland
Ella Spencer-Volcano Vista
Mykaila Garcia -Artesia High
Emilie Fuksa-Artesia High
Zaylee Henegar-Piedra Vista
Tatum Laffler-NMSA
Bailey Gladu-Roswell
Vikki Gonzales-NMSA
Ximena Serna-La Cueva
Yarezi Marquez-Portales
Kailey Nall-Volcano Vista
Antonia Saavedra-Socorro
Jaslene Ramirez-St. Michaels
Nichole Yurcic-Mayfield
Alaina Riley-La Cueva
Emma Rodriguez-Moriarty
Elizabeth Beukelman-Estancia V. Classical
Nicole Alaniz-Mayfield
Savannah Matta-Goddard
Elsa Dhonau-Egan-La Cueva
Yoshi Luevano-NMSA
Myah Richardson-Centennial
Marie Trujillo-Santa Fe

Alto 1 cont.

Juliette Paul-Cleveland
Jassmin Ramirez-La Cueva
Sarah Wood-Roswell
Mia Duarte-Mayfield
Morgan Beard-Carlsbad
Irene Vasquez-Artesia High
Lily Diaz-NMSA
Arden Rogers-Centennial
Genevieve Paul-Cleveland
Erin Gosau-Cottonwood Classical
Grace Parker-Artesia High
Onyx Willetto-Eldorado

Alto 2

Karli Lendrum-Farmington
Elliot Barraza-Rio Rancho
Angeline Jensen-PAPA
Charlie Ortiz-St. Michaels
Mackenzie Porter-Portales
Elena Gonzales-Centennial
Emilie Fountain-Lovington
Clover Olivas-Organ Mountain
Katherine Mortensen-Piedra Vista
Wendy Smith-Portales
D'Etta Green-Clovis
Lola Lenzen-Sandia
Kadence Dunsworth-Portales
Kaylin Ortiz-Centennial
Abigail Contella-St. Michaels
Branna Vender-Eldorado
Elise Gutierrez-St. Michaels
Kateri Telles-St. Pius
Sunshine Avila-Santa Fe
Marisol Perry-Organ Mountain
Franki Buenrostro-Mayfield
Eleanor Whalen-Santa Fe
Zeda Titus-Cottonwood Classical
Ethni Florez-Carlsbad Early
Alyssa Pretlow-Ruidoso
Lena Romero-Los Alamos
Max Cox-Los Alamos
Max Ortiz-Rio Rancho
Ella Spitz-Eldorado
Megan Baggerly-Artesia High
Dineah Charley-Piedra Vista
Phoenix Perkins-Rio Rancho
Briley Szczepanski-La Cueva
Gemma Cottrell-PAPA
Molly Couture-Los Alamos
Felicity Garcia-Gomez-Moriarty

2024 NMMEA All-State Mixed Choir

Soprano 1

Olivia Fowler-Portales
Yamilet Nunez-Las Cruces
Kaia Dolan-Carlsbad
Kyndal Wiltbank-Estancia V. Classical
Kateri Silva-Rio Rancho
Jaqueline Jimenez-Las Cruces
Charlize Madrid-Artesia
Maya Bradford-Centennial
Mia Berkson-Organ Mountain
Melanie Baltz-Rio Rancho
Alexandra Raskin-ABQ Academy
Rose Greenwood-Artesia
Kelly Jones-Las Cruces
Angelina Silva-Home School
Kaylee Breinholt-La Cueva
Destiney Montoya-Acad. for Media Arts
Gisele Diaz-Rio Rancho
Saichania Rollins-Clovis
Emily Stuard-Hobbs
Christa Petersen-La Cueva
Brianna Lamas-Las Cruces
Bunny Maisel-NMSA
Paige Celoria-Home School
Jaydn Austin-Portales
Keilana Woznick-Clovis
Katya Ivanchoz-Sandia Prep
Evelyn Hicks-Cleveland
Rhian Cuccio-Rio Rancho
Kehlyn Houston-Centennial
Nelly Valenzuela-Portales
Rebekah Bell-La Cueva

Soprano 2

Sophia Rodriguez-Moriarty
Eleanor Anderson-Volcano Vista
Juliana Garcia-Centennial
Maggie Wooldridge-Portales
Samantha Brown-Los Alamos
Ariana Escarzaga-Volcano Vista
Jaycee Reiss-Farmington
Danielle Opie-Cleveland
Emme Gomez-Hobbs
Ruby Ortega-PAPA
Nayonna Pioche-Cleveland
Rumi Pecastaing-PAPA
Brenna Van Soest-Carlsbad
Molly Knowlton-St. Michaels
Haleigh Mathis-Portales
Landri Marshal-Hobbs
Gloria Jeremias-Ruidoso
Yaretzi Ramirez-Lovington
Sofia Salazar-NMSA
Rachel Vernoooy-Clovis
Ana Alvidrez-Ruidoso
Madelyne Warren-Carlsbad
Clara Gipson-La Cueva
Ronni Feder-Home School
Hailey McDonald-Carlsbad Early
Lily Graham-Centennial

Soprano 2 cont.

Brynlee Day-Hobbs
Emma Holt-Hobbs Freshman
Lilly Heady-Artesia
Clement Johnston-NMSA
Shyan Bethke-Artesia

Alto 1

Skye Denton-La Cueva
Amaree Caballero-Lovington
Lanai Tagoai-Cleveland
Kyra Gentry-Portales
Corinne Moritz-Capitan
Emma Deifel-La Cueva
Skye Millburn-La Cueva
Belen Melchor-Clovis
Claire Hamblin-La Cueva
Katelyn Heusser-Moriarty
Doran Luckner-NMSA
Emily Ganaway-Carlsbad
Bella Sánchez-ABQ Academy
Lauren Combs-Artesia
Clarisse Coelho-NMMI
Ida Shelton-ABQ Academy
Kasiah Morales-Carlsbad
Keira Thomas-Bosque School
Sofi Carreon-Centennial
Breanne Meyerson-Cibola
Kalie Herman-Farmington
Desirae Gallegos-Farmington
Emilie McConnell-Mayfield
Taden Garzon-Centennial
Keira Varela-NMSA
Lillian Chavez-Moriarty
Lily Cavanaugh-Rehoboth Christian
Bee Griffith-Portales
Tai Ritter-La Cueva
Claire Ewing-Centennial

Alto 2

Juniper Blessing-NMSA
Aurora Sandoval-Organ Mountain
Amber Seligman-Cibola
Sophia (Atlas) Wrobel-ABQ Academy
Abigail Gladden-Piedra Vista
Skylar Hickox-Piedra Vista
Sienna Rios-Moriarty
Phangea Manyseng-Gutierrez-Rio Rancho
Giselle Ericson-NMSA
Antoinette Smith-Atrisco Heritage
Leah Horton -Carlsbad
Jazzalyn Ruiz-Portales
Calie Rivas-Centennial
Angelique Mata-Carlsbad Early
Celeste Shepherd-Centennial
Allison Martin-La Cueva
Ma'ayan Baranes-Bosque School
Bella Ellis-Clovis
Caris Quinonez-Sandia
Kacy Sena-PAPA

Alto 2 cont.

Milo Floyd-Rio Rancho
Kaede Carroll-ABQ Academy
Danika Perkins-PAPA
Angela-Faith Sowers-Rehoboth Christian
Nataly Salcido-Lovington
Sapphire Landaker-La Cueva
Syrenity Youngblood-Roswell
Alexyss Johnson-Farmington
Serenity Nevarez-Organ Mountain
Claire Johnson-Rio Rancho
Elizabeth Pfau-Centennial

Tenor 1

Landen Kessler-Santa Fe
Jacob Hicks-Cleveland
Tyson Reyes-Centennial
Ethan Trujillo-Cibola
Arcel Pena-Ceballos-Clovis
Carlton Littlefield-PAPA
Tyler Autrey-Clovis
Adam Odell-Bosque School
Steven Foldy-Mayfield
Samuel Roberts-Portales
Danica Williams-Cleveland
Leo Sansom-Portales
Jordan McKaney-Del Norte
Noel McCoy-NMSA
Callum Hakes-La Cueva
Ivan Muruato-Lovington
Mason Trapnell-La Cueva
Bridger Heaton-Piedra Vista
Zane Clary-Capitan
Jackson Giffing-Centennial
Morgan Lee-Bosque School
Adrian Orozco-Ruidoso
Emmanuel Pulgarin-Clovis
Jackson DeLuisa-La Cueva
Taylon Ortiz-Rio Rancho
Keaoven Munoz-Piedra Vista
Brandon Butler-Piedra Vista
Logan Brimhall-Piedra Vista
James Jorgensen-Organ Mountain
Corbin Collette-La Cueva
Carlos Gutierrez-Hobbs

Tenor 2

Nicolas Taccetti-Academy Tech & Classics
Nehemiah Gedde-Roswell
Titus Nichols-La Cueva
Caleb McDaris-Lovington
James Engan-Hobbs
Evan Hester-La Cueva
Neeko Bara-Portales
Zachary Brown-ABQ Academy
Darius Virtusio-Del Norte
Sebastian Sena-Rio Rancho
Harmon Hakes-La Cueva
Julian Jimenez-Clovis
Ian Gladden-Piedra Vista

Tenor 2 cont.

Henry Taliaferro-La Cueva
Ryan Lopez-PAPA
Anakin Aikele-Farmington
Isaias Cano-Clovis Freshman
Marc Torres-ABQ Aviation Academy
Joaquin Wheeler-Clovis
Mario Zavala-Roswell
Nicholas Snyder-Portales
Aaron Taylor-Portales
Ezra Arvizo-Santa Fe
Teagan Rasmussen-Piedra Vista
Tyler Wildman-NMSA
Javier Sanchez-Centennial
Gerardo Molina Flores-Belen
Thomas Dolce-Moriarty
Jaxsen Cordova-Moriarty
Sebastian Hernandez-Roswell
Jackson Parker-Artesia

Bass 1

Rory Meredith-La Cueva
Matthew Rickey-NMSA
Isaac Walker-La Cueva
William Landahl-ABQ Academy
Peter Mayeux-Piedra Vista
Anthony Granados-La Cueva
James Taylor-La Cueva
Aiden Brown-Clovis
Francisco Terrazas-Carlsbad Early
Aaron Henise-La Cueva
Thaddeus Littlefield-PAPA
Francesco Aimale-St. Michaels
Carson Troost-Artesia
Thomas Winder-Sandia
David Velasquez-St. Michaels
Kaleb Baron-PAPA
Matthew Erwin-Centennial
Ryan Hoover-Rio Rancho
Robert Pitman-McAllister-Goddard
Diego Bracamonte-Cleveland
Jacob Gutierrez-Sandia Prep
Daniel Jacob Zulueta-Clovis
Tyler Boston-Mayfield
Lucas Miller-Las Cruces
Zane Begay-Del Norte
Leonel Molina-Clovis
Randy Vargas-Moriarty
Aidan Portman-La Cueva
Wyatt Rodriguez-Rio Rancho
Jeremy Nunn Rico-Rio Rancho

Bass 2

Michael Celoria-Home School
Michael Lehoucq-La Cueva
Dominic Serrano-St. Michaels
Antonio Morales-Roswell
Gage Hailer-Portales
Isaac Williamson-Carlsbad Early
Aiden Liles-Portales
Carson Mayo-Bosque School
Jonathan Merrill-Eldorado

Bass 2 cont.

Abner Ordonez Amarillas-Roswell
Jacob Wright-Clovis
Isaac Kaberlein-Portales
Ellie Perez-Piedra Vista
Shawn Chacon-La Cueva
Christian Clepper-Sandia
Devin Griego-Cleveland
Steele Dream-NMSA
Ryan Kelley-ABQ Academy
Christian Felkner-Piedra Vista
Colten Saville-St. Michaels
Isaac Vincent-St. Michaels
Enrique Soto-Moriarty
Xavier Arellano-NMSA
Dalton Woznick-Clovis
DeMarcus Williams-Clovis Freshman
Gavin Pecotte-Piedra Vista
Evan Saucedo-Del Norte
Tristian Payen-Lovington
Brandon Barrow-Santa Fe



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2024 NMMEA Vocal Jazz Ensemble

Soprano

Emma Ward - Piedra Vista
Maggie Wooldridge - Portales
Juliette Paul - Cleveland
Alexandra Raskin - ABQ Academy
Kate Conrad - Eldorado
Magdalyn Magee - Piedra Vista

Alto

Ida Shelton - ABQ Academy
Bella Sánchez - ABQ Academy
Abigail Gladden - Piedra Vista
Phangea Manyseng-Gutierrez - Rio Rancho
Olivia Pratt - Centennial
Taden Garzon - Centennial

Tenor

Sophia (Atlas) Wrobel - ABQ Academy
Caleb McDaris - Lovington
Jacob Hicks - Cleveland
Tyson Reyes - Centennial
Samuel Roberts - Portales
Michael Montano - Cleveland

Bass

William Landahl - ABQ Academy
Francisco Terrazas - Carlsbad Early College
Ellie Perez - Piedra Vista
Jacob Chapler - Carlsbad Early College
Landon Watts - Rehoboth Christian
Lydell Hogue - Piedra Vista

2024 NMMEA All-State Jazz 1

Alto

Dylan Dencklau - Eldorado
Joseph Buckner - Rio Rancho

Tenor

Lucas Dwyer - Cleveland
Jaime Loera - Eldorado

Bari

Dominic Morales - Roswell

Trumpet

Thomas Karingada - Rio Rancho
Austin Strot - Eldorado
Christopher Yee - Home School
Hailey Hendricks - Volcano Vista
Dez Varona - Cleveland

Trombone

Vincent Quintana - Cleveland
Quentin Bosch - Volcano Vista
Claire Cassidy - Cleveland
Dylan Harker - Rio Rancho

Piano

Josh Castro - La Cueva

Guitar

Jacob Lewis - Rio Rancho

Bass

Finley Inglis - Los Alamos

Drums

Thoreau Rodriguez - NMSA

Vibes

Ethan Jones - La Cueva

2024 NMMEA All-State Jazz 2

Alto

Silas Jones - La Cueva
Waverly Bourgeois - Eldorado

Tenor

Raven Smith - Eldorado
Reid Meuth - NMSA

Bari

Samuel Crozier - La Cueva

Trumpet

Jayden Pacheco - Volcano Vista
Juan Mendoz - Deming
Clara George - Rio Rancho
Ethan Perez - Cleveland
Blair Dickens - Cleveland

Trombone

Alan Tolley - La Cueva
Ruben Nunez - Atrisco Heritage
Jason Nawarskas - Sandia Prep
Samantha Snowden - Eldorado

Piano

Emily Richardson - Organ Mountain

Guitar

John Cawkwell - Los Alamos

Bass

Merritt Silber - Cibola

Drums

Benjamin Prosper - Home School

Vibes

Cheden Anastasion - NMSA

2024 NMMEA All-State Jazz 3

Alto

Kevin Gonzales - Cleveland
Theodore Gendone - Las Cruces

Tenor

Thatcher Leachman - Las Cruces
Darius Smith – Cleveland

Bari

Jeanine Rodriguez - Las Cruces

Trumpet

Avery Manginell - Eldorado
William McGlumphy - Eldorado
Carson Stauffer - Los Alamos
Albert Perez - Las Cruces
Jeremiah Agrusa - Rio Rancho

Trombone

Andrew Bernaldez - Atrisco Heritage
Jack Miller - Mayfield
Scotlan Douglas - Home School
Joaquin Headley - La Cueva

Piano

Connor Van Note – Eldorado

Guitar

Issac Ottesen - Rio Rancho

Bass

Owen Wagner – Eldorado

Drums

Haven Hall - NMSA

Vibes

Matthew Nichols - Las Cruces

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Capitan	Piedra Vista
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Centennial	Rehoboth Christian
Cibola	Rio Rancho
Cleveland	Rio Rancho Cyber
Clovis	Robertson
Clovis HS Freshman	Roswell
Cottonwood Classical Prep	Ruidoso
Del Norte	Sandia
Deming	Sandia Prep
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East Mountain	Santa Fe Prep
Eldorado	Santa Teresa
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Explore Academy	Shiprock
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2024 NMMEA Award Recipients

Dr. Jason Paulk, Educator of the Year



Dr. Jason Paulk is Director of Choral Activities and Professor of Music at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, NM, where he conducts the University Singers, Chamber Singers, and Swanee Singers ensembles, and teaches beginning conducting, advanced conducting, and choral methods. His degrees include a DMA from the University of Oklahoma, MM in Conducting and MM in Music Education from Westminster Choir College, and BME from Stetson University. His primary conducting teachers and mentors were Duncan Couch, Joseph Flummerfelt, Dennis Shrock, Andrew Megill, Robert Shaw, Charles Nelson, Robert Fort, and Robert Rich.

Dr. Paulk was the winner of the 1997 ACDA National Student Conducting Competition and was awarded the 2014 Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching at Eastern New Mexico University. Choirs under Jason's direction have performed at state NAFME Conferences in Florida and New Mexico, the 2009 American Choral Directors Association National Convention, the 2018 National NAFME Conference, and for audiences throughout the United States, Europe, and China. Recent conducting engagements include the 2019 Kentucky All-State Collegiate Choir, TMEA All-Region Choirs, as well as feature performances in Carnegie Hall (2011, 2013, 2015, 2022), and numerous European tour performances (2007, 2010, 2013, 2017, 2019). The ENMU Choirs and Alumni enjoyed a performance tour of Spain in the summer of 2022.

Jason is the National Collegiate Repertoire and Resources Chair for the American Choral Directors Association and editor of the Student Times monthly column in the Choral Journal of ACDA. He remains active as a scholar, having published numerous articles in the last decade. He has published a book chapter (in collaboration with Kayla Liechty and Jason Vest) in Nova Publishing's "The Nurturing of Talent, Skills, and Abilities." Hal Leonard published his recent textbook, coauthored with Dr. Ryan Kelly, entitled *Messiah: Warm-ups for Successful Performance*. Two new book projects—a choral style guide and beginning conducting textbook—will be shortly forthcoming. Of all of Jason's professional accomplishments, he takes the greatest pleasure in witnessing the growth of his students who are following their passions to become great singers, conductors, and music educators. He finds great satisfaction and joy in seeing his students teaching in their own classrooms, developing their own musical legacies, and learning to be servant leaders.

Virginia Weaver, John Batcheller Elementary Award



Virginia Weaver is a lifelong resident of New Mexico and lover of both red and green chile. She is a graduate of San Juan College and Fort Lewis College and is currently finishing a Master of Music Education degree from Anderson University. Virginia is certified in First Steps in Music and Conversational Solfege levels 1 & 2 and will complete Orff certification level III as of July 2023. She is currently in her fifteenth year as the general music specialist at Ladera Del Norte Elementary, a K-5 School in Farmington, NM where she especially enjoys teaching movement, folk dancing, choir, the Orff-Schulerk process, and ukulele. Virginia currently serves as vice president of both the northwest general music section of NMMEA and the Four Corners Orff Chapter of the American Orff Schulwerk Association. She is also a member of the New Mexico American Choral Directors Association. She has a passion for fostering creativity and lifelong musicianship in students, supporting the neurodiverse, and is currently researching best practices to support students with sensory difficulties. In her spare time, Virginia enjoys traveling with family, attending concerts and comedy shows, and dabbling in hobbies such as photography, sketching, digital art, and crocheting.

Gabriella Alvarez, New & Emerging Educator



Gabriella Alvarez is a second-year band director at Mesa Middle School in Las Cruces, New Mexico. She received a bachelor's in music education and performance at New Mexico State University. While at NMSU, Gabriella held a variety of leadership positions such as principal flautist, drum major, NMSU NMMEA President, and Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni officer. She also earned many performance awards at NMSU such as the Pressor Scholarship and was selected every semester for the honors recital concert.

At the start of Gabriella's teaching career, she began teaching elementary music at Las Cruces Holy Cross Catholic School and helping at Las Cruces High School. During her last semester in college, she decided to student teach at Chapparal Middle School and Santa Teresa High School. Her student teaching experience helped strengthen her teaching skills and passion for music education at the middle school level.

Currently, Gabriella works at Mesa Middle school leading the beginning and intermediate bands. During her first-year teaching, her students experienced a great amount of success such as receiving superior ratings at Solo and Ensemble and participating in the All-City Honor Band. Her beginning band was also proud to receive all superior ratings at MPA. In addition, Gabriella's bands have participated in many school events such as football games, assemblies, and enrichment activities. Her favorite teaching experience was when her band participated in a feeder pattern concert with Organ Mountain High School and Camino Middle School. The concert was massive and a great experience for the students and music community.

Overall, Gabriella hopes to continue growing as a music educator and learn from her accomplished colleagues and mentors. Her goals are to continue pushing her bands to reach their full potential, help students create a lifelong appreciation for music, and develop a culture in her classroom that is inspiring.

Roman Chip, Emeritus Teacher of the Year



Roman Chip has been an influential figure in the education and jazz scene in southern New Mexico over the past 40 years.

A graduate of New Mexico State University with both a Bachelor's in Music Education and a Master's in Performance, Roman has worked with the Gadsden and Las Cruces Public Schools for over 30 years shaping and molding the creative minds of countless students. During his tenure with the public schools, Mr. Chip maintained a private saxophone studio from which several students continued to professional careers in music.

Roman has continued to perform regularly in several jazz ensembles in the area including The Border Jazz Ensemble, Note Works, and his own Border Jazz Quintet. He has also performed with the Las Cruces Symphony, El Paso Symphony and has been a guest artist with the New Mexico State University Jazz Ensembles. Mr. Chip has performed with groups such as The Four Tops, Temptations, Linda Ronstadt, Gladys Knight, O'Jays and James Ingram among others. Mr. Chip has served as a clinician, soloist and adjudicator, in New Mexico, West Texas, Kentucky, Missouri, and Central America. He retired after 26 years of service to the public schools but continues to serve as a music educator and performer.

Marletta Newman, Hall of Fame



Marletta Newman is a talented musician with 26 years in the choral classroom. She received her bachelor's degree from New Mexico State University and her master's degree from Eastern New Mexico University. Marletta is very proud to say that all 26 years of her music education career were in the great state of New Mexico. While she certainly enjoyed teaching all levels of K-12 music education, she loved teaching middle school choir for most of her fulfilling career. She taught choir at Portales High School, Choir and General Music at Evangel Christian Academy in Albuquerque, General Music at Mesa Verde Elementary in Farmington, and most of her career was spent teaching choir and piano at Mesa View Middle School in Farmington. While she certainly has enjoyed teaching all levels of K-12 Music Education, teaching choir at the middle school has been very fulfilling. From 2006-2020 she was honored to serve as the Northwest New Mexico District Choral Secretary/Treasurer fostering relationships with music educators not only in her district but all over the state which was invaluable to her teaching. Striving to make a positive

impact on her students, instilling in them a love of making music and curiosity for more musical knowledge has been her greatest joy.

Joseph Flores, Hall of Fame



Joseph Flores is the K-12 Fine Arts Coordinator for Las Cruces Public Schools. Mr. Flores earned his Bachelor of Arts in Music Education and Master of Music in Instrumental Conducting from New Mexico State University. Prior to overseeing Fine Arts curriculum and activities for LCPS, he taught middle school and high school band programs in El Paso, Texas and Las Cruces, New Mexico beginning in 1997.

During his time in the classroom, Mr. Flores' ensembles were consistently earned superior ratings and were recognized at local, state, and national levels for musical excellence. While at Las Cruces High School, the music department was recognized as a Grammy Foundation Signature School in 2000 and the jazz band was selected as the 2002 Honor Jazz Band by the New Mexico Jazz Educators. While at Organ Mountain High School, the Symphonic Wind Ensemble won the 2009 state championship for concert bands hosted by the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA). And while at Centennial High School, the Wind Symphony won the 2016 state championship for concert bands hosted by NMAA. Mr. Flores also co-conducted the Centennial High School Symphony Orchestra which won the state championship for orchestras hosted by NMAA in 2014, 2015, and 2016 and was also selected as 2016 Honor Orchestra by the New Mexico Music Educators Association (NMMEA). His marching and winterguard ensembles also consistently earned recognition at local, state, and Bands of America as well as Winter Guard International regional events. Mr. Flores was nominated for the New Mexico Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2016. He was later selected as the 2017 NMMEA Music Educator of the Year and later received the 2019 NMMEA Rollie Heltman Distinguished Service Award.

During his tenure as K-12 Fine Arts Coordinator, Las Cruces Public Schools has been annually recognized as one of the Best Communities for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) and was also selected to receive the 2023 NMMEA Award of Distinction which is awarded to a school district that demonstrates outstanding support and commitment to high-quality music education programs.

In addition to his work, Mr. Flores remains active as a guest speaker, guest conductor, concert band & marching arts adjudicator and clinician, regularly presents professional development sessions at educator conferences across the country. Mr. Flores has served as President of the NMMEA Southwest District and has also served as Band Division Vice-President and President for the entire NMMEA state organization. He is also a member and former President of the New Mexico Chapter of the International Band Master's Fraternity, Phi Beta Mu.

In his free time, Mr. Flores enjoys spending time with his husband and their dog as well as traveling with focus centered on arts, culture, and culinary experiences.

Amy Williams, Rollie Heltman Service



Amy Williams is a retired but active music educator with a distinguished career. She has taught band in the El Paso, Gadsden, Rio Rancho, and Albuquerque school districts and holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from New Mexico State University and a Master of Music in Instrumental Conducting from the University of Oregon. Achieving outstanding accolades for her ensembles, she is highly regarded as a private trumpet instructor, band clinician, and adjudicator, sought after for her expertise.

Amy's involvement with music extends beyond her professional life, as it is deeply woven into her family. Her husband, a former music educator, shares her enthusiasm, and their two talented sons have achieved their own musical accomplishments.

Although retired from full-time teaching, Amy remains deeply connected to the music community. Currently serving as the Immediate Past-President and recently appointed as Assistant Executive Director for NMMEA, she continues to lend her expertise to the organization while passionately advocating for the significance of music education. Through her ongoing contributions, Amy strives to inspire the next generation of musicians and educators alike.

Dr. Wendi Miller-Tomlinson, Administrator of the Year



Over her 32 years in public education, Dr. Wendi Miller-Tomlinson has served in a variety of roles, including 17 years as a classroom teacher, and currently serves as Deputy Superintendent for Teaching & Learning for the Las Cruces Public Schools. A native New Mexican, she grew up in Truth or Consequences and graduated from Hot Springs High School. She attended Rice University in Houston on an athletic scholarship and was a two-time Southwest Conference champion and two-time NCAA Division I All-American in the shot put. She has seen first-hand the opportunities that participation in extra-curricular activities can provide to students, and as such, is passionate advocate for athletics, fine arts, and activities.

During her career in education, Dr. Miller-Tomlinson has been committed to cultivating quality instruction and improving institutional structures that advance achievement for all students. She believes the key to improving the lives of students is through expanding learning opportunities. Exploring and implementing innovative ideas to create change is a key driver in her work. A firm believer in the power of education, Dr. Miller-Tomlinson holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Rice University and is also a three-time New Mexico State University Aggie, earning a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction, a Doctorate in Educational Administration, and a Master of Business Administration as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow. Dr. Miller-Tomlinson is the proud parent of two children, Miranda, an avid trumpet player in her middle school band, and William, an aspiring pianist.

Los Alamos Public Schools, District Award of Distinction



Los Alamos Public Schools boasts vibrant and high-quality music programs, reflecting the dedicated efforts of the community, leadership, teachers, parents, and students. With 3500 of its 4200 students actively engaged in daily music programs, the district stands out despite its size.

Beginning at the elementary level, students receive weekly music classes and can choose to participate in choir, band, or orchestra from 4th through 6th grade. The middle school (grades 7-8) continues daily ensemble engagement, including the option to join Jazz Band. High school

opportunities expand, featuring opportunities for travel, marching band, and musical theatre.

The district's music programs have earned numerous accolades, including 1st place at the NMAA State Band Contest (2023), highest string representation at NMMEA All-State (2023), and Zia Class 2A Champions (2022). Notably, the LAMS Band, Choir, Orchestra & Jazz Ensembles secured 13 awards at Music in the Parks, while the LAHS Band, Orchestra & Dance performed at Disneyland in 2023.

Adding to its prestige, four LAPS staff members will serve on the NCNMMEA Board for 23-24, holding key positions such as President, Past-President, Treasurer, and VP General Music. This collective dedication underscores Los Alamos Public Schools' commitment to providing outstanding music education at every level.

Las Cruces Public Schools, Certificate of Recognition



Quality music programs at all levels and in all disciplines is the standard in Las Cruces Public Schools. In addition to the traditional course offerings of general music, band, choir, and orchestra, many LCPS campuses offer additional opportunities that include piano, guitar, jazz band, jazz choir, Mariachi, music technology, orchestra club, show choir, and musical theater. Our districts commitment to music education is not only apparent in the course offerings but also in the funding allotted to each program. Las Cruces Public Schools works to ensure that all programs have access to highly qualified music educators, necessary instructional supplies, current sheet music, well maintained instruments and classroom resources, funds to cover festival fees and travel expenses, and uniforms for high school programs. Our superb music faculty lead students to success both on stage and in life. Numerous accolades have been accumulated by programs and

music students from LCPS; a few of those accomplishments include more than 100 Las Cruces Public School student musicians earning a seat in the 2023 NMMEA All State Ensembles, more than 100 area orchestra students were selected for the All Region Honor Orchestra, more than 100 band students were selected for the Southwest Honor Band at NMSU, and in the past 10 years LCPS has had 6 ensembles selected as the NMMEA All State Honor Group: Las Cruces High School Chamber Orchestra 2015, Centennial High School Symphony Orchestra 2016, Centennial High School Chamber Orchestra 2019, Las Cruces High School Chamber Orchestra 2020, Las Cruces High School Wind Symphony 2021, Centennial High School Bella Voce 2021. More importantly than the awards and accolades, Las Cruces Public Schools understands that music is a necessary component of education for all students, at all levels, to increase student learning and well-being.

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1984	Gregg Randall, Las Cruces	1998	Nikki Shed, Hobbs	2012	Pam Towry Chuch, Red River
1985	K. Lloyd Higgins, Albuquerque	1999	Bob Myers, Cloudcroft	2013	Chuck Gerheart, Tyrone
1986	Floren Thompson, Portales	2000	Charles Faulkner, Clovis	2014	Bernie Chavez, Deming
1987	Harold Van Winkle, Albuquerque	2001	Tony Montano, Las Cruces	2015	Dustin Seifert, Portales
1988	Norvil Howell, Clovis	2002	Diane Schutz, Las Cruces	2016	Donna Schmidt, Albuquerque
1989	Dale Kempster, Albuquerque	2003	Ken Van Winkle, Las Cruces	2017	Joseph Flores, Las Cruces
1990	William Clark, Las Cruces	2004	John Sanks, Albuquerque	2018	Deanna Amend, Albuquerque
1991	Ben Canfield, Hobbs	2005	Virginia Morrison, Clovis	2019	Marilyn Barnes, Santa Fe
1992	Art Sheinberg, Albuquerque	2006	Henry Estrada, Los Lunas	2020	Ryan Finn, Los Alamos
1993	No Recipient	2007	Brian Uerhling, Clovis	2021	Tyler North, Albuquerque
1994	Wayne Anderson, Clovis	2008	Kathleen Dollahon, Las Cruces	2022	Jadira Flamm, Rio Rancho
1995	Gordon Hart, Clovis	2009	Aaron Fleming, Albuquerque	2023	Laura Eberhardt, Cimarron
1996	John Schutz, Las Cruces	2010	Arnell David Arellanes, Las Vegas	2024	Jason Paulk, Portales
1997	Ed White, Silver City	2011	Virginia Nickels, Farmington		

JOHN BATCHELLER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING MUSIC IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to the field of music education in the elementary schools.

1985	Darlene Van Winkle, Albuquerque	1998	Amy Beegle, Los Alamos	2012	Mika Proctor, Rio Rancho
1986	Mildred Greeson, Albuquerque	1999	Louise Loomis, Albuquerque	2013	Sara Hennessy, Clovis
1987	Diane Bonnell, Albuquerque	2000	Kathleen Anderson, Albuquerque	2014	No Submissions
1988	Harriet Heltman, Santa Fe	2001	Melissa Martinez, Albuquerque	2015	Todd Hansen, Santa Fe
1989	Jim Elyce Wade, Clovis	2002	Misti Miller, Albuquerque	2016	Christine Strickland, Albuquerque
1990	Connie Hill, Clovis	2003	Holly Gilster, Albuquerque	2017	Sarah S. Silva, Las Cruces
1990	Juanita Poff, Farmington	2004	Catherine Estrada, Los Lunas	2018	Caroline Glass, Farmington
1991	Janet Barnard, Clovis	2005	Rick Wild, Albuquerque	2019	Kim Letellier, Los Alamos
1992	Donna Moore, Albuquerque	2006	Sharon Williams, Albuquerque	2020	Alexander Flores, Los Lunas
1993	Judy Hart, Clovis	2007	Nicole Glass, Las Cruces	2021	Kelly Yost, Farmington
1994	Marie Esquibel, Albuquerque	2008	Bambi Hays, Clovis	2022	Ana Marie Dark, Rio Rancho
1995	Eleanor McKinney, Clovis	2009	Jayme Berry, Alamogordo	2023	Jamie Atkinson, Alamogordo
1996	Paul Hallsted, Las Cruces	2010	Amy Anderson, Rio Rancho	2024	Virginia Weaver, Farmington
1997	Laurie Norman, Las Cruces	2011	Linda Parker, Aztec		

HALL OF FAME

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1988	Carl Jacobs, Las Cruces Virginia LaPine, Albuquerque Rollie Heltman, Santa Fe William Rhoads, Albuquerque Greg Randall, Las Cruces Bennett Schacklette, Roswell Marvin Wadley, Anthony Ted Rush, Albuquerque	Don Thorp, Alamogordo	Les Leach, Farmington Tom Martin, Albuquerque
		1993	Wallace Cleaveland, Albuquerque John Romero, El Rito Harold Van Winkle, Albuquerque J.D. Fry, Lovington
			2003
		2004	Pat Henry, Portales Scott Ramsey, Farmington Ron Thielman, Las Cruces Floren Thompson Jr., Portales Ed White, Silver City
1989	Carl Cramer, Albuquerque H. N. Bailey, Santa Fe Harry Taylor, Clovis William Kunkle, Albuquerque Harry Barton, Clovis Douglas Cornwall, Clayton Kenneth Bender, Alamogordo Gillian Buchanan, Portales Mary McFie Lackey, Santa Fe Jean Hook, Albuquerque Don Beene, Los Alamos Bob Lane, Hobbs	1994	Howard Chrisman, Farmington Bill Seymour, Albuquerque Vidal Gallegos, Las Vegas Louise Drlik, Las Vegas Lou Ann Hunt, Santa Fe Roy Showalter, Hobbs Bernie May, Albuquerque
		1995	2004
		1996	Gordon Hart, Clovis Ron Lipka, Albuquerque Ellen McCullough-Brabson, Abq. Art Sheinberg, Albuquerque
		1997	2005
		1998	Orin Bartholomew, Eunice Stuart Fessinger, Albuquerque Diane Schutz, Las Cruces
1990	James Bonnell, Albuquerque Duane Bowen, Portales Win Christian, Albuquerque Kurt Fredrick, Albuquerque Ray Tross, Las Cruces	1999	2006
		2000	K. L. Higgins, Albuquerque David Gerig, Clovis
		2001	2007
		2002	William Clark, Las Cruces Diane Hahn, Albuquerque Patricia Jones, Albuquerque
1991	Litra Romero, Las Vegas Abramo Parotti, Silver City Diane Bonnell, Albuquerque James Whitlow, Albuquerque John Bealmear, Portales Champ Tyrone, Las Vegas	2003	2008
		2004	David Allen, Hobbs Robert Myers, Cloudcroft Jean Ornellas, Portales
		2005	2009
		2006	Paul Hallsted, Las Cruces Jeff Jolly, Belen
		2007	2010
		2008	Doug Poff, Las Cruces Barbara Mahan, Farmington
		2009	2011
1992	Irma Caldwell, Lovington Melvin Hill, Las Vegas Jackson Reynolds, Hobbs Ross Ramsey, Las Cruces Clarissa Webber, Raton	2010	Linda Servold, Carlsbad
		2011	2012
		2012	Janet Isham, Kirtland
		2013	2013
		2014	John Sanks, Albuquerque

2014	Henry Estada, Los Lunas Wayne Anderson, Clovis	2018	Chuck Gerheart, Tyrone Jane Gerheart, Los Alamos	Dorothy Kincaid, Santa Fe
2015	Kieth Jordan, Albuquerque Kurt Chrisman, Farmington Pam Towry Church, Cimarron	2019	Virginia Nickels, Farmington Bruce Dalby, Albuquerque John Clark, Albuquerque	2022 Brian Uerling, Clovis Debbie Fleming, Rio Rancho
2016	Shelly Andes, Albuquerque	2020	Marianna Gabbi, Las Cruces Kathleen Hill, Las Cruces	2023 Deanna Amend, Albuquerque William Austell, Los Lunas Neil Swapp, Silver City
2017	Luis Delgado, Albuquerque Arnell David Arellanes, Las Vegas Keith Rall, Hobbs	2021	Greg Fant, Las Cruces Monica Leaming, Farmington	2024 Joseph Flores, Las Cruces Marletta Newman, Farmington

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2003	Harriet Heltman, Santa Fe	2011	Luis Delgado, Albuquerque	2018	Neil Swapp, Las Cruces
2004	Elaine Howell, Clovis	2012	Diantha Swoboda, Alq. Larry Wheeler, Albuquerque	2019	Joseph Flores, Las Cruces
2005	Joe Keith, Albuquerque	2013	Jane Gerheart, Los Alamos Ron Lipka, Albuquerque	2020	Kathy Espinoza, Las Cruces
2006	Bill & Mary Krum, Alq.	2014	Charles Brandon, Clovis	2021	Donna Schmidt, Albuquerque
2007	Mike White, Las Cruces	2015	Diane Otts, Albuquerque	2022	Lauren Espinoza, Las Cruces
2008	Jimmy Olivias, El Paso	2016	Jean Ornellas, Portales	2023	Keith Jordan, Albuquerque
2009	UNM Music Department, Abq	2017	Don Gerheart, Los Alamos	2024	Amy Williams, Albuquerque
2010	National Gd. 44th, Army Band				

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Recognizes an outstanding school administrator who has demonstrated support for and commitment to a high-quality music education program in their school.

1991	Rick Purvis, Clovis	2003	Luis Delgado, Albuquerque	2015	Ricky Espinoza, Aztec
1992	Taylor Stephenson, Artesia	2004	Anna Perez, Bayard	2016	Troy Hughes, Albuquerque
1993	Timothy Whalen, Albuquerque	2005	Christine Sanchez-Cantrell, Gadsden	2017	Leanne DeVane, Santa Fe
1994	Del Hanson, Las Cruces	2006	Lonnie Leslie, Clovis	2018	Dana Lee, Albuquerque
1995	Robert Hennig, Albuquerque	2007	Kristin Rauch, Rio Rancho	2019	Jacob Lain, Santa Fe
1996	Jim McDaniel, Clovis	2008	Wayne Anderson, Clovis	2020	Dana Sanders, Los Lunas
1997	Marty Wilson, Albuquerque	2009	Daniel Davis, Las Cruces	2021	Virginia Sue Cleveland, Rio Rancho
1998	Robert Ogas, Las Cruces	2010	Gene Parson, Las Vegas	2022	Michelle Ronga, Las Cruces
1999	LaWayne Leonard, Kirtland	2011	Deborah Fleming, Rio Rancho	2023	Kurt Schmidt, Rio Rancho
2000	Mike Gladen, Ruidoso	2012	Marin Sandoval, Albuquerque	2024	Wendi Miller-Tomlinson, Las Cruces
2001	Lucille Getz, Las Cruces	2013	Joan Gilmore, Grants-Cibola		
2002	Mark Hartshorne, Las Cruces	2014	Alan Dropps, Clovis		

New & Emerging Teacher of the Year

Recognizes those who are new to the profession and have demonstrated significant success in their early years of teaching.

2010 - Trae Blanco, Las Cruces	2016 - Jordan Sayre, Los Lunas	2022 - Joshua Dumais, Rio Rancho
2011 - Jadira Flamm, Rio Rancho	2017 - Laura Eberhardt, Santa Fe	2023 - Rebecca Kendall, Rio Rancho
2012 - Tony Schillaci, Santa Fe	2018 - Justin McMurdo, Moriarty	2024 – Gabriella Alvarez, Las Cruces
2013 - Sarah Rede, Las Cruces	2019 - Miguel Jaramillo, Rio Rancho	
2014 - Janice Needham, Rio Rancho	2020 - Jonathan Robak, Rio Rancho	
2015 - Nichols Prior, Albuquerque	2021 - Mason Yordy, Albuquerque	

Emeritus Teacher Award

Recognizes the contributions of retired music educators who continue to contribute to the New Mexico music education community through the Emeritus Teacher Award.

2008	Jim Young, Las Cruces	2014	John Schutz, Las Cruces	2021	Leslie Leach, Farmington
2009	Nina Hobbs, Albuquerque	2015	Diane Schutz, Las Cruces	2022	Pam Towry, Cimarron
2010	Don Gerheart, Los Alamos	2016	Bill Clark, Las Cruces	2022	John Sanks, Albuquerque
2011	Ron Lipka, Albuquerque	2017	Mike Lee, Roswell	2023	Cathy Estrada, Los Lunas
2012	Gregg Randall, Las Cruces	2018	Gloria Velasco, ABQ	2024	Roman Chip, Las Cruces
2012	Dave Kendrick, Silver City	2019	Henry Estrada, Los Lunas		
2013	Kathy Dollahon, LC	2020	Neil Swapp, Silver City		

AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Recognizes a school district that has demonstrated support for and commitment to high-quality music education programs district wide.

2010	Farmington Municipal Schools	2018	Farmington Municipal Schools
2011		2019	Los Alamos Public Schools
2012	Clovis Municipal Schools	2020	Rio Rancho Public Schools
2013	Albuquerque Public Schools	2021	Farmington Municipal Schools
2014	Rio Rancho Public Schools	2022	Las Cruces Public Schools
2015	Las Cruces Public Schools	2023	Rio Rancho Public Schools
2016	No Recipient	2024	Los Alamos Public Schools
2017	No Recipient		

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Recognizes a school district that has demonstrated a high degree of support to high-quality music education programs district wide.

2022 Rio Rancho

2023 Farmington Municipal Schools

2024 Las Cruces Public Schools

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