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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.

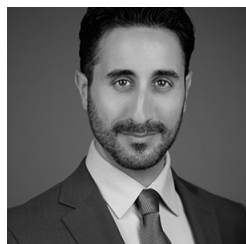
### ***Symphonic Band – Robert Ponto***



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. Choruses 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 Carousell 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](http://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 Evelyn 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 - 44<sup>th</sup> 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  
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BME NMSU, attended Centennial High School

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**New Mexico Music Educators Association  
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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  
Tierra Mestiza  
Lotus Eaters  
¡Fuego!  
Trois Gymnopedies (No.1)  
Kalimba

Key, arr. Arakal  
Tamez  
York  
Willis  
Satie, arr. Joubert  
Kindle

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

The Montagues and the Capulets from Romeo and Juliet  
Lux Aurumque  
Supermaximum

Prokofiev, arr. Siennicki  
Whitacre  
Bunch

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

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

Tchaikovsky  
Bryant  
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 Sommardag  
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

Moonglow

On Green Dolphin Street

Here's That Rainy Day

Sway

In the Wee Small Hours of the Morning

Mercer & Arlen, arr. Shaw

Hudson, DeLange, Mills, arr. Meader

Marsh

Meader

Shaw

Rutherford

New Mexico All-State Jazz 3

Daniel Holmes, Guest Director

Jump

Downtown Tango

Maiden Voyage

Quiet Nights of Quiet Stars

Big Swing Face

Marsalis, arr. Berger

Hirsch

Hancock, arr. Morales

Jobim, arr. Berry

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

<b>Wednesday January 10</b>	
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
<b>Thursday, January 11</b>	
8:30 pm	Collegiate Roundtable Sheraton Baldwin Ballroom





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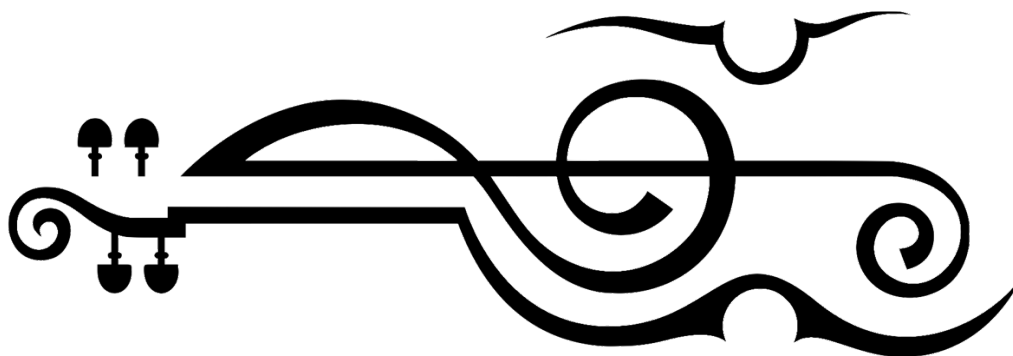


# Music Educator Schedule

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 <sup>st</sup> 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	GUJAR 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	GUJAR 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	GUJAR 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	GUJAR 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		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	(10:00 – 11:30) General Music Headliner: Playful & Purposeful Props for Music SUB Ballroom C	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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### Guitar 1

Theo Gallant-ABQ Academy  
Jacob Perez-Sandia Prep  
Xavier Pecastaing -PAPA  
Petra Sipos-ABQ Academy  
Katie Gutierrez-Sandia Prep  
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  
Colette Myers-Cottonwood Classical Prep  
Latrisha Padilla-Capital  
Noah Branch-Cibola  
Ella Drescher-ABQ Academy  
Henry Cortez-Amy Biehl  
Bruno Caraveo Castillo-Capital  
Aden Lim-ABQ Academy  
Logan Vigil-Sandia Prep  
Michael Thomsen-Albuquerque  
Duke Rankin-Cibola

### Guitar 3

Taryn Ortiz-ABQ Academy  
Daniel Chavez-Williamson-NM Connections  
Eliana Whetten-Home School  
Joy Bradley-Cibola  
Hunter Bohannon-Home School  
Nicomedes Olivas -PAPA  
Thaddeus Littlefield-PAPA  
Alejandro Veleta-NMSA  
Bryana Solis Gutierrez-Highland  
Carlos Romero-Cibola  
Amelia Selwyn-La Cueva  
Schadegg Alucard-Cibola  
Marcelo Tohen-ABQ Academy  
Fernando Silva-Belen  
Cruz Sandoval-ABQ Academy  
Diego Soto-Albuquerque  
Marcus Brown-Sandia  
Duc Pham-Cibola

### Guitar 4

Andreas Hofer-ABQ Academy  
Carley Chavez-Williamson-NM Connections  
Cole Updegraff-Sandia Prep  
Michael Lueras-Cibola  
Elise Hays-La Cueva  
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Ethan Varley-ABQ Academy  
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### Violin 1

Cindy Verde-Explore Academy  
Catherine Lopez-La Cueva  
Olivia Holland-Bosque School  
Kathleen Brodnax-Los Alamos  
Mariah Collyer-Farmington  
Jane Bielejec-ABQ Academy  
Joseph Mottola-Mandela International  
Sofia Kunz-NMSA  
Emma Wood-Centennial  
Abigail Baker-Farmington  
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Caitlin Ray-La Cueva  
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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  
Isabella Di Palma-La Cueva  
Benchiye Haozous-Santa Fe Prep  
Ada Mobbs-Swinton-NMSA  
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



## 2024 NMMEA All-State Symphony Orchestra

### 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  
Rubaina Reza-La Cueva  
Kathryn Nugent-Home School  
Viveka Narayanan-ABQ Academy  
Eden Van Dusen-Piedra Vista  
Esme LaPointe-Rio Rancho  
Kevin Huang-Early College Academy  
Faris Aswad-Centennial  
Ash Mattia-NMSA  
Emily Xu-Los Alamos  
Noa Schneiderman-NMSA

### 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  
Summer Crabb-Home School  
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  
Irissa 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 Potutchnig-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

Analyn Gutierrez-Santa Fe

### Percussion

Stratton Seifert-Home School

Levi Vugrin-Eldorado

Daniel Seanez-Organ Mountain

Kaeleigh Kychic-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 Monteblando-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  
Rozelynne 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 Willeto-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 Lucker-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 McCaney-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

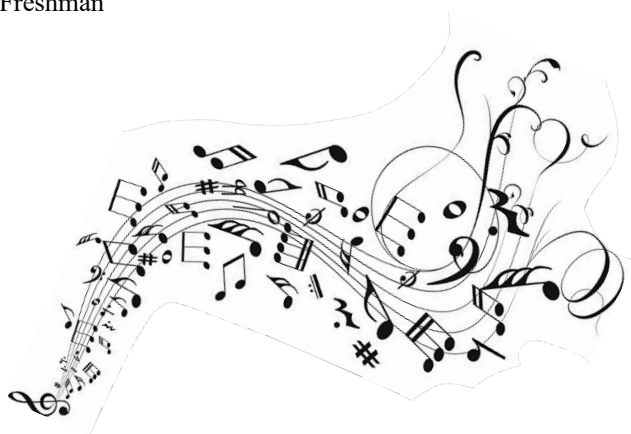
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Isaac Walker-La Cueva  
William Landahl-ABQ Academy  
Peter Mayeux-Piedra Vista  
Anthony Granados-La Cueva  
James Taylor-La Cueva  
Aiden Brown-Clovis  
Francisco Terrazas-Carlsbad Early  
Aaron Henise-La Cueva  
Thaddeus Littlefield-PAPA  
Francesco 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

### Tenor

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

### Alto

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

### 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 Silfer - 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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Cibola	Rio Rancho
Cleveland	Rio Rancho Cyber
Clovis	Robertson
Clovis HS Freshman	Roswell
Cottonwood Classical Prep	Ruidoso
Del Norte	Sandia
Deming	Sandia Prep
Early College Academy	Santa Fe
East Mountain	Santa Fe Prep
Eldorado	Santa Teresa
Estancia Valley Classical	School Of Dreams
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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 Chaparral 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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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 Kempter, 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

Recognizes the invaluable service given by members of the profession in bringing the best in music education to young people

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  Wallace Cleaveland, Albuquerque John Romero, El Rito Harold Van Winkle, Albuquerque J.D. Fry, Lovington		Les Leach, Farmington Tom Martin, Albuquerque Dick Valenzuela, Albuquerque
		1993		2003	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		Howard Chrisman, Farmington Bill Seymour, Albuquerque Vidal Gallegos, Las Vegas Louise Drik, Las Vegas Lou Ann Hunt, Santa Fe Roy Showalter, Hobbs Bernie May, Albuquerque		Gordon Hart, Clovis Ron Lipka, Albuquerque Ellen McCullough-Brabson, Abq. Art Sheinberg, Albuquerque
		1994		2004	
		1995	Ben Canfield, Hobbs Robert Felix, Espanola Don Gerheart, Los Alamos	2005	Orin Bartholomew, Eunice Stuart Fessinger, Albuquerque Diane Schutz, Las Cruces
		1996	John Buhalts, Jr., Hobbs John Damgaard, Santa Fe Marcia Walrath, Santa Fe	2006	K. L. Higgins, Albuquerque David Gerig, Clovis
				2007	William Clark, Las Cruces Diane Hahn, Albuquerque Patricia Jones, Albuquerque
1990	James Bonnell, Albuquerque Duane Bowen, Portales Win Christian, Albuquerque Kurt Fredrick, Albuquerque Ray Tross, Las Cruces	1997	Phil Pressler, Lordsburg Twyla Wade, Melrose Nancy Soltero, Santa Fe	2008	David Allen, Hobbs Robert Myers, Cloudcroft Jean Ornellas , Portales
		1998	Jim Young, Silver City		
1991	Litra Romero, Las Vegas Abramo Parotti, Silver City Diane Bonnell, Albuquerque James Whitlow, Albuquerque John Bealmear, Portales Champ Tyrone, Las Vegas	1999	Charles S. Siebenthal, Carlsbad	2009	Paul Hallsted, Las Cruces Jeff Jolly, Belen
		2000	Ron Teare, Albuquerque John Schutz, Las Cruces Diantha Swoboda, Albuquerque	2010	Doug Poff, Las Cruces Barbara Mahan, Farmington
		2001	Dr. Thomas Dodson, Albuquerque Norvil Howell, Clovis Sylvia Alarcon, Alamogordo Richard Snider, Santa Fe	2011	Linda Servold, Carlsbad
1992	Irma Caldwell, Lovington Melvin Hill, Las Vegas Jackson Reynolds, Hobbs Ross Ramsey, Las Cruces Clarissa Webber, Raton	2002	Warner Hutchison, Las Cruces Nina Hobbs, Albuquerque	2012	Janet Isham, Kirtland
				2013	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

## ROLLIE V. HELTMAN EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD

Recognizes individuals or groups that have provided continuous support to NMMEA.

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

## 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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