

Instrumental Music Newsletter



SUCCESSFUL FESTIVAL SEASON

We are all **so** proud of our Acalanes Students for completing a successful month of March! From taking the center stage at the Musical, to receiving top marks at the Santa Cruz Jazz Festival, to unanimous superior ratings for ALL of the major ensembles at the cumulative CMEA festival- we are proud of every single student, parent and instructor that helped contribute to this festival season's showcase of excellence!

Feeling refreshed and energized from this spring break, it is now time to finish the year strong with our end of year concerts, ensemble auditions for next year, and Graduation!

Of course, we are also excited to officially greenlight the Chicago Trip for next year. This will be our only trip for the 2024-2025 school year and we are hoping all families can make plans to attend! **Participation from every student counts to create a solvent ensemble!**

On the upbeat,
Edwin Cordoba

CHICAGO TRIP

The Acalanes Instrumental Music Program has been invited to perform at the *Chicago International Music Festival* during our 2025 Spring Break!

Downpayment of \$100 is due May 1st. You can pay with a check made payable to **"Acalanes High School"** turned in to the blue box in the band room or directly to Mr. Cordoba.

Here are links to:

- [Itinerary](#)
- [Registration Link](#)
- [Information Meeting \(3/26\)](#)



APRIL 2024

Upcoming Dates

April 25-26
Reno Jazz Festival

Tues, April 30th
Collage Concert

Thurs, May 2nd
Spring Concert

Fri, May 10th
Jazz Cafe

Sat, May 18th
Concert at The Res

Tues, May 28th
Jazz Fundraiser at Yoshis

Fri, May 31st
Graduation

At A Glance

[Reno Jazz Fest Itinerary](#)

[Wind Ensemble/Jazz Audition Info](#)

Birthdays This Month

- 1 Mimi Tantameng
- 4 Miguel Carmena/Hailee Shah
- 8 Miela Hsu
- 18 Sophie Graves
- 20 Quincy Patterson/Rohini Vrajmohan
- 21 Leo Wornick
- 22 Isaac Horowitz
- 29 Daichi Nannen
- 30 Daniel Aledavood

Thank you...



COLLAGE CONCERT APRIL 30TH

Our Tuesday, April 30th we will be showcasing a “collage” of chamber music ensembles in our PAC.

Chamber music is a form of classical music that is composed for a small group of instruments—traditionally a group that could fit in a palace chamber or a large room.

Most broadly, it includes any art music that is performed by a small number of performers, with one performer to a part.

The concert will begin at 6:30pm.



SPRING CONCERT MAY 2ND

We will be having our annual Spring Concert on Thursday, May 2nd at 6:30pm in the PAC. The concert will feature selections from the Jazz Ensemble, the Symphonic Band, the Orchestra, the Wind Ensemble and the Symphony Orchestra.

We will also feature Daichi Nannen, our All-State clarinet player performing a portion of the Mozart Clarinet Concerto accompanied by the orchestra!



JAZZ EVENTS

Lot's of exciting things happening in our jazz program.

Thursday and Friday April 25th and 26th our Jazz Program will be returning to the Reno Jazz Festival at the University of Nevada in Reno. Students are to report to Zero period at 8:15 that Thursday morning. The updated [Reno Itinerary](#) can be found here.

On Friday, May 10th, students will share the stage with Stanley at the Jazz Cafe Concert. At this concert, the Stanley Middle School MUR is transformed into a jazz club, with mood lighting, candle lit tables, coffee and desserts, as well as food trucks outside. It runs from 6-9pm and ALL families are invited to attend! The Acalanes Jazz Ensemble will be the closing group.

On Tuesday May 28th, our Acalanes students will perform a concert at Yoshi's Resturant in Oakland- this will be a shared event with Campolindo High School. Proceeds from the concert will help jump start next year's funds!



CONCERT AT THE RES SAT, MAY 18TH

On Saturday, May 18th we will be featuring our Wind Ensemble and Orchestra at the 28th Annual "Concert at the Res" set up by the Rotary Club of Lafayette- a showcase of Lafayette music programs. Proceeds go towards the purchase of instruments! Here is a [draft of the Concert at The Res Itinerary](#).



APAB SCHOLARSHIP: SENIORS

APAB is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a senior with the intent of either majoring or minoring in music. Here are the [details](#) to the application.

Deadline is Thursday, April 25th 2025.

JAZZ, WIND ENSEMBLE AND PIANO AUDITIONS 24-25

All current 9th-11th graders will be eligible to audition for the 2024-2025 Acalanes Wind Ensemble.

All current 8th-11th graders are eligible to audition for the 2024-2025 Acalanes Jazz Ensemble.

You can find instructions to audition [HERE](#).



RECAP: CMEA

Acalanes Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble and String Orchestra each earned the prestigious Unanimous Superior rating at the 2024 CMEA Festival. This means that each group received Superior Ratings from all 3 stage judges and the 1 sight reading judge.

[Recordings of the festival performances can be found here.](#)



RECAP: SONOMA INVITATIONAL!

Our orchestra and wind ensemble had an opportunity to perform at the beautiful Weill Hall at Sonoma State University. This was a comments-only festival with no rankings or ratings. The students performed spectacularly!



RECAP: SANTA CRUZ JAZZ FESTIVAL

Congratulations to our Acalanes Jazz Ensemble on their incredible performance at the 2024 Santa Cruz Jazz Festival! The group received an overall Division 1 rating by three stage judges as well as a top rating for sight reading.

A recording of the performance can be found [here](#)

RECAP: MUSICAL

Congratulations to our musicians that were a part of the musical pit orchestra! and cast. We were lucky to have a healthy and fully realized orchestra this year!



INTERESTED IN JOINING THE 2024-25 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC BOARD?

Many hands make work light! If you are interested in collaborating with other parents to make this music program the best it can be, please consider joining the instrumental music board.

We have anticipated vacancies in our Jazz Liaison, Stanley Liaison, Event Coordinator, and Reception Coordinator roles! The Board meets monthly on Wednesdays at 6 pm in the Collaboration Center.

Contact our Instrumental Music Chair, Sharon Mieloch-Garcia at instrumental-vp@ahsperformingarts.org if you have any questions!

Instrumental Music co-chair.....	Sharon Mieloch-Garcia
Secretary.....	Emily Rennie
Treasurer.....	Paul Joseph
Orchestra Liaison.....	Stella Wotherspoon
Webmaster & Asst. Treasurer.....	Chris Hsu
Jazz Liaison.....	OPEN
Stanley Liaison	OPEN
(preferred to be a parent with a current Stanley student)	
Programs and Posters.....	Ingrid Koo
Publicity/Communications.....	Ed Koo
Event Coordinator.....	OPEN
(concert cash donations, open doors to concerts at set time, reserve seats / coordinate ushers if we sell reserved seats)	
Reception Coordinator(s).....	OPEN
(coordinate donations of food for receptions, pep band, pit orchestra, etc.)	
Chaperone/Carpool Coordinator.....	Rashmi Vrajmohan
Concert Attire Coordinator.....	Andrea Christie

THANK YOU LPIE!



You may recall that LPIE funds all electives at Stanley Middle School, but did you know that LPIE continues to provide critically-needed support for the music program at Acalanes? Every year, LPIE funding enables Acalanes to offer an extensive catalog of elective and AP sections. This year's grant of \$400,000 for class sections, touches every elective including the instrumental music sections. In addition, LPIE covers musical instruments, repairs and additions to the music library.

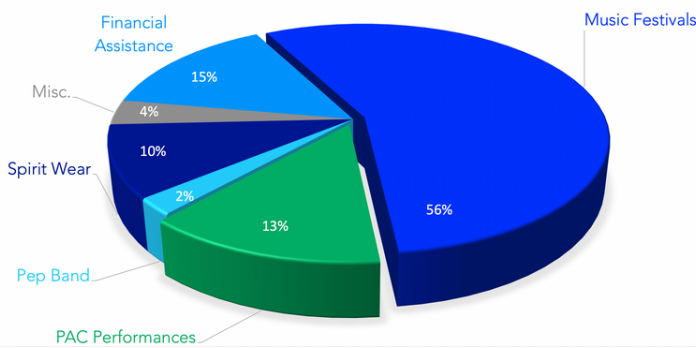
LPIE would not exist without the support of the Lafayette community and your donations are very much appreciated. If you have not had a chance to give this year, it is not too late -- your participation is vital and a gift of any amount will help to close the gap and reach this year's goal.

www.lpie.org/donate

PROGRAM FUNDING NEEDS

We are in need of donations to support students' out-of-the-classroom, co-curricular activities! All donations are tax deductible! Here's a chart showing our 2023-2024 budget allocations. Music Festivals (buses, registration fees) are the biggest item! Financial Assistance includes scholarships for trips. Spirit wear are our shirts. Pep Band includes meals. PAC Performances include program curation and printing, custodial fees and other miscellaneous fees related to our PAC Concerts. You can donate [HERE](#)

Instrumental Music Boosters
2023-24 Support
\$22,000



COACH SPOTLIGHT: JEN MATHERS



Jen is a cellist and pianist who studied music and environmental sciences at Northwestern University. She has played in orchestras and chamber music ensembles for over 20 years, including at the Kennedy Center, Fischhoff national chamber music competition, and countless weddings, parties, musical theater productions, and late night chamber jams. She is principal cellist of Symphony Parnassus in San Francisco and the Solano Symphony, and has performed with many professional orchestras around the Bay Area. She also performs regularly in chamber music concerts with other Bay Area Strings musicians. She enjoys working with clients to bring the special touch of live music to their events, and especially enjoys creating custom arrangements of clients' favorite songs.

We are lucky to have Jen working with us here at Acalanes!

What do LIPIE and APAB Fund?

LIPIE: In the classroom!

- Music Class Sections
- Music Library
- Instruments

APAB: Out of the classroom!

- Festival Entry Fees
- Transportation
- Concert Support
- Scholarships

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