



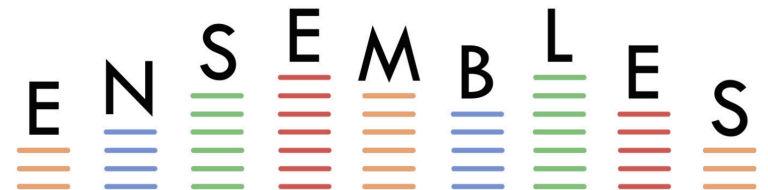
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HONOR



CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

2026
ELEMENTARY
HONOR CONCERT

BAND 🎵 CHOIR 🎵 ORCHESTRA

San Juan Hills High School
San Juan Capistrano, California
May 2, 2026

“Research shows that at least some musical education has a positive impact on social and cognitive development of children. And these effects are long lasting – better hearing, better motor skills, improved memory, better verbal and literacy skills.”

- Alan Harvey, Musician and Neuroscientist

“Music education opens doors that help children pass from school into the world around them – a world of work, culture, intellectual activity, and human involvement. The future of our nation depends on providing our children with a complete education that includes music.”

- President Gerald R. Ford

“The arts significantly boost student achievement, reduce discipline problems, and increase the odds students will go on to graduate college.”

- Arne Duncan, Former U.S. Secretary of Education

ELEMENTARY BLOCK MUSIC EDUCATORS

George Brown, Michelle Brunton, Alissa Cunningham, Chad Cunningham, Sharon Evans, Erin Girard, Bill Hunker, Ryan Jesch, Jennifer Kil, Evelyn Lee, Jeff Long, Michael Lopez, Chris Popperwell, JP Reed, Mahfrin Santoke, Alex Soares, Misha Voss, David Weinberg, Kory Wentzel, Rachel Wright

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SPECIAL THANKS TO...

Capistrano Unified Board of Trustees and Administration, for their continued support of music education for all students.

San Juan Hills High School, for graciously hosting us in their beautiful facility.

Evelyn Abreu, for her invaluable administrative support.

Clark Fisher, Director of Performing Arts Facilities; Andrew Kinnon, SJHHS Lead Theater Technician; Justin Barnes, Lead Stage Manager; and the CUSD theater tech team, for their expert logistical support.

Our ensemble managers: Michelle Brunton, Alissa Cunningham, & Kory Wentzel.

And to our parents and guardians: thank you for your ongoing support of your students and of arts education in our schools.



In Loving Memory of Carol Cooper-Ajibabi
(1953-2026) For 36 years, Carol Cooper-Ajibabi dedicated her life to music education in Capistrano Unified School District, including 20 years inspiring young learners in elementary music classrooms. Her passion, kindness, and unwavering belief in every child’s musical potential will continue to echo through every note we share.

Elementary Honor Orchestra

Violin I

Malena Brodersen
Cassidy Brown
David Daniels
Sydney Guthrie
Olivia Hong
Ella Humphrey
Ramona Kashanizadeh
Elsa Khademzadeh
Aelia Khondkaryan
Nathaniel Li
Isabelle Liu
Eisley Martz
Ayleen Miranda
Olivia Nakagawa
Riley Nestor
Rui Osorio Marias
Katrina Perkin
Christopher Santiago
Jade Snow
Keira Stevens
Selena Tang
Natalie Thomas
Kacey Winston

Violin II

Evelyn Aguilar
Eliana Aliaga
Anirudh Balaji
Maisie Benson
Katherine Cawthron
Garrick Clinton
Robert Douglass
Amira Gundotra
Charles Hanson
Kate Hopkins
Stella Houk
Elise Lieberman
Oliver Lilly
Aidan Lin
Zoe Mack
Julia Mehaffey
Syna Moheb
Arian Naghian
Daniela Sackis-Breaux
Ava Schmill
Ashley Turney
Taylor Wynne
Amaya Zollo

Viola

Chloe Cassuto
Mateo Goncalves
Hunter Kacinskas
Annika Kavlich
Vivienne Rose Monge
Declan Morrissey
Chelsea Stimson
Layla Tu
Nicolas Wilverding

Cello

Marco Alanis
Amelia Bazata
Kate Brauze
Carolyn Carbajal
Misho Harkovski
Amber Kim
Rowan McDougall
Seyoung Na
Garret Papillon
Sierra Rahn
Tallulah Selden
Alexander Thornberg
Amanda Xie

Elementary Honor Choir

Accompanied by Tiffany Mui

El Vito arr. Emily Crocker

Directed by Sharon Evans

Simple Gifts arr. Roger Emerson

Directed by Rachel Wright

Our America arr. John Higgins

Directed by Alissa Cunningham

Elementary Honor Band

Mechanical Monsters Randall Standridge

Directed by Jeff Long

Mars and Jupiter Melody Gustav Holst
Arr. David Weinberg

Directed by David Weinberg

Surfin' USA Chuck Berry
Arr. Michael Sweeney

Directed by Mahfrin Santoke

Elementary Honor Orchestra

Directed by Michelle Brunton

Accompanied by Bill Hunker

New River Train arr. Virginia Croft

Legend of Dark Mountain Soon Hee Newbold

Fiddles on Fire Mark Williams

Combined Ensembles Finale

Directed by Michelle Brunton, Kory Wentzel & Erin Girard

America the Beautiful arr. Michael Sweeney & William Hunker

Elementary Honor Choir

Aria Acosta	Allison Hernandez	Addi Ponce
Eternity Alcantara	Olivia Herrera	Tessa Prieto
Naomi Allen	Marijana Hill	Elizabeth Provenza
Lexi Alvear	Aarush Jha	Madelyn Puccio
Evie Arzate	Anne Kathryn Johnson	Olivia Rigdon
Brooke Bates	Emma King	Kiarah Rodriguez
Daphne Bertain	Yusuf Krad	Reese Sacksteder
Isaac Bird	Khushi Lakhiani	Skye Salameh
Luna Boyerbueno	Estella Lancaster	Berklee Sanchez
Mariella Braniger	Chloe Lilly	Julia Santiago
Sonoma Burge	Leilani Lippen	Summer Shamel
Sienna Castrilli	Fatimah Lopez	Sofia Silva-Oliveira
Priscila N. Caudillo	Makenzie Lubner	Kenadi Skillern
Madelyn Christensen	Eleanor Lumb	Madeline Squires
Parker Conway	Avery Mccaffrey	Raya Stefanov
Diya Csiki	Julia Montero	Alayna Stenzel
Harmoni Davis	Audrey Moorefield	Sloane Stickle
Peyton Elms-Robin	Eleanor Mun	Sterling Sturhann
Camilla Fabián	Anaís Nava-Selam	Mia Suckiel
Marilyn Farias	Lennix Nicholas	Zach Swanson
Scarlett Fee	Callie Nishimura	Kirra Taylor
Riviera Fitzpatrick	Vivian Nouget	Liliana Torres Hernandez
Eva Gagnon	Eli Olmos Casas	Layla Trovato
Charlize George	Marissa Paja	Timothy Vangelatos
Nora Gerhard	River Parkin	Noelle Vankoeving
Servzion Jonas Gonzales	Sanaya Parmar	Emerson Varley
Ava Green	Cora Pentz	Scarlett Wells
Emma Hammes	Anna Pincher	Savvy Whaley
Anneliese Hansen	Zoe Pizzo	

Elementary Honor Band

Flute

Eva Andersson
James Andrade
Elise Becerra
Aaron Castillo
Ananya Chaudhari
Kyla Chen
Ellie Cruz
Lilyana DiMatteo
Lilly Drury
Colette Garcia
Alina Gomez
Liam Hernandez
Ava Katsimbrakis
Noah Kim
Mia Liu
Sophie Menon
Omi Mishra
Zachary Moradi
Pippa Noonan
Juliana Reyes
Joy Rodriguez
Julia Rusu
Cynthia Sharma
Maya Valdez
Cathy Xu

Clarinet

Javier Aguirre Enciso
Reem Almsari
Isabelle Baumayr
Wynter Buttari
Isabella Delgado
Callie Dreibelbis
Evan Du
Olivia Glunt
Abby Green
Joel Herrington
Cady Jun
Harper Kuhle

Clarinet (cont.)

Rose Luellen
Logan McDonald
Love Michaela Mendoza
Kaylee Musser
Ezaan Nasir
Jaylah Ortiz-Medrano
Peyton Ruff
William Sass
Sienna Skelton
Parker Smithedajkul
Cassidy Stevenson
Ava Suarez
Skyler Yang
Chloe Zaleski

Alto Saxophone

Leila Rose Benyoucef
Brayden Donnelly
Daniel Flinn
Rylan Hale
Caven Hendricks
Adam Hernandez
Zakhar Kondratiuk
Lance McLaughlin
Nolan Minter
Andrew Murray
Mason Patel
Fisher Sohn
Santiago Vildosola
Carter Zargari
Raymond Zhang

Trumpet

Carlie Borland
Antonio Cifuentes
Emerson Coetzee
Konstantin Filinskii
Evan Goodwyn
Wyatt Gray
Calvin Gulley

Trumpet (cont.)

Phoebe Kelly
David Lilly
Fernando Mui
Addy Meier
Nicholas Nicklin
Gavin O’Gorman
Marlene Ojeda
Santiago Osorio Flores
Declan Pacini
Jackson Pap
Adam Pepper
Alan Ramirez
Reese Randazzo
Katelyn Rush
Ryder Schwabl
Sofia Sepulveda Peinado
Naomi Thomas
Brooke Tod
Ava Wakefield
Chris Wang
Donovan Weaver
Joy Whitesides

Trombone

Ivan Babilo
Clark Burris
Everson Cress
Luke Eggerth
Darioush Karbasian
Chris LaBranche Enriquez
Brandon Lopez
Andrew Lu
Ellie Miller
Danylo Panin
Emmah Sanchez
Cole Stevens

Baritone

Carter Bannister
Dallas Nunez