

Up Beat

News for the La Cañada High School Band and Orchestra
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Fine Arts Month Concerts

March is Fine Arts month and that means we are busy with preparing for concerts and festivals. Each group will be performing throughout the month, so try to see your group and go see another group and discover the great music that is happening in all areas of the music program.

First on the concert schedule is the 7/8 Fine Arts Concert. It will be held Thursday, March 11th at 7:30 pm in the LCHS Auditorium, with a call time for performers of 7:00 pm. This concert will feature the 7/8 String Orchestra and the 7/8 Festival Band. Both of these excellent groups will be performing at the SCSBOA Band and Orchestra Festival on March 25th held on our campus (look for the article below for details). We will be asking for a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and free for students, with all proceeds going directly to support of the music program.

Our next concert will be held on Tuesday, March 22nd at 7:30 pm in the LCHS Auditorium, and will feature our Advanced Orchestra, Concert Band and Wind Ensemble. This is a concert you won't want to miss. Performing with the orchestra will be Grammy award

winning performer Richard Greene. Mr. Greene is a world-renowned bluegrass fiddle player and will dazzle you with his technical skill and musicianship. We will be asking for a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and free for students, with all proceeds going directly to support of the music program.

Our final Fine Arts month concert features the Jazz Band with special friends from the LCHS Chamber Singers at Club LC. Club LC is held on Sunday, March 28th from 5-8 pm at the Thursday Club in La Cañada. The concert harkens back to the old time of big bands and swing dancing. During the concert you will hear wonderful dance music (dancing is encouraged), amazing singers and partake of a catered dinner by Los Gringos Locos. This is a wonderful time to dance, eat, socialize and listen to these great musicians. The cost for this event is \$40 with tickers being sold at each of the Fine Arts concerts and by members of the Jazz Band. As with all ticket sales, proceeds go directly to support the LCHS Music Program.

Thank you all for your support and come out and listen to our amazing musicians!

Richard Greene American Fiddle Style Workshop

The La Cañada High School Music Parents Association is proud to present Grammy Award Winner and Master Bluegrass Violinist Richard Greene in a one-hour clinic on Saturday, March 20th at 2 pm. The cost to participate for LCHS students is \$15 if paid prior to March 10th and \$20 if paid prior to the event. Participants that sign-up the day of the workshop will pay \$25, so sign up early. If you wish to be a spectator, the cost is \$10 if paid by March 10th, or \$15 anytime after that. Seating may be limited, so sign up early. All levels accepted as well as any instrument.

Richard will demonstrate many "non-classical" bowing patterns and techniques, and, most fascinatingly, you'll explore the concept of "musical noise" - the funky rhythm effects that Richard invented. The class will explore in depth the *style* and *gestures* peculiar to American idioms, blues, rock, bluegrass and jazz. Everything presented will be accompanied by sheet music in standard notation, and there might be lots of group playing.

Do not miss this amazing opportunity happening in your very own music room.

Concerto Concert – April 30th

The premiere orchestral event of the school year is rapidly approaching. The Concerto Concert will be held at Lanterman Auditorium on Friday, April 30th at 7:30 pm. This is an event you will not want to miss. The soloists are phenomenal and the orchestra will boldly back them with impeccable musicianship. This years featured soloists are:

Stephan Tran – Violin
 Jessie Cho – Violin
 Tim Joo – Violin
 Meera Gudipati – Flute
 Bernard Kim – Saxophone
 Justin Yew – Piano

The music ranges from all genres and eras and will provide a wonderful showcase for these great musicians. Cost is \$10 and all proceeds go directly to support the LCHS Music Program. Look for all the details in emails to follow.

Band and Orchestra Festival Thursday, March 25th

The La Cañada High School Band and Orchestra festival will be held on Thursday, March 25th. It will feature all the music groups in the music program as well as numerous local groups. The festival consists of a graded performance (Superior and Excellent are the the top ratings), followed by a judged sight-reading portion. The performance portion is open to all members of the community and will be held in the LCHS Auditorium. Come and support your students in this wonderful event.

Performance Times

Advanced Orchestra	8:00 am
Wind Ensemble	8:30 am
Concert Band	9:30 am
7/8 Festival Band	1:30 pm
7/8 String Orchestra	2:30 pm

If you wish to volunteer to help with running the festival, we would love the help. We need people in food, welcome table and welcoming people to the auditorium. If interested, please contact Mr. Stone or Mr. Smith.

Thank you and wish us luck!!! All our groups are Superior in our eyes!!!

Wind Ensemble Tryouts

New for next year is an auditioned wind ensemble. This group will feature the finest players in our band and perform music on the highest levels. It is open to anyone who is enrolled in Advanced Band year round.

The Audition will consist of the following:

1. Scales – know all 12 majors and your chromatic scale from memory
2. Prepared Piece of your choice
3. Sightreading

Auditions will be held on April 14th and 15th during your block band period.

Please work to join this new and exciting group. The Wind Ensemble is planning to have a four-day tour in the spring and many other special events.

AP Music Theory in 2010-11

Starting in the Fall of 2010, the LCHS Music Department will be offering AP Music Theory for all students interested. The goal of the class is to prepare students for the AP Music Theory test, which consists of a written analysis portion, multiple choice, listening exercises and a sight-singing portion as well.

This class would work best for students who have had music experience and are entering the 11th or 12th grade (we will accept 10th grade on occasion). Students who are thinking about being a music major in college should definitely consider taking this course as most music schools are requiring a course in music theory in order to be considered for their music program. Mr. Stone will be the teacher of this course.

College Admissions Workshop for Musicians Wednesday, May 12th

Thinking of going to college?

Want to know what it takes to go as a music major?

Or do you just want to find out about playing music in college?

Then you need to show up on **Wednesday, May 12th** at **7 pm** in the LCHS Auditorium for a College Admissions Workshop for Musicians.

Sally Spangler, at the request of the MPA, has set up a panel of admission experts from various schools that you can listen to and question about the ins and outs of applying to music schools or just going to school playing music, and the possible scholarships by doing both. Don't miss this opportunity to find out how to use your musical ability to your advantage in getting into college and even paying for some of it along the way.

Fiesta Day Events – Monday, May 31st

Mark your calendar now for the Fiesta Day Parade and Memorial Service. The Marching Band will be performing at both events and the 7/8 Band will march the parade. Look for call times in upcoming reminders and come out and line the streets to cheer on our great bands.

Winter Color Guard and Drumline in Full Swing

If you haven't had the pleasure of seeing our very own Color Guard or Drumline perform their winter indoor shows, then you need to get out a support these fine groups at one of their next competitions. Already the Drumline has scored two second place finishes (missing first in one by 0.15 of a point) and the Colorguard just got a first place finish, beating everyone in their division by almost 8 points (which got them promoted to the next higher level of competition). Everyone is encouraged to come and support our groups at one of these events, you can even ride the bus with these great performers and get the real, behind the scenes experience.

Congrats Color Guard and Drumline on an already successful season!

Upcoming Competitions

Drumline

Sunday, March 14th - Alison Niguel HS

Saturday, March 27th - Championship Prelims, Great Oak HS

Friday, April 2nd - Family Day Performance

Saturday, April 3rd - Championship Finals, CSU - San Bernardino

Saturday, April 17th - Jurupa Valley HS

Saturday, April 24th - ADLA Championships, Location TBA

Winter Guard

Saturday, March 13th - LA/Ventura Invitational, Saugus HS

Saturday, March 27th - Downey HS

Saturday, April 3rd - Riverside Invitational, Murrieta Valley HS

April 17th and 18th - Championships, Location TBA

Jazz Band: Club LC, PCC and Beyond

The Jazz Band has been working hard in order to prepare themselves for a rigorous performance schedule in the coming months. Come support this group by joining them for one of their performances, you will be delighted by their music and their joy in playing this great music.

Club LC is once again the society event of the year. With three hours of swinging music to dance to and wonderful food, friends and fun, you will not want to miss this magical night. Tickets are now on sale at all concerts and from jazz band members. \$40 gets you music, dancing, food (Los Gringos) and memories of a wonderful night showcasing our great students.

Lastly, on Saturday, March 13th, the Stan Kenton Alumni Big Band will be holding a free

two-hour master class starting at 3:30 pm held at Glendale Community College. The master class will begin with the group meeting the Big Band and then breaking down into sectionals to learn and play with these great jazz musicians. Bring your instruments as you will be playing and learning. Again this is a FREE event, so please take advantage of this great opportunity. Later that night, the Big Band will perform a concert at GCC at 7:30 pm. Tickets are on sale at showclix.com and at the door for \$15 students and \$22 for adults.

Upcoming Performances

Saturday, March 13th - PCC JazzFest at PCC

Sunday, March 28th - Club LC 5-8 pm at the Thursday Club of La Cañada

Sunday, May 30th - Concert in Memorial Park with Fireworks 6:30 pm at Memorial Park

Coming Soon: Les Miserables

Marching Band Summer Dates to Clear

Yes it's only March, but please make sure you mark down these important summer dates for Marching Band. During these days we will be working hard to get all our new members up to speed and our returning members more versatile in our marching style and the music for our fall show. Please realize any day missed is like missing an entire week of school, we get a lot done on each day of these camps and no one should miss. If there are any conflicts with any of these dates, please let me know as soon as possible so we can make we can make other arrangements in order to keep everyone up to speed. Thank you all for your time and effort and we look forward to an outstanding fall season.

Summer Dates

June 21-24 (M-Th)

Mini-Marching Camp, LCHS Band Room, 4-8 pm

August 16-20 (M-F)

Band Workshops, LCHS Band Room, 1-8 pm

August 23-26 (M-Th)

Band Camp, Cal Poly - Pomona
Depart 8am 8/23 - Return 4pm 8/26

Thursday, August 26th

In-N-Out BBQ/Parent Preview Night
LCHS 5-7:30 pm

Saturday, August 28th

Rehearsal, LCHS, 9am -1pm

Saturday, September 11th

Rehearsal, LCHS, 9am -1pm

Everyone must come see the amazing production of *Les Miserables* that the LCHS Performing Arts Department will be presenting beginning Thursday, June 2nd and running until Saturday, June 4th. Show times are at 7 pm for each night and a 2 pm Saturday matinee. Buy your tickets early as this show will most certainly sell-out and you do not want to miss our fantastic musical orchestra, as well as the unbelievable talent you will see on stage.

Spring Music Orientation Meetings: 2010-11 School Year

In the hopes of keeping everyone completely informed and knowledgeable about all aspects of the music program, we will be holding an orientation night on Monday, May 17th. We will hold two meetings in order to inform you of the upcoming school years events, fundraising activities, the role of the Music Parents Association, importance of fees and to answer any questions you may have about the music program. This should be a fun and informative meeting, and everyone should attend in order to get a better picture of the opportunities that abound in our program. The orchestra meeting will be held at 7 pm and the band meeting will be held after at 8 pm. Both meetings will be held in the LCHS Auditorium.

New Orleans Trip Pre-Trip Meeting

The LCHS music program's trip to New Orleans is rapidly approaching and everyone is eagerly awaiting the fun and music in store for us in New Orleans.

On **Tuesday, March 30th, at 7:30 pm** in the band room, **ALL PARTICIPANTS** in the New Orleans **MUST ATTEND** this pre-trip meeting, in order to prepare everyone for the trip and go over what is expected of each person on the trip. If you miss this meeting, it will put your participation in the trip in jeopardy. So mark your calendars now and let's have a great trip!

7/8 Elementary Tour and Home Tour Performances

Friday, May 7th is an exciting and busy day for our 7th and 8th grade musicians. The 7/8 band will be traveling to all three elementary schools to share our music and let them know the fun and excitement that is the music program at LCHS. Meanwhile, the 7/8 string orchestra will be performing for the 7/8 PTA Home Tour Luncheon in direct support of this great fundraising event. Look for more details, but mark your calendars now. We will need some parent volunteers for each group.