

WEEK OF: 03/10/2026



NAPA VALLEY YOUTH SYMPHONY

FROM THE STAND

NEWS, EVENTS AND SPOTLIGHTS



WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM SILVIA

As spring arrives, we look forward to celebrating the dedication, growth, and musical accomplishments of our students throughout this season. Our **Spring Concerts** are just around the corner and offer a wonderful opportunity for families, friends, and community members to experience the artistry and hard work our musicians have been developing all year. We hope you will join us in celebrating their achievements. Be sure to **purchase your tickets soon**, as seating is limited.

While we celebrate the close of this season, we're also excited about the music-making still ahead! This summer, students can continue growing through our **Summer Chamber Camps** and **Summer Concerts**, where young musicians collaborate in small ensembles and deepen their musical skills in a fun, supportive environment.

Next week, we will be sending an **end-of-season email** inviting families to share how NVYS has made a difference for their musicians, along with ideas for how we can continue to improve and expand programming in the seasons ahead. Your feedback helps shape the future of NVYS, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for being part of our musical community!

UPCOMING DATES

03/14/26 -

- Chamber Concert Series ft, Sinfonia, Bridge, and NYCE

Purchase Tickets: [LINK HERE](#)

03/15/26 -

- **No Rehearsal** for NYCE, Bridge, Sinfonia

03/28/26 -

- Spring Concert ft NOTES, Youth Symphony

Purchase Tickets: [LINK HERE](#)

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YOUTH SYMPHONY

Message from Dr. Alexander Kahn, Music Director and Conductor

I hope your coaching sessions on March 8 went well!

Believe it or not there are only **two rehearsals left** before our concert!

This coming Sunday (March 15) I am hoping we can **play through all of the music** on our program without stopping, and be ready to put the "finishing touches" on these pieces. Please make sure you have your music thoroughly learned - this means practicing by listening to and playing along with recordings, practicing with a metronome for rhythm and tempo, and practicing with a drone for intonation.

Also a reminder that if there are specific songs you want to play at **BottleRock** this year please let me know! I'm starting to work on this setlist....I will bring a list of options for you to look at on March 15.

Reminders:

Here is the [NVYSO Youtube playlist](#)

Lost your music? Here is the [Sheet music library](#).

Very important: please make sure to subscribe to the [Youth Symphony Google Calendar](#) and the [NVYS Events and Performances Calendar](#) so that you are up-to-date regarding our dates and rehearsal/concert schedules! The Google calendar was recently updated with detailed info about our concert day (March 28) call time and rehearsal times so please make sure you check that.

BRIDGE

Message from Debbie Walden, Director and Conductor

This is it! Concert this weekend! Please put practice time in on all three pieces this week! Don't wait until Saturday afternoon but **play through the pieces multiple times this week**. We will **rehearse from 5:10-5:50** before the concert. Dinner will be available before your rehearsal, but if you plan to eat, give yourself plenty of time. You **must not be late for this short rehearsal time**. I'm looking forward to performing with you! See you Saturday!

PS No rehearsal the day after the concert.



NYCE - YOUTH STRINGS CHAMBER

Message from Yasushi Ogura, Director and Head Strings Coach

Please continue to practice! A reminder our rehearsal this Saturday March 14th is from 4:00-5:00 PM at Jarvis Conservatory.

SINFONIA

Message from Dr. Richard Loheyde, Director and Conductor

You guys sound terrific!! Looking forward to a great concert this Saturday, March 14! Reminder to please bring your **music, and your shoulder rest** to the concert!

We will perform **Bagpipes and Kilts** and **Rock on Strings** ..plus, as we discussed in class, we may also do the extra song **Bingo from Essential Elements #140** if we like. We will see how we sound on Bingo during our warm up rehearsal before the concert and decide whether you want to perform it.

Please work on the following:

1. **Bagpipes and Kilts.** You can listen to the audio and practice with your smart practice steps (clap rhythm, air bow, pizz): [LINK HERE](#)
2. **Rock-On Strings** with your smart practice steps "Rock-On Strings" MP3 audio ([LINK HERE](#))
3. **Essential Elements: Bingo #140.** Play along with the Essential Elements Interactive accompaniments ([LINK HERE](#)) at your own pace.



NOTES YEAR 2 - STRINGS

Message from Beth, Teaching Artist

Homework:

Continue practicing **Dragonhunter**.

Mandatory Sunday Full-Group Rehearsals

As we prepare for our upcoming concert, all NOTES students are **required** to attend the following **Sunday rehearsals**:

- **Sunday, March 15 | 2:00 – 3:00 PM**
- **Sunday, March 22 | 2:00 – 3:00 PM**

Note: Students will meet with Mrs. Beth immediately after the full-group rehearsal from **3:00 – 3:45 PM**.

These are the **only full-group rehearsals before the concert**, and attendance is essential. Thank you for your support!

NOTES YEAR 1 - STRINGS

Message from Mr. Alves, Hanna & Andy, Teaching Artists

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NOTES YEAR 1 - BAND

Message from Madison & Theo, Teaching Artists

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Note: Students will meet with Madison or Theo immediately after the full-group rehearsal from **3:00 – 3:30 PM**.

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COMMUNITY POSTS

Messages to/from Community and Educational Partners



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RAFFLE REMINDERS & PRIZES

PRIZES - TOP 3 SALES (GIFTCARDS)

1st: \$75, 2nd: \$50, 3rd: \$25

ONLINE SALES:

Please make sure buyers include your name when completing the transaction so you receive credit for the sale.

NEW PRIZE PACKAGE:

Golden State Valkyries Family 5-Pack Experience

One lucky winner will receive **five (5) tickets** to see the Golden State Valkyries take on the Seattle Storm on **April 25, 2026** at Chase Center.

Section 110, Row 11 Prime lower-level seating **Total package value: \$1,125**

Experience the rhythm and energy of live professional basketball—where teamwork, timing, and collaboration take center stage, much like a symphony orchestra. This unforgettable evening celebrates the same dedication, preparation, and unity that define our musicians' performances. Make it a special **family night out** or gather friends for an exciting evening filled with inspiration and community spirit.

Proceeds from this raffle support NVYS student scholarships—helping ensure that young musicians continue to grow, perform, and share their talents. Don't miss your chance to win while supporting the music that brings our community together!