

WEEK OF: 03/17/2026



NAPA VALLEY YOUTH SYMPHONY

FROM THE STAND

NEWS, EVENTS AND SPOTLIGHTS



WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM SILVIA

Bravo to our **Sinfonia, Bridge, and NYCE musicians** for their outstanding performances this past weekend at the Jarvis! We celebrated a truly historic milestone—welcoming a **nearly sold-out audience** and presenting our **first-ever NVYS live stream concert**, which has already reached **over 300 views**. What an incredible way to share our music with the broader community!

A heartfelt thank you to the **Jarvis family, Jesse Petrick, Dave MacAdams, and Cynthia Soto** for helping make this exciting first possible. Your support brought this vision to life.

As we look ahead, we invite all musicians and families to join us for an unforgettable upcoming performance featuring the **debut of our NOTES Ensemble, our Youth Symphony, and the incomparable Sienna Yoo**. We will also take time to **celebrate our Class of 2026** and draw the winning tickets for our **BottleRock and Valkyries raffle packages**, supporting student scholarships for the 2026-2027 season.

Final raffle collection is this Sunday, and online sales will remain open through the concert—don't miss your chance!

Thank you for your continued dedication, practice, and commitment to excellence. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

UPCOMING DATES

03/28/26 -

- Spring Concert ft NOTES, Youth Symphony

Purchase Tickets: [LINK HERE](#)

03/29/26-04/05/26 -

- Spring Break: NO REHEARSALS

05/08/26

- Spring Community Concert ft Bridge, Sinfonia, NOTES

Parent Volunteer Sign-up: [LINK HERE](#)

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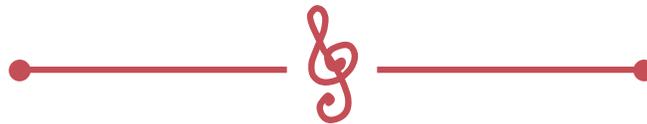


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YOUTH SYMPHONY

Message from Dr. Alexander Kahn, Music Director and Conductor

Our rehearsal this past weekend went very well - **thank you all for your excellent work!** We are in good shape heading into our March 28 concert!

This coming Sunday (March 22) is our dress rehearsal! Please do not miss it, and please make sure you have your music thoroughly prepared for this rehearsal so we can play through all of the music without stopping and focus on ensemble issues, not intonation, rhythmic errors, or notes!

Also: here are the results from our poll regarding the songs you want to play at Bottle Rock (name of song followed by the number of votes received). The songs listed are the songs that received the most votes:

September (Earth, Wind, and Fire) 5, I Got a Feeling (Black Eyed Peas) 5, Don't Stop Believin (Journey) 5, Hips Don't Lie (Shakira) 5, Viva La Vida (Coldplay) 5, La vie en Rose (Edith Piaf) 5, MONACO (Bad Bunny) 4, Indiana Jones Theme 4, L-O-V-E (Nat King Cole) 4, Fly Me to the Moon (Frank Sinatra) 4

Thanks for taking part in the voting process! We will begin working on this repertoire on April 19 (there are no Youth Orchestra rehearsals March 29, April 5, or April 12).

BRIDGE

Message from Debbie Walden, Director and Conductor

Wow! You did it! Thank you for the hard work you put into preparing for our concert. Though the rehearsal was a bit scary, you were very focused during the performance, and it paid off! **I received many compliments about your performance. Congratulations!**

Looking ahead, we will rehearse this Sunday, 3/22, concentrating on Millennium and a **new piece**: Symphony No. 5, Mvt. 4 by Mendelssohn, arr by Leidig. You can listen to the new piece HERE. (Scroll down to Sample Audio.) The next 2 Sundays, 3/29 and 4/5, we will be on Spring Break. When we return on 4/12, we will only have 4 rehearsals before our final concert of the year on 5/8. **Be sure you have the 5/8 concert on your calendar because it is a busy time of year!**



NYCE - YOUTH STRINGS CHAMBER

Message from Yasushi Ogura, Director and Head Strings Coach

Congratulations NYCE! You all played very well!
Rehearsal this Sunday from 2:45-3:45 PM.

SINFONIA

Message from Dr. Richard Loheyde, Director and Conductor

Congratulations on a wonderful performance! Job well done!

In the Google drive below you will find parts to the **new piece** "Russian Music Box" that we will start on Sunday if you want start looking at them ([LINK HERE](#)). Click on your particular instrument name to see your part. Violins: You can all look at Violin 1 to get us started but, we may eventually divide into 1st and 2nd violins.

If you want to hear this piece, please click the JW Pepper link ([LINK HERE](#)) and click the "Score/Audio" button.



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 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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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!