



Take Note



The Campolindo High School Instrumental Music Newsletter

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From the Podium

by Harvey Benstein

Music Director and Conductor

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

After forty years in education, conducting ensembles at the secondary, collegiate and professional levels it is time to move on and pursue other music making opportunities, this will be my final year as music director and conductor of the Campolindo Instrumental Music Program.

My years at Campolindo have been challenging, exhilarating and fruitful. During my tenure I was blessed with a strong school administration, faculty and staff who supported our artistically based program with the commitment to educate the whole child, in mind, body and spirit. The Lamorinda community has been a tremendous advocate for the arts. Through the Campo Music Boosters Organization we have been able to grow and enrich our program with the purchase of quality instruments and the opportunities to bring world class artists and teachers into our rehearsals to help, guide and inspire our musicians. One only needs to look back and reflect on the work that Barry Green has done on our campus and Jeremy Cohen's electric performances to understand the impact these activities have on all our lives.

This support fosters the most important part of the music program, our students. These students show tremendous musical growth and depth through their musical journeys at Campolindo. I have often reflected as to why I returned to high school teaching- I explain to my students that teenagers are passionate people and those who are passionate about music put their heart and soul into what they are doing. Also teenagers do not know that they can't! Everything is possible through hard work, dedication, practice and study – through music – through academics - through athletics. I have pushed my students over the years to be the best they can be, to make music rather than play music and to gain the knowledge and skills for a lifetime of music



making. It is that undying faith in these young people, that they can, and that they do amaze all of us, which has been my main motivational force.

We have done some incredible things together – great repertoire from Karel Husa's "Music for Prague, 1968" to Vaughan Williams "Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis", to Copland's, "Appalachian Spring". We have taken amazing life changing adventures to Carnegie Hall; New Zealand and Australia performing in the Sydney Opera House; working with Nicolai Uschakovsky and performing in the Glinka Concert Hall, St. Petersburg, Russia; and our most recent adventure to Beijing, China. These fantastic opportunities came out of a program of hard working, dedicated students who have set the standard of excellence at Campolindo High School.

So thank you to all the parents and students that I have worked with over the years. We have shared making music together and have delved into a musical communication that is beyond simple words or expressions.

Retirement from public school teaching provides me the opportunity to continue my work as a conductor, musician, professor and clinician. Although there are no guarantees in life I am looking forward to being able to find some "gigs" where I can share my talents and skills.

I will make this announcement official in a few weeks in order to give our principal the time needed to find a replacement to carry on the important work which we do at Campolindo. I am confident that Mrs. Kitchens will find the best match possible for our program and community.



Student Musicians Perform at Pizza Antica



On Tuesday, Oct. 11th Pizza Antica hosted a fund raiser for patrons of their restaurants. For every customer mentioning the Campo Music Boosters, Pizza Antica donated 15% of that sale. While having their meal, customers could enjoy the music of a string quartet made up of Luther Keufner, Annie

Carlson, Brian Goto and Grace Leng and a jazz ensemble including Annie Guo, Matt Haley, Athan Gousios (drums), Patrick Espe, Newton Kwan, Kevin Schori and Philip Richards. They raised \$260.00 that night.

Many of our students are enjoying the experience of taking their music outside the music room at Campo.



Campolindo Hosts Professional Concert

Campolindo Music Boosters was honored to host an incredible concert on October 19, 2011. The Air Force Band of the Golden West graced us with their fine music, with Captain Haley Armstrong, Commander and Conductor at the podium. Joining them was the Walnut Creek Concert Band, led by our very own Harvey Benstein as Music Director and Conductor.

The USAF Band of the GW comes from Travis Air Force base and hails some of the finest musicians from around the

country; while the Walnut Creek Concert Band is made up of professional musicians from around the SF Bay area.

Pieces performed jointly by the USAF Band and The Walnut Creek Concert Band were: The Star Spangled Banner, The Cowboys by John Williams, Colonial Song by Percy Grainger, Bullets and Bayonets by John Philip Sousa, In Memoriam by Keith Gates, Stars and Stripes Forever by John Philip Sousa.

The USAF Band closed

the evening with these fine pieces:

Yiddish Dances by Adam Gorb, Sonata for Trumpet by Kent Kennan, Amparito Roca by Jaime Texidor, Armed Forces Salute, and Circus Bee by Henry Fillmore

Students and adult members of the community were fortunate to enjoy this exceptional opportunity at no cost. Students were able to witness musicianship at a professional level in their very own CPAC. It was truly a night to remember.



Music Boosters Project Chairmen

Welcome Back BBQ: Laura Chen

POPS Potluck: Necia Hasler

Homecoming Concessions: Mary Beth Leonard

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Save the Date:

JAZZ DINNER DANCE

Saturday, March 3, 2012, 6:30 pm

Holy Trinity Church, Moraga

2011-12 Student Music Council



Parker Hasler & Luther Kuefner, Co-Presidents
Annie Guo & Athan Gousios, SB Representatives
Annie Carlson, Orchestra Representative
Newton Kwan, Sophomore Representative

All That Jazz Concert

**Thursday, December 8,
2011, 7:30PM**

CPAC

Admission Free

**The Campolindo Jazz
Program presents**

"ALL THAT JAZZ"

Featuring guest artist and
Campo Alumnus,
Geoffrey Countryman

With the **Campolindo
Jazz Ensembles**

Geoff Countryman is a saxophonist, multi-instrumentalist, composer, producer, engineer and teacher. Born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, Geoff came to New York to attend NYU's Jazz performance program where he studied with Gil Goldstein, Lenny Pickett, John Scofield, and Chris Potter. Since graduating Cum Laude from NYU he has created an impressive body of work and has been in high demand. He can be seen in Julie Taymor's "Across the Universe", has performed regularly with the Saturday Night Live Band and with Chico Hamilton's "Euphoria" as well as

with his own band, The Sidewinders and countless others. He was assistant producer to Lenny Pickett for Kenny Werner's album "Lawn Chair Society" (Blue Note Records) and is a featured performer on hip-hop artist T.I.'s platinum, Grammy nominated album "King" (Atlantic records).

His professional background also includes extensive commercial work on national television spots. He continues to record, compose and produce music for TV, film and Internet.



2011 Homecoming Another Success

Another great fundraising success took place thanks to the leadership of Mary Beth Leonard and her concession volunteers. The October 14th Campo football game against Dublin brought more than a tremendous win for the football team. Parents and students who

donated food, time or money helped contribute to the Music Boosters biggest fundraiser of the year. Thank you Mary Beth for your gifts of time and talent to benefit the Music Department.

Help Support Our Efforts

Campolindo Music Boosters and Campolindo's Music Program invite you to help maintain our community's world-class instrumental music program. Your tax-deductible contribution to Music Boosters helps to enhance musical education and musicianship at Campolindo. Some of the ways your donations are used to help enrich our program: Inviting guest artists, Purchasing new instruments and equipment, Providing awards, special recognition and scholarships, offering clinician enrichment programs, supporting performance tours and concert programs, and participating in professional adjudicated music festivals. Donation forms can be found at www.campomusic.org. Thanks for your contributions!

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Upcoming Dates to Remember



<i>When</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>Where</i>
Thurs, 12/08, 7:30	All That Jazz Concert	CPAC
Sunday, 12/18 9 am–1 pm	Campo Musicians Performing	Moraga Farmers Market
Saturday, 3/3/12, 6:30	Jazz Dinner Dance	Holy Trinity Church