

# TAKE NOTE

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## Campolindo Instrumental Music Boosters ♪ WINTER 2014

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### FROM THE PODIUM

February is always an exciting month for the Campolindo Instrumental Music program. We kicked off this month's activities with the very entertaining and upbeat Jazz Dinner Dance on February 8. It actually began a few nights earlier with an Open Rehearsal at Open House, which allowed a few extra folks to share in the joy of these students' jazz skills. We have an amazing diversity in our jazz offerings at this time. All were featured parts of the event that included solo performances, several different jazz combos and our Campo Big Band.



> Mid-February brings the Winter Orchestra and Winter Band concerts, each offering a unique experience for our players and audience members. It is rare that any ensemble can play host to a pair of pianists as skilled as Daniel Glover and Thomas Hansen, but with these professionals at our disposal, the Orchestra will perform two great works rarely heard on the high school stage: Francis Poulenc's Concerto for Two Pianos in D minor and The Carnival of the Animals of Camille Saint-Saëns. For this very special event, we have managed to find space for two grand pianos on our CPAC stage . . . truly an exceptional picture for this year's scrapbooks.

> The Concert and Symphonic Bands are also poised to delight attendees at their February 27 concert featuring the pairing of music with visual imagery. The concert themes will include an historical twist as well with works showcasing topics including The Shenandoah Valley, Gregorian Chant, The Louvre, Yosemite, John F. Kennedy, Benjamin Franklin and the great state

of Louisiana.

The second semester of any school year offers our instrumental music students a variety of musical opportunities that extend beyond the classroom and the CPAC stage. Many of our students were selected to participate in honor ensembles at the county and state level and I'm very proud of them!

♪Contra Costa County Honor Band: Charlotte Chen, Newton Kwan, Callan Beaver, Kyle Lindquist, Josh Sherman, Nikhil Suri, and Eli Kirmayer.

♪Contra Costa County Honor Jazz Band: Newton Kwan

♪All-State Honor Band: Nikhil Suri

♪All-State Honor Orchestra: Newton Kwan

In addition to these honors, members of our ensembles will also be featured players in the pit orchestra of the production of Urinetown, opening on March 13 and running through March 23.

Once again, the success of our young musicians and our instrumental program is due in large part to the support of our parents and the booster organization. It is a pleasure to serve a community that holds music and the arts in such high regard.

– Johnny Johnson, Music Director



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## CONCERT PHOTOS

We hope you enjoyed the concerts and all of the student's hard work. View Chamber Concert Photos at Kevin Goto's photo gallery: [http://kevingoto.smugmug.com/Music/2014-Chamber/37040066\\_j4rS8k#!i=3075519211&k=MGZsfQG](http://kevingoto.smugmug.com/Music/2014-Chamber/37040066_j4rS8k#!i=3075519211&k=MGZsfQG)



## UPCOMING CONCERTS

**Thursday, February 20:** Winter Orchestra Concert, 7:30-9:00 PM, CPAC (O)

**Wednesday, February 26:** Moraga Area Orchestra Festival, 7:00-8:00 PM, location TBA (selected chamber groups)

**Thursday, February 27:** Winter Band Concert, 7:30-9:00 PM, CPAC (CB)(SB)

**Wednesday, April 9:** San Francisco Symphony Open Rehearsal, 7:00 AM-3:00 PM, Davies Symphony Hall. (O and SB are invited)

**Friday, May 16:** Spring Concert, 7:30-10:00 PM, CPAC (ALL)

**Sunday, June 8:** Moraga Farmers' Market. Due to inclement weather on Feb. 9th, performances at the Moraga Farmers' Market had to be cancelled. Please mark the upcoming performance of our Campolindo musicians at the Market on June 8th!

Ensembles: (O) Orchestra, (SB) Symphonic Band, (CB) Concert Band, (J) Jazz



## PERFORMANCE REVIEWS

Check [www.campomusic.org](http://www.campomusic.org) for performance review opportunities.

## Reflections and Inspiration

The virtuoso trumpeter Miles Davis, was honored recently in a lecture given by legendary jazz pianist, Herbie Hancock, at Harvard University. The genius of Miles Davis, according to Mr. Hancock, lay in his ethical stance, by his “placing a high value on collaboration, an openness to new ways of seeing and a generosity of spirit ... Miles was not the kind of person who closed doors. With him, anything could be a source of inspiration.”

Mr. Hancock has himself adopted the life lessons of Miles Davis and when asked by a student as to how one develops a “beautiful touch,” his suggestion was to “develop your life.”  
Something to keep in mind...

### Sampling of some College Bands and Orchestras

U Michigan Symphonic Band: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26ERmsti8oc>

UCLA Symphonic Band: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-zauH9DdRo>

Boston College Symphonic Band: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFMbSygoro8>

GMEA (Georgia Music Directors Association) All State Symphonic Band – with interesting Middle Eastern flair: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQsgb-0rDhg>

Various Yale musical ensembles: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPS24EswWYw>

Juilliard pre-college Orchestra students:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NlBzKu8bFzA>

### Some videos to enjoy – you don’t need to know the language!

A piece by AR Rahman (one of the top Indian composers/musicians who is now residing/teaching at UCLA and who composed the music for the movie “Slumdog Millionaire”) performed in the US by a Spanish group in Hindi:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=buM4PVRvQKM>

A choral piece by the Oakland Chorale singing/performing in Tamil (one of the Indian languages) another piece by AR Rahman – (it is very lively and you can see the fun they are having with the beat):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9M9B0quSVPQ>



## BOOSTER NEWS

Many thanks to our co-chairs for the Jazz Dinner/Dance - Donia Gousios and Sonja Schoenwald - for putting together an amazing evening! The event was very well attended and, clearly, we did justice to that banquet room at MCC! Interestingly, this was a true community event, since there were many guests there who had no kids at Campo. We are also deeply grateful to our Corporate Sponsors – Kurt Piper Group and Cypress Abbey Company. Many thanks to all you parents/friends/family members – we look forward to seeing you, as well as all those who couldn't make it this year, at the same location next year!

Moving on, the Booster Board will be going through the usual turnover for next year. There will be some spots opening up so this is a great chance for you to become involved at the school, via the music program. Almost all Board members are responsible for just one event so it is not a huge commitment. You will enjoy the experience! Please email/call Chitra Suri ([chitrasuri@hotmail.com](mailto:chitrasuri@hotmail.com); 310-4252) for your availability/preference or if you have any questions. A list of open positions will be sent out soon!

## MUSIC BOOSTERS DONATIONS

A huge THANK YOU TO ALL – for assisting in different ways, from volunteering at receptions, to organizing events. Your donations – of time, supplies and money – keep the music program alive and thriving! We are very grateful to all parents who joined the Music Boosters, especially those who do not have kids in the music program. We gratefully acknowledge the support of MEF and the donations to our Music Donor Circle. The updated Donor Circle list is being published in the February concert program. All donations are tax-deductible and our non-profit tax ID is #94-2773048. Please notify our treasurer, Bill

Doherty ([wdoherly@acalanes.k12.ca.us](mailto:wdoherly@acalanes.k12.ca.us)) if you would like to receive a receipt for tax purposes.



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