

News and Updates

TO KNOW EVEN ONE LIFE HAS BREATHED EASIER BECAUSE YOU HAVE LIVED. THIS IS TO HAVE SUCCEEDED. – RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Winds of Change

Opening the 23rd Season

On Sunday, October 19, 2025, Sacramento Symphonic Winds performed the first concert of our 23rd Season. "Summon the Heroes" was filled with music depicting heroism in many forms - superheroes and feats of technology to moments of historic heroism and even images of horses galloping across plains. It was a brilliant way to begin our season and allowed band members to share and celebrate our own personal heroes.

Sadly, we lost one of our members, Nick Sower, just two weeks before the concert. We were surprised to discover that Nick was not only a tuba player, but also a hero - a retired firefighter and paramedic. We dedicated the performance to his memory. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, especially those who had the opportunity to interact with him weekly.

If you missed it on our social media, we shared our heroes in the form of a video that can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1365340205049898>



Welcome, new members!

One of the things that has allowed SSW to maintain our high-quality performance standards over the years is stability of membership. However, as with all things, change is inevitable and since we returned from the forced hiatus of COVID, several long-time members have retired from our group. If you have been a longstanding supporter, you may have noticed quite a few new faces over the last couple of seasons. Over the summer we initiated a search to fill some empty seats, and our Music Director and Personnel Manager conducted auditions. We successfully filled open chairs in the clarinet, oboe, percussion, and trumpet sections. We also offered chairs to a few of our long-term substitutes that sat in with us for the last season. We are still seeking a couple of percussionists and a string bass player. Welcome! Joseph Benson, Gwyn Chilcoat, Beth Crandall, Hector Lange-Sanchez, Kevin Le, Elijah Maes, Bianca Patterson, Abraham Sanchez, Hannah Sobelman, and Mike Zuk.

WE SHOULD STRIVE TO WELCOME CHANGE AND CHALLENGES, BECAUSE THEY ARE WHAT HELP US GROW. – H.G. WELLS



SACRAMENTO SYMPHONIC WINDS 23RD CONCERT SEASON

**WINTER WINDS:
OLD WORLD CAROLS, NEW WORLD SOUNDS**
DR. MATTHEW MORSE, MUSIC & ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

JOIN US FOR OUR CONCERT FEATURING THE MUSIC OF
LEROY ANDERSON
JOHN PHILIP SOUSA
ALFRED REED
AND MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER'S CHIP DAVIS
WE'LL TAKE YOU ON A HOLIDAY JOURNEY OF MUSIC, OLD AND NEW.

Sunday, December 14, 2025 2:30 pm
Free Admission
Donations appreciated

California State University, Sacramento
Capistrano Concert Hall
6000 J Street
Free parking in Structure 1

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Thank you, Marjorie Lehr

For 41 years Marjorie Lehr managed promotions, first for the Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band, then for the Sacramento Symphonic Winds after we split from that group. She handed the task off after our October concert. Thank you, Marjorie, for your many, many years of service. Enjoy your time now as simply a member of our ensemble. Play your music with joy!

Dates to remember:

SEASON CONCERTS

December 14, 2025 – CSUS, Capistrano Hall

March 22, 2026 – CSUS, Capistrano Hall

May 10, 2026 – CSUS, Capistrano Hall

COLLABORATION CONCERT

March 17, 2026 – McClatchy High School

CARMICHAEL PARK COMMUNITY BAND FESTIVAL

June 6-7, 2026

New Logo!

Once every 20 or so years, it seems a good idea to freshen things up a bit and, hopefully, bring new energy to what was already a good thing. This summer, the Board of Directors put their heads together and after looking at and discarding dozens of ideas and designs, settled on a new logo. We're excited about the energetic new look and hope you like it, too.



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THEY ALWAYS SAY TIME CHANGES THINGS, BUT YOU ACTUALLY HAVE TO CHANGE THEM YOURSELF. – ANDY WARHOL

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PO Box 1503
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