

Celebrate Tempe Union High School students as they perform alongside members of the Arizona Wind Symphony and The Academy

FREE

**APRIL
26
FRIDAY**

**TEMPE
DIABLO
STADIUM**

7:30 - 9 P.M.

DOORS OPEN @ 7 P.M.

MUSIC
**UNDER
THE STARS**

Presented by:



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Featuring Tempe Union High School District music students



PROGRAM

Pre-show: Various Selections

Performed by: Marcos de Niza Mariachi Ensemble,
Corona del Sol and Desert Vista Steel Drum Bands

National Anthem

Performed by: Trumpets from Arizona Wind Symphony, Corona del Sol,
Desert Vista, Marcos de Niza, McClintock, Mountain Pointe and
Tempe High

Introduction

Sean McDonald, TUHSD Assistant Superintendent
Berdetta Hodge, Tempe City Councilmember and TUHSD Board Member

Dance The Night (arr: Michael Story)

Best of Boy Bands (Michael Brown)

Carnaval in São Paulo (James Barnes)

Performed by: Corona del Sol, Marcos de Niza and McClintock Bands

A Punk (Vampire Weekend)

Jump in the Line (Harry Belafonte)

Tequila (The Champs)

Performed by: Corona del Sol and Desert Vista Steel Drum Bands

Selections from A Hard Day's Night (arr: Michael Sweeney)

Highlights from The Little Mermaid (arr: Michael Sweeney)

Choose Joy (arr: Randall D. Standridge)

Performed by: Desert Vista, Mountain Pointe and Tempe High Bands

Viva México (Pedro Galindo)

Performed by: Marcos de Niza Mariachi Ensemble

Service Songs Medley (arr: Jerry Burns & Michael Krill)

Performed by: Arizona Wind Symphony, Corona del Sol, Desert Vista,
Marcos de Niza, McClintock, Mountain Pointe and Tempe High

Excerpt from 2024 Field Show Production

Performed by: The Academy Drum and Bugle Corps - Brass Line

Stars and Stripes Forever (John Philip Sousa)

Performed by: Arizona Wind Symphony, Corona del Sol, Desert Vista,
Marcos de Niza, McClintock, Mountain Pointe, Tempe High
and The Academy

BIOS

Arizona Wind Symphony:

Now in its 23rd season, the Arizona Wind Symphony (AWS) entertains Tempe and surrounding communities with an enjoyable variety of music in the beautiful Tempe Center for the Arts. Founded by conductor William J. Richardson, the AWS grew to a 90-piece concert band under the baton of Jon Gomez. The ensemble is comprised of music professionals, non-professionals and students. Joined together by a shared joy and commitment to the arts, AWS musicians are proud to share their time and talents for enriching the cultural landscape of our community.

Corona del Sol High School:

Director of Bands: David DuPlessis | Assistant Director: Alexandra Holste

Director of Percussion: Scott Werner

Corona del Sol has one of the biggest and most accomplished band and percussion programs in the state. The Wind Ensemble and Jazz Bands consistently earn "Superior with Distinction" at area and state festivals. The top percussion ensemble recently came back from the WGI World Percussion Championships, earning top honors. The CdS Winter Color Guard just won the WGAZ State Championship in their class, going undefeated in the 2024 season. The Aztec Marching Band consistently earns "top 3" in the State Marching Band Championship, and is regularly featured as a finalist in the Bands of America Regional Championships. The marching band has also been featured on Channel 12 news, American Idol, and was honored to perform with Katy Perry in the Super Bowl 49 Pepsi Halftime Show.

Desert Vista High School:

Director of Bands: Michael Krill

Director of Percussion: Vicente Lopez

The Desert Vista High School band program, which includes concert performing ensembles, percussion ensembles, jazz bands, steel drum bands, jazz bands and marching band, are the recipients of numerous awards for musical excellence in all areas of performance and are the 8-time and reigning Arizona Division 1 State Marching Band Champions. The Desert Vista Thunder Marching Band has been invited 9 times to the Division 1 ABODA State Champions, and has been a BOA Regional Championship Finalist 8 times. With an average membership of 120+ performers, they are one of the largest high school marching bands in the state of Arizona.

Marcos de Niza High School:

Director of Bands: David Willers

Director of Mariachi: Lindsay Killian

The Padre Pride Marching Band performs at football games, parades, community events and band festivals across the state. Recently the band finished 5th place at the 2023 ABODA State Marching Band Championships. The marching band is a yearly participant in Tempe Veterans Day Parade and the Guadalupe Light Parade. The MdN Band Program sponsors two concert bands, jazz band, and winter guard, all of whom travel to participate at state levels.

Mariachi Virtuosi is Marcos De Niza's premier Mariachi ensemble, under the direction of Lindsay Killian. They've performed throughout the valley for over 10 years. Last year they had the privilege of giving many outstanding performances on a performance tour in Florida.

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McClintock High School:

Director of Bands: Amanda Leonhardt

McClintock's award winning Band Program is built on commitment, consistency, and pride. Students have opportunities in two leveled concert bands (Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble), two leveled jazz bands (Jazz Red and Jazz Blue), competitive marching band, as well as a guitar class. These bands perform in many events and festivals each year and are constantly committed to excellence in all that they do.

Mountain Pointe High School:

Director of Bands: John Woode

Last Fall, the Mountain Pointe Lionhearts won the Arizona Marching Band Association's Division 1A State Championship, and earned special awards for highest scores in music, marching, general effect, and flag line. Last Spring, the Mountain Pointe Wind Ensemble again qualified for the Arizona Band & Orchestra Directors' Association State Concert Festival, by earning a rating of Superior at the qualifying Area Festival. MP is a no-cut program at a Title I school, and scholarships/supplemental lessons are provided.

Tempe High School:

Director of Bands: Antonio Lozano

The Tempe High School Buffalo band program has a long tradition of excellence. Last year they moved up a division in the Arizona Band and Orchestra Association's Marching Band Circuit and placed 7th in the ABODA Championships. The concert band program received a Superior with Distinction and qualified for state concert band festival at the festival qualifier. The program brings in renowned guest musicians for students to learn from, and is expanding and welcoming more students each year.

The Academy Drum & Bugle Corps

In 2001, the founders of The Academy came together with the vision of enhancing the culture of music, dance, and the performing arts in Arizona. Set up as a non-profit organization from the beginning, this group formed as the first Board of Directors and began programming events, ensembles, and fundraising campaigns. The organization has raised money to acquire instruments and equipment to support all of its current programs, and continues to grow relationships with music leaders in surrounding communities.

Each year, The Academy serves over 500 children of all ages and adults in programs that include: "The Academy Drum and Bugle Corps", "The Academy Summer Youth Guard", "The Academy Winter Youth Guard", and "Phenom" Drum and Bugle Corps.

Tempe Community Arts

[The City of Tempe's Community Arts team](#) develops initiatives that foster relationships and enhance connections within the arts, community and city. Through classes, residencies, arts grants and special events, Tempe Community Arts offers opportunities for immersive engagement with arts and culture. These programs occur at various locations around the city, amplifying the diverse voices, perspectives and experiences of the Tempe community.

Music Programs Supported by Tempe Community Arts

Each year, Tempe Community Arts partners with the Tempe Union High School District to connect students with local arts professionals through the [Art Tempe](#), [Dance Tempe](#) and [Music Under the Stars](#) programs.

During the 2023-2024 school year, [Arts in Schools Grants](#) funded 42 fine arts programs in 25 Tempe Schools. Of those grants, 24 supported band, percussion and orchestra programs providing music teachers with funds to work with professional musicians and purchase specialty music equipment.

Additionally, Tempe Community Arts awarded 43 [Wavemaker and Vibrant City Arts Grants](#) to nonprofit organizations and artists collectives that present arts and culture programming in Tempe. The funding supports a wide variety of activities from musical performances to youth band camps to music residencies in retirement communities.

Music organizations who received a 2023-2024 Wavemaker or Vibrant City Arts Grant:

[Arizona Wind Symphony](#)
[CAFE Flutes](#)
[Desert Overture](#)
[Driftwood Quintet](#)
[International Jazz Day AZ Foundation](#)
[Musician Enrichment Foundation](#)
[Tempe Winds](#)
[Tetra String Quartet](#)

To support freelance musicians in the Valley, [Tempe Playlist](#) is a program designed to spread awareness about bands and individual artists who live, work or play in their "backyard." [Listen to their 44 original songs on Spotify.](#)

Other programs currently offered by Tempe Community Arts:

[Free Art Friday](#)
[Studio Artists Program](#)

[Arts in the Parks](#)

[Tempe Jam](#)
[Classes at Edna Vihel Arts Center](#)

Tempe Union High School District:

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Corona del Sol High School:

Director of Bands: David DuPlessis

Associate Director: Alexandra Holste

Director of Percussion: Scott Werner

Principal: Nathan Kleve

Assistant Principal of Academics: Kimberly

Saad

Assistant Principal of Activities: Monique

Brandau

Assistant Principal of Athletics: Sylvester

Glover

Desert Vista High School:

Director of Bands: Michael Krill

Director of Percussion: Vicente Lopez

Principal: Stacy White

Assistant Principal of Academics: TJ Snyder

Assistant Principal of Activities: Jared Walther

Assistant Principal of Athletics: David Klecka

Marcos de Niza High School:

Director of Bands: David Willers

Director of Mariachi: Lindsay Killian

Principal: Brent Brown

Assistant Principal of Academics: Noe Ochoa

Assistant Principal of Activities: Darcy Boggs

Assistant Principal of Athletics: Lenica

Ruiz

McClintock High School:

Director of Bands: Amanda Leonhardt

Principal: Mayra Arroyo

Assistant Principal of Academics: Molly Saddler

Assistant Principal of Activities: Erik Lutz

Assistant Principal of Athletics: Jermaine

Whitaker

Mountain Pointe High School:

Director of Bands: John Woode

Principal: Tomika Banks

Assistant Principal of Academics: Shoshana Cleary

Assistant Principal of Activities: Don Baker

Assistant Principal of Athletics: Aaron Frana

Tempe High School:

Director of Bands: Antonio Lozano

Principal: Brian Guliford

Assistant Principal of Academics: Adam

Johnson

Assistant Principal of Activities: David Morton

Assistant Principal of Athletics: Shelly

Arredondo

The Academy - Drum & Bugle Corps:

Executive Director: Mark Richardson

Corps Director: Josh Thye

Business Manager: Jenny Alan

Corps Manager: Kelsey Rogers

Member Manager: Sherry Rogers

Board President: Rich Frazier

Secretary, Board Member: Dwight Farris

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