



Watsonville Community Band

Proudly Presents its
78th Winter Concert Series

Coastal Cheer

and

MOUNTAIN MERRIMENT!

Dr. Jesse Leyva, Conductor



Watsonville



Friday December 12, 7:00pm

Henry Mello Center for the Performing Arts

250 East Beach Street

Also Featuring the WCB Youth Band!

Scotts Valley

Santa Cruz

Saturday December 13, 2pm

Sunday December 14, 3pm

The Landing

Peace United Church

251 Kings Village Road

900 High Street

Special Guests:

The Scotts Valley Middle School Band!

There Is No Charge for Admission



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The Musical Program

The Star Spangled Banner *Francis Scott Key, Arr. John Philip Sousa*
The Redwoods *Rossano Galante*
Go Tell It On a Mountain *Arr. Jay Dawson*
Zuignung (Dedication) *Richard Strauss*
Conducted by Eugene Smith, Conductor Emeritus
Sea Songs *Ralph Vaughan Williams*
Pepita Greus pasodoble *Pascual Perez Chovi*
Los Peces En El Rio *Arr. Paul Clark*
Conducted by Kaitlyn Black

Intermission

Celebration for Christmas *Arr. Randall Standbridge*
*A Mariachi Christmas ** *Jorge Vargas*
*Diary of a Grumpy Elf ** *Timothy Loest*
Narrators: *Watsonville ~ Sihuca Montanez; Scotts Valley ~ Ray Gorski, Scotts Valley Kiwanis Club*
The Eighth Candle *Steve Reiseter*
Christmas Sing-Along *Arr. James Ployhar*

* Performed with the WCB Youth Band and Conducted by Bill Nestler; and the Scotts Valley MS Band
Conducted by Lacey Coenen-Villa.

Watsonville Community Band has been performing locally and abroad since 1947. The band performs at many community events – in many communities – throughout the year. It also hosts annual Spring and Winter Concert series with performances around the Central Coast.

The “Big Trips” include: the 1962 Seattle World’s Fair, the 1967 Lion’s Club’s International Convention in Chicago, Expo ’67 World’s Fair in Montreal, 1977 King Kamehameha Day Parade in Honolulu, 1979 to Mexico City, 1982 to the Calgary Stampede in Calgary, Canada, Europe in 1985 & 1992, Australia & New Zealand in 1988, Washington D.C. in 1996 and again in 2017. The WCB performed for Pope John Paul II in 1987, and three times for President Clinton, including a two-hour concert at the White House on July 4, 1996. The 2nd D.C. trip saw us perform at the National Memorial Day Concert Series on May 28, 2017. We also played at the World War II Memorial, the Air Force Memorial, and Washington, D.C. Veterans' Home.

Watsonville Community Band is one of the few adult community bands in the United States that performs in concerts and parades on a regular basis, with all performances free to the public. Members range in age from 14 – 90 and include men and women from all walks of life from five California counties: Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, San Mateo, and Calaveras. No one receives any payment for their efforts on behalf of the band, including the Conductor and Business Manager.

Watsonville Community Band is offered as a free class with the Watsonville/Aptos/Santa Cruz Adult Education program and welcomes everyone, including qualified students from local middle and high schools.

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Community Band



Or on the Web at
www.watsonvilleband.org

*Watsonville Community Band
is proud to be a part of the
Watsonville/Aptos/Santa Cruz Adult
Education Program,
Dr. Nancy Bilicich, Director.*



Watsonville Community Band Members

Piccolo

Barbara Smith, Gilroy

Flute

Brenda Bayani, Watsonville

Jesse Cowan, Santa Cruz

Sadie Maher, Aptos

Sheryl Pinard, Capitola

*Barbara Smith, Gilroy

Cindi-Renee Trujillo, Salinas

Bb Clarinet

Kaitlyn Black, Aptos

Jerry Buchanan, Elk Grove

Jeanne Byrne, Watsonville

Gustavo Cisneros, Santa Cruz

Diane Dearing, Scotts Valley

*Susie Kuhlmann, Spreckels

Pat Mintun-Bont, Scotts Valley

Tiffany Rose Powell, Seaside

Wendy Rothwell, Hollister

Brandi Rubino, Gilroy

Wes Sims, Aptos

Don Spence, Watsonville

Bass Clarinet

Julia Bettencourt, Corralitos

Yazlyn Estrada, Watsonville

Alto Saxophone

*Bill Nestler, Watsonville

Dr. Ryan Nolan, Corralitos

Tenor Saxophone

Daniel Bortin, La Selva Beach

Chris Erskine, Aptos

Baritone Saxophone

Carol Seilenbinder, Ben Lomond

French Horn

*Jill Abramson, Santa Cruz

Nathan Salazar, Santa Cruz

Juan Silva, Watsonville

Eugene Smith, Mokelumne Hill

Trumpet

Patrick Bayani, Watsonville

Kiley Black, Aptos

Jay Hilgers, Hollister

Andrew Salazar, Santa Cruz

*Antonio Trujillo, Salinas

Roberto Trujillo, Salinas

Thomas Trujillo, Salinas

Euphonium

Dr. Ed Dewees, Aptos

Amy East, Scotts Valley

Bob Graves, Salinas

*Susan Maher, Aptos

Trombone

Becky Boyd, Santa Cruz

Roger Erickson, Santa Cruz

Brad Gronroos, Salinas

*Rich MacLeod, Salinas

Mike Rubino, Morgan Hill

Tracie Salazar, Santa Cruz

Pablo Villagran, Watsonville

Tuba

*John Lunden, Aptos

Percussion

*Toni Hilgers, Hollister

Mateo Cuprill, Aptos

Debbie Morton, Santa Cruz

Dana Sales, Watsonville

Conductor

Dr. Jesse Leyva, Capitola

Conductors Emeritus

Brad W. Gronroos, Salinas

Eugene Smith, Mokelumne Hill

Drum Major

Gustavo Cisneros, Santa Cruz

Color Guard & Banner

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Marti Waite, Freedom

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Bill Nestler



Our Conductor

Dr. Jesse Leyva is the Interim Conductor of the Watsonville Community Band, first joining the euphonium section in 2022. A native of Modesto, Dr. Leyva is a first-generation college graduate with degrees from CSU Stanislaus, San José State University, and Arizona State University. Upon graduation from the Academy of Military Science, Leyva earned his commission and served as Commander/Conductor of the 561st Air Force Band. Dr. Leyva has served as conductor and music educator at the elementary, secondary, and collegiate levels for over eighteen years. He currently teaches elementary and middle school band in the North Monterey County Unified School District. Jesse and his wife Lori are members of Twin Lakes Church and live in Capitola with their dog, Diego.



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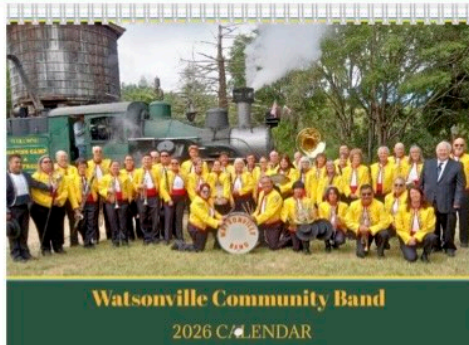
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Watsonville Community Band

2026 CALENDAR

2026 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

This stunning collection of Band photos will help ensure you don't miss out on any of our 2026 performances!

Still Only \$25!



It's never been easier to support your Community Band! Just scan this QR code to make whatever donation you like.

Just as in 1947, when the fledgling Watsonville Sciots Band was encountering the Fact of Life that it couldn't exist without financial support, so it is for the Watsonville Community Band 78 years later. We never charge admission to our concerts. We encourage everyone and anyone to join us so we don't have dues or fees.



We gratefully accept donations to keep the music playing, so if you'd care to, we thank you in advance!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TENTATIVE 2026 SCHEDULE

February 18 - 79th Birthday Rehearsal
April 10 & 11 - 78th Spring Concert Series
May 25 - Memorial Day Concerts, Roaring Camp, Felton
June 20 - Saddle Horse Show Parade, Hollister
July 4 - Aptos & Watsonville Independence Day Parades
August 1 - Strawberry Festival, Downtown Watsonville
August 28 & 29 - 79th Anniversary Concerts
November 11 - Veterans Day Ceremonies, Watsonville
September 12 - Santa Cruz County Fair
December 11, 12, 13 - 79th Winter Concert Series (TENT.)



Watsonville Youth Band



A Program of the Watsonville Community Band

The Watsonville Community Band held its first Summer Youth Band program in 2016 and was led by Clarence Savage, Gail Black, Jeanne Byrne, Bill Nestler and Alice Miller. The program was such a success that first summer that it has been offered in three sessions throughout the year ever since. During the school year, the WCB Youth Band meets on Monday evenings from 6:15-7:30pm in the WHS band room and is currently under the guidance of Jeanne Byrne, Bill Nestler, Alice Miller, and Jill Abramson. We welcome new students aged 9-18, including beginners. For more information about the WCB Youth Band, please contact Alice Miller at wcbbyouthband@aol.com or by phone/text at (831)345-4674.

This Evening's Program (Introductory Scripts by Kevin Miller)

Beginning Band

Selections from *Accent on Achievement* Book 1. John O'Reilly and Mark Williams
Hot Cross Buns, Au Claire de la Lune, Jingle Bells, Good King Wenceslas, and Dreydl, Dreydl

Intermediate Band

Selections from *Accent on Achievement* Book 1. John O'Reilly and Mark Williams
Surprise Symphony. . . Franz Joseph Haydn ~ La Bamba. . . Mexican Folk Song ~ Las Mañanitas. . . Mexican Folk Song

Advanced Band

Excerpts from Themes from Wizard of Oz. Music by Harold Arlen, Lyrics by E.Y. Harburg, Arr. Ralph Ford
Music from Wicked. Stephen Schwartz, Arr. Michael Sweeney

The Combined Bands

Golden. Music & Lyrics by Kim Eun-jae and Mark Sonnenblick, Arr. Bill Nestler
Rainforest. Robert Buckley

Advanced Band

Feliz Navidad. Words & Music by Jose Feliciano, Arr. Victor Lopez

The Musicians

Beginning Band

Flute

Eloy Rocha Barrera, 9
Jamari Fitzgerald, 9

Clarinet

Daniel Martinez de Lira, 9

Trombone

Julian Valdez, 9

Percussion

Joseph Trujillo, 10

Intermediate Band

Flute

Ximena Martinez de Lira, 12
Sihuca Montanez, 9
Scarlett Moreno, 9

Clarinet

Alexa Delgadillo Ibarra, 9

Alto Sax

Ben Malven, 12
Kamayah Ramirez, 9

Percussion

Hector Rodriguez Meza, 12

Advanced Band

Flute

Bailey Barnum, 14
Pauline Caput, 15
Javar Fitzgerald, 12
Calix Symanski, 11

Clarinet

Christine Caput, 15
Jazmaya Lee Cohen Banks, 13
Jarany Lopez, 14
Joel Pastor-Juarez, 15

Baritone

Ziven Symanski, 13

Trumpet

Diego Cuprill, 14
Luna Rezendes, 13
Jack Tamblyn, 14
Matthew Villagran, 12

Trombone

Connor Ferre, 17

Percussion

Pauline Caput, 14
Alvin Martinez, 14



Select Musicians from the Scotts Valley Middle School Band

Lacey Coenen-Villa, Director

The Musicians

Flute

Emma Clark
Genevieve Riddle

Alto Sax

Max Garza

Clarinet

Megan Cassell
Peter Davidson
Stella Molin
Ava Peterson

Trumpet

Emerson Brunner
Santino Celeri

Lacey Coenen-Villa received an AA in Music and an AA-T in Psychology from Shasta College in Redding, CA. Mrs. Coenen-Villa graduated from San Jose State University where she received a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction.

Mrs. Coenen-Villa grew up in the small town of Red Bluff, CA and began her musical journey in the third grade when she started to play the fiddle. In the fourth grade, she started playing the clarinet, which is her primary instrument. It was during high school that she decided to study music in college and pursue a career in the music field. In addition to music education, Mrs. Coenen-Villa is very passionate about music therapy and uses this as a core belief in her music education philosophy. She believes that the music classroom provides a unique community that enriches and empowers students' lives.

Mrs. Coenen-Villa has been teaching in the Scotts Valley Unified School District where she has taught a variety of subjects including 4/5 general music at Vine Hill Elementary, band, choir, music appreciation, and musical theatre at Scotts Valley Middle School, and band and choir at Scotts Valley High School. Mrs. Coenen-Villa is most proud of the growing music program at SVMS that started with only 12 students in band and now has over 70 students across all grade levels and in a variety of ensembles. She is also proud of the high school program and never ceases to be amazed at what the students are able to accomplish with a small number of students.

Outside of music, Mrs. Coenen-Villa enjoys a good cup of coffee, baking cookies, and taking walks around the neighborhood. She is excited to be welcoming her first child with her husband in January!



Christmas Sing-a-Long

Hark the Herald Angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful all ye nations rise! Join the triumph of the skies!
With angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! The Herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King!

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels.
O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Deck the halls with boughs of holly. Fa la la la la, la la la la.
'Tis the season to be jolly. Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Don we now our gay apparel. Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol. Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Silent night, holy night. All is calm and all is bright.
Round yon virgin, mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild.
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

The First Noel, the Angels did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room.
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing.
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing

We wish you a Merry Christmas! We wish you a Merry Christmas!
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year!



It's the Spirit!

Join Us Today!

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Why Should Kids Have All the Fun?

- » The Watsonville Community Band is always accepting capable adult players of all concert band instruments.
- » We are an adult community band that performs a wide variety of music for all of our Central Coast communities
- » We rehearse and perform year-round.
- » Rehearsals are weekly on Wednesday nights from 7:30pm to 9:30pm in the Watsonville High School Band Room, on Marchant Street at Trafton Street, Watsonville.
- » The oldest continuously operating musical organization in Santa Cruz County, the band is a fun, supportive environment in which to continue your music making!
- » Please contact us at watsonvilleband@yahoo.com for more info

Your Invitation to Join Our Watsonville Community Band Family

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Additional Family names (first & last if different from member)

- Performing Member Free*
- Associate Member Individual Annual \$40*
- Associate Member Family Annual \$60*
- Business Annual \$175*
- Corporate Annual \$275*
- Please call me. I would like to become a performing member*
- Please send me a registration form for the Youth Band*

Payment Mailing: P.O. Box 1708, Watsonville, Ca 95077

Cash Check enclosed Credit Card

Credit Card Information

Cardholder Name _____

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An Invitation To Join Our Family

A family is defined as a group of people that function as a unit. What better description for a marching and concert band? The Watsonville Community Band has functioned as a family from the first rehearsal in February 1947. Over the years numerous families have been performing members or boosters in the band. As in any family if members need assistance help is always offered by other members.

As a Performing Member

Anyone who is 14 or older who is proficient on their instrument is invited to join the band. Audition is required for 18 and under. There are no dues or fees required, just a commitment to attend weekly rehearsals and as many marching and concert performances as possible. So if you played an instrument in school and would like to play again, take it out of the case, practice or play a few minutes each day for awhile and then come to rehearsal. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday evening from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm at Watsonville High School Music Building in Watsonville. If one member of a Family is a performing member, all members of the family in the same household are band members.

As Associate Members

Individuals or families are invited to join our family as Associate members.

Associate members receive the following benefits:

- . Monthly emailed newsletters with Band news
- . Membership cards for everyone in the family plus two lapel pins
- . Invitation to two special events a year in May & October
- . Opportunity to travel with the Band to regional events
- . Opportunity to travel with the Band on major tours
- . Special seating at concerts
- . Opportunity to purchase T-shirts, Band jackets, Band CDs

Annual donation \$60 Individual/Family

As Business Members

Businesses are invited join our family as Business members. Business members receive the following benefits:

- . Monthly emailed newsletters with Band news
- . Two membership cards, two lapel pins and member plaque
- . Business name listed on newsletters & poster at concerts

Annual donation \$175

As Corporate Members

Corporations are invited to join our family as Corporate members.

Corporate members receive the following benefits:

- . Monthly emailed newsletters with Band news
- . Two membership cards, two lapel pins and a member plaque
- . Corporate name/logo listed on newsletters & poster at concerts

Annual donation \$275

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