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2025 CENTRAL REGION HONORS MUSIC FESTIVAL



MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL
2700 E. BROWN ROAD
MESA, AZ, 85213

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH 2025
2:30PM

AJAY PATEL, CENTRAL REGION GOVERNOR





CENTRAL REGIONAL HONOR ORCHESTRA

Alex Amsel, Director



Finlandia, op. 26

Jean Sibelius

Hebrides Overture, op. 26

Felix Mendelssohn

Brazil (Aquarela do Brasil,
1939)

Ary Barroso
arr. John Wasson





CENTRAL REGIONAL HONOR ORCHESTRA ALEX AMSEL, DIRECTOR

Mexican conductor Alex Amsel has quickly established himself as a conductor equally at home on the orchestral and operatic podium, and as a music educator for students of all ages. Amsel's hope is to integrate music into the fabric of every community he works with to reshape how we think about society and our place in it. Amsel gained international attention during a broadcast of a performance at the George Enescu Competition in Romania and secured return engagements for multiple subsequent seasons. For the 2023-2025 seasons, Amsel was appointed Associate Conductor for The Phoenix Symphony where he will lead over 30 concerts each season including classical, education, and outreach concerts. Amsel has also been appointed Resident Conductor of the Houston Grand Opera with productions of Verdi's *La traviata* at the Wortham Theatre and Music Director for the world-premiere of *Another City* by Stephanie Fleischmann and Jeremy Howard-Beck, as well as holding the John L. Magro Chair of Resident Conductor for the Cincinnati Opera.

As a Music Director finalist for the Elgin Symphony in Illinois, he led "a vibrant and textured account maintaining superb balance so its many intricacies came through... punctuating a dynamic performance" (Chicago Classical Review). Punctuating a dynamic 2023-2024 season including debuts with the Cincinnati Symphony and Opera, a tour with the West Virginia Symphony, and serving as Music Director and Conductor for University of North Texas' production of Massenet's *Cendrillon*, Amsel begins the 2024-2025 season with international engagements at the L'orchestre National de France, George Enescu Philharmonic, and Filarmonica Banatul Timisoara in Romania.

After one season with The Phoenix Symphony Amsel has led a number of new initiatives to help forge strong relationships with audiences while creating new series and programs for the community. For 2024/2025 he leads a new Chamber Orchestra Subscription Series and a Family Concert Series, forms part of the Artistic Advisory Committee and the Young Professionals' Club, leads both pre-concert and post-concert lectures, and founded the Competition for Young Composers with future commissions for the winners. During 3 seasons with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra where he was appointed Assistant Conductor by Robert Spano he led the orchestra in a variety of concerts including Symphonic, Chamber and Education/Outreach concerts, and garnered return engagements each season since his departure. Amsel was also selected for the prestigious Aspen Conducting Academy for the 2020 and 2021 summers where he worked closely with Robert Spano, and later returned as faculty during the 2022 summer. In high demand for summer seasons as both a conductor and educator, Amsel has led orchestras at Aspen Music Festival, National Repertory Orchestra, Round Top Music Festival, and Philadelphia International Music Festival. Other recent engagements include Assistant Conductor with L'orchestre National de France, Czech Philharmonic, Budapest Festival Orchestra, and Enescu Philharmonic. Amsel holds a Master of Music in Orchestral Conducting from the Peabody Conservatory studying under the tutelage of Marin Alsop, and has worked closely with Cristian Macelaru, Robert Spano, Patrick Summers, Jane Glover, Miguel Harth-Bedoya, Tito Muñoz, and Lorenzo Passerini. During his free time, Amsel is a wine, biking, architecture, and Golden Retriever aficionado.

CENTRAL REGIONAL HONOR ORCHESTRA

1ST VIOLIN

Daniel Kang.....	Arizona School for the Arts
Anna Grandil.....	Gilbert High School
Abram Clarkson.....	Mountain View High School
Joshua Nguyen.....	Highland High School
Emma Adams.....	Campo Verde High School
Kai Longtin.....	Highland High School
Milly Shindo.....	Highland High School
Bella Giauque.....	Highland High School
Michael Erickson.....	Desert Mountain High School
Carly McKern.....	Campo Verde High School
Mary Ashcroft.....	Gilbert High School
Claire Berrey.....	Highland High School
Ethan Hunte.....	American Leadership Academy - Gilbert
Elaine Tang.....	Gilbert Classical Academy
Kylie Walker.....	Mountain View High School
Steve Wongso.....	Gilbert Classical Academy
Madelyn Durette.....	Gilbert High School
Colin Ray.....	Gilbert Classical Academy
Carlos Hernandez.....	Mesquite High School
Samantha Manning.....	Mountain View High School

2ND VIOLIN

Iris Tang.....	Gilbert Classical Academy
Isabela De La Torre.....	Gilbert High School
Ranya Mulk.....	Tolleson Union High School
Erin McConaghie.....	Highland High School
Evie Jespersen.....	Highland High School
Ethan Whatcott.....	Highland High School
Kyle Hwang.....	Desert Mountain High School
Neva Burbach.....	Mountain View High School
Ivy Jones.....	Mountain View High School
Gerad James.....	Mountain View High School
Gunayan Kaur.....	Basis Peoria
Lincoln Yi.....	Highland High School
Sabrina Wong.....	Gilbert Classical Academy
Hannah Hatch.....	Desert Ridge High School
Bella Yu.....	Gilbert Classical Academy
Rylie Lowinger.....	Mountain View High School
Aaliyah Magsano.....	American Leadership Academy - Ironwood
Tegan Grenko.....	Highland High School
Adyan Ikram.....	Basis Peoria
Annie Melzer.....	Mountain View High School
Maggie Solomon.....	Desert Ridge
An Nam.....	Basis Peoria
Christian Chiapetto.....	Mountain View
Kitana Ghersini.....	Mesquite High School

CENTRAL REGIONAL HONOR ORCHESTRA

VIOLA

Joshua Gardner.....	Highland High School
Evelyn Frost.....	Campo Verde High School
Lillie Harper.....	Desert Mountain High School
Kevin Giltinan.....	Highland High School
Sean-Fei Ng.....	Highland High School
Rhema Li.....	Gilbert Classical Academy
Timothy Carroll.....	Gilbert High School
Kate Painter.....	Campo Verde High School
Anaya Page.....	Queen Creek High School
Ashleigh Voiles.....	Gilbert Classical Academy
Steffan Gregan.....	Highland High School
Kiera Bannon.....	Desert Ridge High School
Alyssa Lu.....	Highland High School
Hannah Han.....	Gilbert Classical Academy
Hailey Wilkins.....	Highland High School

CELLO

Justin Kang.....	Arizona School for the Arts
Jane Henriksen.....	Mountain View High School
Charlotte Greer.....	Highland High School
Ryan Ellsworth.....	Highland High School
Geneva Higgins.....	Mountain View High School
Emmett Jones.....	Campo Verde High School
Finn Andersen.....	Campo Verde High School
Peter Wilson.....	Mountain View High School
Alyssa Blake.....	Mountain View High School
Kayla Lee.....	American Leadership Academy - Gilbert
Crew West.....	Highland High School
Raegan Pedersen.....	Mountain View High School
Rowan Grobe.....	Campo Verde High School
Everett Ferrel.....	Mountain View High School

BASS

Karter Williams.....	Campo Verde High School
Brendan Schaefer.....	Campo Verde High School
Grace Ogden.....	American Leadership Academy - Gilbert
Caleb Bertrand.....	Campo Verde High School
Armaan Patel.....	Desert Mountain High School
Josh Andersen.....	Campo Verde High School
AJ Jouas.....	Highland High School
Reegan Van Patten.....	Gilbert High School
Adam Smith.....	Mountain View High School
Emersen Lubeck.....	Arizona School for the Arts

CENTRAL REGIONAL HONOR ORCHESTRA

PICCOLO

Jordan Marsello.....Desert Mountain High School

FLUTE

Elizabeth Chong.....BASIS Peoria
Zach Giltinan.....Highland High School

OBOE

Rebekah Hodges.....Campo Verde High School
Wilbur Lopez.....Desert Ridge High School

CLARINET

Max Xue.....Gilbert Classical Academy
Keegan Pope.....Highland High School

BASSOON

Dan Rakestraw.....Highland High School
Hayden Heap.....Mountain View High School

FRENCH HORN

Camdyn Soper.....Mountain View High School
Brian Dorsey.....Desert Mountain High School
Cambree Tenney.....Highland High School
Brecken Vallerga.....Campo Verde High School
Marcelo Rios.....Highland High School

TRUMPET

Beau De Mar-Robert.....Campo Verde High School
Warrick Darling.....Highland High School
Logan Wise.....Mountain View High School

TROMBONE

Joshua Say.....Campo Verde High School
Ashton Harker.....Campo Verde High School
Hudson Langford.....Campo Verde High School

TUBA

Jared Warring.....Highland High School

PERCUSSION

Nico Viquesney.....AZ School for the Arts
Trey Johnston.....Gilbert High School
Wally Richau.....Mountain View High School

HARP

Lauren Lofgran.....Mountain View High School
Emily Bradshaw.....Mountain View High School



CENTRAL REGIONAL HONOR BAND

Jason Caslor, Director



Clash

Ryan Main

Who's Who in Navy Blue

John Philip Sousa

Infinity

Katahji Copley

Into the Silent Land

Steve Danyew

Blue Radiance

Nicole Piunno





CENTRAL REGIONAL HONOR BAND JASON CASLOR, DIRECTOR

Born and raised in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada, Jason Caslor is currently an associate professor of music and the director of bands at Arizona State University (ASU). In addition to directing the wind ensemble, he also mentors graduate conducting students and teaches undergraduate and graduate conducting courses. Recent highlights include the ASU Wind Ensemble's commercial recordings of Kevin Day's Concerto for Wind Ensemble and Nicole Piuonno's Sunflower Studies, being a recipient of the Canadian Band Association's 2022 International Band Award, presenting at the 2024 WASBE Conference (Gwangju, South Korea) and the 2024 Midwest Clinic, and guest conducting the United States Army Field Band.

From 2015–2019, Caslor was an assistant professor and the associate director of bands and orchestras at ASU. Highlights of that time include founding the now firmly established ASU Philharmonia and being nominated for ASU's Outstanding Master's Mentor Award. From 2010–2015, Caslor was an assistant professor of instrumental conducting at Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada where he conducted the wind ensemble and oversaw the undergraduate and graduate instrumental conducting programs. Prior to that, he spent three seasons as resident conductor with the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra (TBSO). During his tenure with the TBSO, he conducted more than 75 concerts (including a CBC Radio national broadcast) and recorded a full-length, internationally distributed CD with Canadian blues artist Rita Chiarelli.

A Conn-Selmer Educational Clinician, Caslor has guest conducted or adjudicated in every province in Canada and throughout the United States. In addition to numerous regional engagements, Caslor has conducted the National Youth Band of Canada, the South Dakota All State Band, the South Dakota Intercollegiate Band, and the Alberta Wind Symphony.

A fiercely proud Canadian currently living amongst cacti, Caslor's co-founding and leadership over the Canadian Band Association's (CBA) Howard Cable Memorial Prize in Composition lead to him being the recipient of the CBA's 2022 International Band Award. The award recognizes those individuals who have embraced the ideals of the CBA and have contributed to the promotion, growth and development of the musical, educational and cultural values of Canadian band outside of Canada.

As a researcher, he has presented his work at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, the WASBE International Conference, the CBDNA National Conference, the IGEB International Conference on Wind Music, the International Society for Music Education World Conference, and the Riksförbundet Unga Musikanter Wind Band Symposium (Sweden). He has also published numerous articles, most prominently in the Canadian Winds journal.

Caslor completed his doctorate in conducting at Arizona State University. Prior to earning a master's in conducting from the University of Manitoba, he earned dual bachelor's in music and education from the University of Saskatchewan, Canada.

CENTRAL REGIONAL HONOR BAND

PICCOLO

Elizabeth Kagie.....Campo Verde

FLUTE

Moses Pelestor.....Desert Ridge

Loki Momoyo Horowitz.....AZ School for the Arts

Makenna Wyszynski.....Desert Mountain

Analise Kresge.....Gilbert Classical Academy

Arya Madi.....Desert Mountain

Zoe Santa Cruz.....Gilbert

Abby Foster.....Mountain View

Emerson Cowan.....Verrado

Stella Walker.....Highland

Mackenzie Klingseis.....Campo Verde

Leilani Dobbs.....Campo Verde

Shayli D'Addabbo.....Queen Creek

OBOE

Adriana Chen.....Desert Mountain

Dominic Arriola.....Highland

Amber Bohart.....Queen Creek

Sammie Pot.....Highland High School

ENGLISH HORN

Josh Walker.....Desert Ridge

BASSOON

Mahlon Mitchell.....Highland

Clark Robinson.....Mountain View

Jacob Harris.....Gilbert

Joshua Hwang.....Desert Mountain

CLARINET

Alex Labuschagne.....Highland

Corbin Arnett.....Highland

Will Burton.....Campo Verde

Ume Konishi.....AZ School for the Arts

Will Horsely.....Highland

Merissa Wongso.....Gilbert Classical Academy

Abbey Harris.....Centennial

Noah Verdejo.....Highland

Jackson Wojcik.....Gilbert

Addison Ward.....Desert Mountain

Emily Ponce.....Highland

Hannah Velarde.....Highland

Audrey Kozacek.....Campo Verde

Nicholas Rice.....Gilbert Classical Academy

Braedan Decker.....Highland

Kaitlie Walker.....Desert Ridge

Robert Jurutka.....Desert Mountain

Claire Boyd.....Mountain View

Mayank Sharma.....Gilbert Classical Academy

Alison Hancock.....Tolleson

Illiana Wendell.....Gilbert Classical Academy

Alena McAllister.....Mountain View

Kaitlyn Messenger.....Highland

Eddie Constanzer.....Mountain View

Ellie Feldman.....Desert Ridge

Sarah Olmstead.....ALA Ironwood

Keana Laha.....Highland

Claire Lindsay.....Heritage Academy Gateway

Nikki Semrau.....Campo Verde

Addalade Campbell.....Mountain View

CENTRAL REGIONAL HONOR BAND

BASS CLARINET

Kyle Jones.....Gilbert Classical Academy
Payton Welch.....Gilbert
Hailey Summerhays.....Highland
RJ Dahl.....ALA Ironwood

CONTRABASS CLARINET

Griffin Stalzer.....Desert Mountain

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Mitchell Davis.....Mountain View
Jayden Garza.....Desert Ridge
Dirk Olson.....Mesquite
Kai Hunter.....Campo Verde
Jacob Brighton.....Combs
Nathan Lee.....Desert Mountain

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Izzy Aznar-Beane.....Campo Verde
Sam Bloxham.....Gilbert Classical Academy

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Tyler Kingsley.....Highland
Charity Griggs.....Campo Verde

TRUMPET

Matthew Duty.....Campo Verde
Seth Bucher.....Peoria
Preston Etheridge.....Highland
Abigail Wallace.....Highland
Freya Bajaj.....Gilbert Classical Academy
Jonas Wright.....Desert Ridge
Carlos Iazcano.....Mountain View
Nissi Gutierrez.....Highland
David Hill.....Highland
Gilbert Cordero.....Peoria
Olivia Usrey.....Gilbert Classical Academy
Josh Humann.....Highland
Noah Baldonado.....Highland

FRENCH HORN

Isabelle Tinkham.....Campo Verde
Grant Livingstone.....Mountain View
Sophie Hawkins.....Campo Verde
Gavin Mistalski.....Desert Mountain
Samson Cisneros.....Campo Verde
Emma Jean Elder.....AZ School for the Arts
Adam Militello.....Highland
Dallin Stewart.....Heritage Academy Gateway

CENTRAL REGIONAL HONOR BAND

TROMBONE

Ryan Bennett.....	Highland
Ari Strock.....	Gilbert
Paul Matteo-Cristobal.....	Gilbert Classical Academy
Benjamin Livingstone.....	Mountain View
Renaë Rogers.....	Mountain View
Aarin Nair.....	BASIS Peoria
Jack Alexander.....	Desert Mountain
Slade Stahle.....	Mountain View
Morgan Willis.....	Campo Verde

EUPHONIUM

Zachary Bryant-Blair.....	Queen Creek
Fernando Campuzano Beltran.....	Campo Verde
Logan Jensen.....	Queen Creek
Riley McGuire.....	Combs

TUBA

Diego Garcia.....	Campo Verde
Zander Sessions.....	Queen Creek
Malakai Broad.....	Highland
Sam Nachtrab.....	Desert Mountain
Fletcher Placko.....	Queen Creek
Maddox McNeil.....	Queen Creek
Kellan Campbell.....	Desert Ridge
Samuel Lloyd.....	Highland

DOUBLE BASS

Hazel Greer.....	Highland
Isaac Taylor.....	Highland

HARP

Emma Schnepf.....	Gilbert
Landon Rowley.....	Mountain View

PERCUSSION

David Strader.....	Highland
Alice Elder.....	AZ School for the Arts
Villie Richau.....	Mountain View
Kincade Phelps.....	Highland
Evan Hill.....	Campo Verde
Robyn Foley.....	AZ School for the Arts
Kyson Gunnell.....	Mountain View



CENTRAL REGION FESTIVAL CHOIR
SHARON HANSEN, DIRECTOR
MUTSUMI MORI, COLLABORATIVE PIANIST

There Shall A Star From
Jacob Come Forth

Felix Mendelssohn

Measure Me, Sky!

Elaine Hagenberg

Sure on this Shining
Night

Morten Lauridsen

Little Birds

Eric Whitacre

Elijah Rock

Moses Hogan



CENTRAL REGIONAL CHOIR SHARON HANSEN, DIRECTOR



Sharon Hansen, Professor Emerita of Conducting and Director of Choral Activities at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, is internationally acclaimed as a conductor and master teacher. Her distinguished career spans engagements with ensembles including the Romanian National Radio Choir, the Gächinger Kantorei and Bach Collegium Stuttgart, the Stockholm Conservatory Chamber Choir, the Moldavian and Oltenian Philharmonic Choirs in Romania, and the University of Regensburg Symphony Orchestra in Germany. Ensembles under her direction have been featured at state, regional, and national American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) and National Association for Music Education (NAfME) conferences, and she has served as guest conductor for all-state and regional choirs in over forty states.

Hansen is the founder of the Milwaukee Choral Artists, a professional vocal ensemble celebrated for its expressive performances, opulent sound, and expansive musical repertoire. Under her leadership, the ensemble established an enduring legacy by commissioning, premiering, and publishing fifty innovative works for treble voices. Hansen is also an accomplished author, contributing significantly to the discourse on choral artistry and conducting. Her seminal book, *Helmuth Rilling: Conductor Teacher*, explores the renowned conductor's pedagogical philosophies and methodologies. Additionally, her essay, "Women, Conductors, and the Tenure Process: What's Up in the Academy?" featured in *Wisdom, Wit, and Will: Women Choral Conductors on their Art*, offers a compelling examination of gender dynamics and academic processes within the choral profession. She also has served as a contributing author to other publications from GIA and Hal Leonard/McGraw-Hill, underscoring her commitment to advancing the field of choral music and education through both practice and research.

Hansen served 25 years on the Editorial Board of ACDA's *Choral Journal*, where she founded and edited the pivotal article series "On the Voice." Her deep interest in vocal pedagogy culminated in a comprehensive study of voice education in choral classrooms during ACDA's first 50 years, published as Monograph #18 in ACDA's monograph series and featured in the November/December 2022 issue of the *Choral Journal*. Additionally, she appeared on the November 2022 *Choralosophy Podcast* #128, "The Strange Relationship between Choral Music Ed and Vocal Ped."

Now living in Tempe, Arizona, Hansen is the Chorus Director for the Arizona Musicfest Orchestra. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Arizona chapter of ACDA, where she is the Community Choirs liaison. Her passion for musical theatre shines through her active role on the Board of Directors for the Musical Theatre Alliance of Arizona, where she recently conducted Sondheim's *A Little Night Music*.

CENTRAL REGIONAL HONOR CHOIR

SOPRANO

Cassidy Veale.....	Desert Mountain High School
Elizabeth Fife.....	Heritage Gateway
Rachel Wittwer.....	Highland High School
Courtney Langstraat.....	Heritage Gateway
Mabry Rogers.....	Highland High School
Eva Luz Pombo.....	Arizona School for the Arts
Hailey Halterman.....	Highland High School
Emily Gilliland.....	Highland High School
Hannah Arnett American.....	Leadership Academy Gilbert North
Jamie Funk.....	Mountain View High School
Hannah Geigle.....	Highland High School
Kaleyha Hayward.....	Highland High School
Hannah Hughes.....	Campo Verde High School
Aubrey Whiting.....	Mountain View High School
Camille Larson.....	Highland High School
Makenna Johnston.....	Highland High School
Katie Auxier.....	Heritage Gateway
Amelia Eck.....	Gilbert High School
Aubree Rosenbaum.....	Heritage Gateway
Naiya Marcelo.....	Arizona School for the Arts
Emily Bowers.....	Mountain View High School
Aubrienne Frazier.....	Mountain View High School
Maddie Reed.....	Mountain View High School
Holly Kreuzt.....	Mountain View High School
Alexandra Frazier.....	Desert Mountain High School

ALTO

Katelyn Edgeworth.....	Mountain View High School
Emily Mabb.....	Highland High School
Grace Clegg.....	Heritage Gateway
Kate Mitsuda.....	Campo Verde High School
Allie Johnson.....	Mountain View High School
Angeline Bui.....	Gilbert Classical Academy
Rylee Johnston.....	Highland High School
Brookelle Bradford.....	Highland High School
Ella Whiting.....	Mountain View High School
Nia Jebaraj.....	Mountain View High School
Iris Giles.....	Campo Verde High School
Sascha Lewis.....	Arizona School for the Arts
Kate Heywood.....	Mountain View High School
Shangyi Li.....	Desert Mountain High School
Elaya Crandell.....	Desert Ridge High School
Claire Miller.....	Mountain View High School
Sydney Schnepf.....	Campo Verde High School
Abigail Cociuba.....	Desert Mountain High School
Emmaline Denton.....	Mountain View High School
Annabelle Clarkson.....	Mountain View High School
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Jane Robbins.....	Highland High School

CENTRAL REGIONAL HONOR CHOIR

TENOR

Seth Hooper.....	Highland High School
Jonas Theriot.....	Gilbert High School
Elijah Tellez.....	Highland High School
Mason Badgett.....	Mountain View High School
Adam Wise.....	Campo Verde High School
Carter Theriot.....	Gilbert High School
Max Lund.....	Highland High School
Mack Huffacker.....	Campo Verde High School
Zadok Hutchins.....	Gilbert Classical Academy
Spencer Marriott.....	Mountain View High School
Eddie Felipe.....	Mountain View High School
Sterling Palmer.....	Mountain View High School
McKay Holyoak.....	Heritage Gateway
Hadley King.....	Mountain View High School
Nick Baker.....	Gilbert Classical Academy
Myles Barney.....	Mountain View High School
Grant Lindstrom.....	American Leadership Academy Gilbert North
Danny Derringer.....	Gilbert High School
Noah Benjamin.....	Tolleson High School
Jackson Dee.....	Mountain View High School
Ethan Chavez.....	Mesquite High School
Aaron Eck.....	Gilbert High School
Corwin Ellsworth.....	Mountain View High School
Michael Garcia.....	American Leadership Academy Gilbert North
Lincoln Goff.....	Gilbert High School

BASS

Max Farkas.....	Desert Mountain High School
Reid Johnson.....	Arizona School for the Arts
Andrew Ruden.....	Highland High School
Tyler Davis.....	Mountain View High School
Zachary Livingstone.....	Mountain View High School
Joseph Root.....	American Leadership Academy Gilbert North
Parker Johnson.....	Arizona School for the Arts
Jacob Godard.....	American Leadership Academy Gilbert North
Keeran Van Gelder.....	Highland High School
Davin Williams.....	Desert Ridge High School
Wesley Williams.....	Gilbert High School
Kolton Koller.....	Arizona School for the Arts
Jensen Haws.....	Mountain View High School
Justin Pansing.....	Arizona School for the Arts
Logan Evans.....	Mountain View High School
Gabriel Beltran.....	Mesquite High School
Jaron Monahan.....	Campo Verde High School
Mons Larson.....	Gilbert High School
Carson Bottomley.....	Desert Ridge High School
Addison Cluff.....	Gilbert High School
Fred Theobald.....	American Leadership Academy Gilbert North
Weston Cluff.....	Gilbert High School
Paulo Filimaua.....	Highland High School
David Wittwer.....	Highland High School
Jack Jarrett.....	Mountain View High School
Quinn Stuart.....	Mountain View High School

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Central Region would like to thank Highland High School and its faculty, administration and students for hosting the band, choir and orchestra auditions. Central Region would also like to thank Mountain View High School and its Principal Mike Oliver and Superintendent Andi Furlis for making the facilities available for two days to host the Central Region Festival. We realize that it displaces classes and their support and cooperation is invaluable to the success of this festival.

The Directors and Clinicians would like to thank the parents of these talented students for your encouragement and dedication to the arts in your students' life. Your support through the years has helped create hard working, well-rounded individuals that will one day make our world better.

Parents, Schools and communities that recognize the value of arts education in the 2024-25 school year and beyond should ensure that: Arts education programs continue to be funded. Curriculum and scheduling designed to address "learning loss" includes the arts. Resources that are critical to an arts program's success should always be available. Arts classes are offered across all areas and appropriately scheduled. Arts educators continue to be employed and teach in the discipline for which they were trained. Facilities built and furnished for arts-based activities be used for that purpose.

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Debora Crandall, Tabulator

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Jennifer Jarrett, Soprano solo
Tess Birch, Alto solo
Joey Johnston, Tenor solo
Marcus Denton, Bass solo
Judith Durocher, Sightreading
Mackenzie Mills, Sightreading
Emali Mollenhauer, Sightreading
Julie Ann Nichols, Sightreading
Allie Fardelos, Sightreading
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John Snyder, Sightreading
Jennifer Paz, Sightreading
Janelle Neumann, Tabulator

CENTRAL REGION AUDITION TEAM

Band

Michelle Stopler, Flute/Piccolo
Calle Thuneman, Double Reed, Bass
Clarinet
Caitlin Poupard, Clarinet
Amanda Buckley, Alto Saxophone
Kathy Baldwin, Tenor and Bari
Saxophone
Gage Ellis, Trumpet
Trenton Bender, French Horn
Steven Brazier, Trombone
Kevin Bock, Euphonium and Tuba
Ian Grzyb, Percussion
Kevin Bennett, Tabulator

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High School
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PURPOSES OF THE ARIZONA FESTIVAL OF PERFORMANCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL MUSICIANS

The Arizona Music Educators Association, Inc. is comprised of over 1700 music educators who provide instruction at all levels of the Arizona educational system, and students who are enrolled in music teacher preparation programs in the state colleges. Through its choral and instrumental constituent organizations, AMEA annually sponsors the regional and state festivals of performance for musically talented high school students. These festivals serve the following educational purposes:

- to recognize skill in instrumental and vocal performance.
- to encourage further development of outstanding musicianship.
- to provide a performance opportunity to the state's future music leaders that is otherwise not available at the high school level.
- to emphasize with school administrators and the public at large the importance of music as a part of a well-rounded education of Arizona students.
- to establish for the youth of Arizona special performance opportunities comparable to those available to young people in any of the other 49 states.
- to bring nationally recognized conductors to instruct, inspire, and evaluate the accomplishments of students the Arizona high schools.
- to maintain and raise the level of musical performance at the high school level.
- to make available a unique in-service education opportunity for Arizona music educators.

IN APPRECIATION...

We, the directors and music teachers want to thank you for your support of our music programs by attending concerts and encouraging your children to strive for music excellence. We hope our efforts produce life-long musicians and/or music appreciation, positive character traits, and good citizens. You play an important part. You can help our effectiveness by encouragement in the home, influencing other parents, and informing principals, administrators, and district superintendents of your appreciation and the importance of the music programs in your schools. If you don't let them know about the positive aspects, they may assume nothing is going on. The administration may consider cutting a worthwhile music program. Again, thanks for your children and your support.

Your Music Teachers and Directors

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE FESTIVAL

Approval for the All-Region Festival of Performance for High School Musicians is given by the Arizona Music Educators Association, Inc.

The All-Region Festivals have been initiated in an attempt to involve more students in festival activities. Students completing the Regional Festivals will qualify to audition for the All-State Festival.

Students are auditioned for participation by teams of specialists selected from members of the Choral and Instrumental sections of AMEA. These auditions emphasize not only performance ability but overall musicianship as well. Any choral or instrumental music teacher unfamiliar with the content and procedures used for these auditions is invited to attend and participate in the AMEA planning sessions.

The festival must be self-supporting but is not intended as a money-making event. Any deficit is underwritten and absorbed by the AMEA.

The Arizona Music Educators Association welcomes constructive suggestions for improving the Festivals of Performance for High School Musicians. Such Suggestions should be in writing and may be sent to the AMEA president or the vice-president in charge of the choral or instrumental section of AMEA.