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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Rachelle Randeem*

What a spectacular school year this has been! What growth has been seen in choral programs throughout the SoCal region, and within the SCVA events that we have had the honor of providing for you and your students. I am honored to be working with such outstanding colleagues on the SCVA Board. They are truly remarkable people. Please join me in celebrating the happenings of 2018-2019!

- SCVA has an active membership of 480!
- SCVA sponsors the inaugural regional Vocal Jazz / Contemporary A Cappella Honor Choir AND they win the coveted Downbeat Student Music Award!
- The innovative Close Harmony Festival (TB Edition) provided 175 TB singers an opportunity to shine!
- JumpStart!, in its first year, focused on training and mentor support for 24 novice and aspiring choral educators throughout their school year.
- Our Fall In-Service providing training to 20% of our membership!
- The High School Honor Choir event in November was life-giving and inspiring to all involved!
- 16 groups shared in the Vocal Jazz / A cappella Festival!
- 110 students competed in the Vocal Solo Competition!
- SCVA Jr. High Honor Choir provided 78 young choral singers with a spectacular experience!
- You hosted or participated in 60 choral festivals (21 of them included sightreading!) serving 15,823 choral musicians!
- ShowChoir Spectacular provided 22 show choir groups an opportunity to shine!
- Summer Chats continue to provide opportunities for us to build support and community during our break.

We celebrate our growth for the past year! And then it's time to look forward! How can we ensure the upcoming year goes more smoothly to create space for further growth in the choral musicians we serve? Wise instructional planning and administration of events always serves us well. Join me in considering completing these items before your school year ends...

- Choose an organizational & communication tool/program.
- Obtain all the important dates from the necessary calendars: (district, school, community and personal – how about planning those mental health trips ahead of time?!).
- Schedule your concerts/performances.
- Decide on and schedule your fundraisers.
- Decide on and plan your tour / trip. Maybe even pay more than the minimum before school ends!
- Invite your qualifying vocalists to honor choir auditions so they can prepare during the summer months.
- Decide on and schedule your regional area festivals / competitions.
- Decide on and schedule your community performances.
- Develop your Music Theory / Sightreading Scope & Sequence.
- Develop & schedule your vocal assessments.
- Schedule your 2020-21 auditions! Seriously...just put them on the calendar...just for fun.
- Spend your summer months recharging and choosing space for your creativity and innovation!

**Thank you for an amazing year, and wishing you  
a beautiful summer.**



# SCVA 2019 Summer Chats

## Monday, June 10, 2019, 4-6 pm

Host - Drew Lewis, [drewlewis1977@gmail.com](mailto:drewlewis1977@gmail.com)

Last Name Brewing

2120 Porterfield Way, Upland, CA 91786

<https://www.lastnamebrewing.com/>

Feel free to have your food delivered, bring a snack/food, grab Food Trucks ), In-n-Out and additional restaurant options are nearby!

## Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 2-5 pm

Host - Rachele Randeem,

[rachele.randeem@cnusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:rachele.randeem@cnusd.k12.ca.us)

35960 Rancho California Road, Temecula, CA 92591

<http://www.wilsoncreekwinery.com/>

Bring cheese / crackers to share. We will meet in the seating area across the bridge in the grassy area with tables.

## Tuesday, June 26, 2019, 4-6 pm

Host - Matt Netto, [matthew\\_netto@jUSD.k12.ca.us](mailto:matthew_netto@jUSD.k12.ca.us)

Twisted Vine

127 W Commonwealth Ave, Fullerton, CA 92832

Topic: Year-end wrap up.

Your first drink is on Matt!

<http://www.twistedvinewines.com/>

## Monday, July 8, 4:30-6:30 pm

Host - Bethany Encina, [bethany.encina@cjuhsd.net](mailto:bethany.encina@cjuhsd.net)

Punch Bowl Social - Victoria Gardens

12635 N Mainstreet, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739

<https://www.punchbowlsocial.com/location/rancho-cucamonga>

## Tuesday, July 9, 4:30-6:30 pm

Host - Rachele Randeem,

[rachele.randeem@cnusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:rachele.randeem@cnusd.k12.ca.us)

The Hangout

901 Ocean Ave, Seal Beach, CA 90740

<https://www.thehangoutrestaurant.com/>

## Wednesday, July 10, 2019, 4-6 pm

Host - Molly Peters, [mepeters79@gmail.com](mailto:mepeters79@gmail.com)

The Yardhouse

300 E Colorado Blvd #220, Pasadena, CA 91101

<https://www.yardhouse.com/locations/ca/pasadena/pasadena-paseo-colorado/8307>

## Friday, July 26, 2018, 4-6 pm

Host - Tina Peterson [tgpeterson@mac.com](mailto:tgpeterson@mac.com)

The Lazy Dog

13290 Jamboree Road

Irvine, CA 92602

<https://www.lazydogrestaurants.com/location/Irvine>

Be sure to [register](#) under the [Summer Chat](#) event page at [www.scvachoral.org](http://www.scvachoral.org).

Space is limited to six individuals at each chat this summer!

## Festival Season of Love

*Nancy Ludwig and Melva Morrison, VP Festivals*

Sometimes the best way to express something is through song...even cheesy lyrics....my apologies in advance, but we've had a major success this year thanks to your involvement and participation in SCVA festivals. There is no adequate way to say it, so here we go:

(Sung to the tune of "Seasons of Love")

Cue Piano Intro....wait for it....

15, 823 Singers!!!  
That's how many students came to Festivals this year!  
15, 823 Singers,  
How do you measure, measure a year?

In moments, with students  
Rehearsals, and lots of coffee  
Busses, and uniforms  
Both laughter and strife

With 15, 823 Singers,  
That almost brings me, brings me to tears!

How about.....SONG!!!  
How about.....SONG!!!  
How about.....SONG!!!  
Measure with JOY.....

What amazing choral directors we have in Southern California!!! This is not possible without all these groups of people:

**Hosts** Without you all there would be no festivals to bring our students to. Your volunteerism is valued and appreciated. Thank you for giving of your time and talents.

**Adjudicators** We all need and value your expertise. Having two extra sets of expert ears to guide us and our students to improvement is the best assessment we could ask for. Thank you so much!!!

**Directors** Thank you so much for taking your students to festivals. It is such a valuable experience for you and your students, and it is an important advocacy tool for our administrators. (You know, unless they see a trophy or a plaque it's not valid). We truly hope you and your students had a rewarding experience at festival this year, and that you have felt supported by SCVA.



## 2019 SCVA VJCA Festival!

*Christine Tavares-Mocha, Vocal Jazz and Contemporary Acapella*

The March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 SCVA VJCA Festival was a huge success! Thank you to Moore Middle School, Rancho Mirage High School, Bellflower High School, University High School Charter, Rio Norte Junior High School, Woodbridge H.S., Valencia H.S., McAuliffe Middle School, Westlake High School, Los Osos High School, Saugus High School, Granada Hills Charter, Canyon High School, Simi Valley High School, Verdugo Hills HS, and Santa Susana H.S!



### Future Dates:

August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019: Long Beach Vocal Jazz Academy. SCVA Rep Christine Tavares-Mocha will host a learning/reading VJCA session and discussion with teachers. LBVJAcademy is led by Christine Guter and Matt Falker. More info, visit <https://matfalmusic.com/lbvja>

Mid August, 2019: SCVA VJCA Honor Choir Auditions Open. Director Christine Guter

March 12, 2020: Save the Date for the SCVA VJCA Festival







# Jr High Honor Choir

## Saturday, April 13, 2019

**Congratulations to the vocalists and choral directors who participated in the 2019 Jr. High Honor Choir! It was such a pleasure working as your Jr. High Honor Choir VP!**

~Rhonda Bauer

### Special Thanks to:

Dr. Kellori Dower, Director

Christopher Luthi, Collaborative Pianist

Tina Peterson, Director, Irvine Singers, Irvine HS

Jared Pugh, San Dimas High School, Honor Choir Manager & Administrative Director

Adrian Rangel-Sanchez | Amanda Benevides | Theresa Thomasulo | Kristen Walton | Matt Netto | Laura Pradhan | Michael Fenton | Bethany Encina

## Vocal Solo and Small Ensemble Competition Concert of Finalists

The 2018-2019 SCVA Charles Hirt-Howard Swan Memorial Vocal Solo and Small Ensemble Competition was held on Saturday, March 9 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, in Granada Hills, California. Once again, our adjudicators had the opportunity to hear over one hundred vocalists during the preliminary rounds and accepted forty-five participants to compete in the finals. These students are now eligible to compete at the CMEA State Vocal Competition. Wish them luck!

Please look for the 2019-2020 Vocal Solo & Small Ensemble announcements in our upcoming SCVA September newsletter. Get involved! Encourage your students to take part in a fantastic performance opportunity! Host a preliminary site and have your students attend a professional master class.

### Congratulations to the Following Students

#### Junior High School Division

\* Talia Isaacs, 1<sup>st</sup> Place\*  
Medea Creek Middle School

#### High School Classical Division

\* Joshua Evans, 1<sup>st</sup> Place\*  
Bonita High school

\* Rachel Lamell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place\*  
Santa Monica High School

\* Pearl Vaynman, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place\*  
Santa Monica High School

#### High School Musical Theatre & Vocal Jazz Division

\* Tyler Serrano, 1<sup>st</sup> Place\*  
Marina High School

\* Kelsey Cauldren, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place\*  
Citrus Valley High School

\* Sam Avila, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place\*  
Providence High School

#### Special Thanks to our Site Hosts

John Sargent, Newbury Park High School

Scott Hedgecock, Fullerton Union High School  
Academy of the Arts

Marisa Rawlins-Bradfield, Providence High School

Tina Peterson, Irvine High School

Kelley Squires, Rancho Cucamonga High School



#### Schools, Directors and Voice Studios represented in the Concert of Finalists

Beckman High School, Nancy Stuck  
The Bishop's School, Christine Micu  
Carol Tingle Voice Studio  
Citrus High School, Kimberly Anaya  
Del Norte High School, Zachary Rhines  
Desiree LaVertu Voice Studio  
Excelsior Charter School, Sandy Shooter  
Fullerton Union High School Academy of the Arts, Scott Hedgecock  
Huntington Middle School, Derek Jamieson  
Irvine High School, Tine Peterson  
Kate Feld Voice Studio  
La Reina Middle and High School, Heidi Vass  
Los Osos High School, Bethany Encina  
Marina High School, Eric Graham  
Marisa Rawlins Vocal Studio  
Mc Fadden Intermediate, Greg Ellis  
Mission Viejo High School, Sarah Norris  
Medea Creek Middle School, Elana Levine  
Newbury Park High School, John Sargent  
Oaks Christian School, Edward Rouse  
Orange County High School of the Arts, Sarah Drabant  
Providence High School, Marisa Bradfield  
Santa Monica High School, Jeffe Huls  
Santiago High School, Karen Garrett  
Tammy Flanders Voice Studio  
Top Billing Entertainment School of Music, Kristina Joy Ivy  
Valencia High School, Megan Arthurton





## CMEA State Choral Festival 2018 Wrap-Up

*Nancy Ludwig, CMEA State Choral Festival  
Coordinator*



The 2019 CMEA State Choral Festival took place on Wednesday March 20. It was hosted by the Musco Center for the Arts at Chapman University located at One University Drive, Orange, CA 92866 ([muscocenter.org](http://muscocenter.org)) (844)-626-8726, and largely sponsored by World Projects. Other sponsors include JW Pepper and Wurrly. Adjudicators Joseph Modica from University of Redlands, Lori Marie Rios from College of the Canyons, and Angel Vázquez-Ramos from CSU San Bernardino were well received and did an outstanding job of continuing the expectation for true excellence at this festival. The ten participating choirs were extremely well prepared, and all represented their respective schools in the most positive way.

Participating choirs came from all over the state, represented middle school and high school choirs, and groups from different sized choral programs and all community types were represented from rural to metropolitan areas. This festival was a true representation of choral excellence, and all choirs and their conductors are to be commended for their outstanding work and dedication to this goal.

CMEA would like to thank the Musco Center for the Arts and Chapman University, as well as the student volunteers from the Fullerton Union High School Tri-M Student Chapter, and the Mountain View High School Choir Council.

### **Middle School Festival Participants**

James Curran Middle School Chorale, Maritza Borja, director  
Ethel Dwyer Middle School Chamber Choir, Neil Reyes, director  
Hughes Middle School Chorale, Steven M. Clausen, director  
Los Cerritos Middle School Men's Ensemble, Janice Hague, director

### **High School Festival Participants**

Troy High School Vocal Ensemble, Mark Henson, director  
Woodbridge High School Chamber Singers, Rob Blaney, director  
Westlake High School Women's Chorale, Amy Rolniak, director  
Hanford High School Chamber Singers, Jennifer McGill, director  
El Diamante High School Chamber Singers, Justin Witt, director  
Mission Viejo High School Chamber Singers, Sarah Norris, director

The 2020 Festival will be held on April 9 at Sonoma State University's Weil Hall! As the school year comes to a close, please keep in mind that any groups who earned a unanimous Superior rating at the CMEA or SCVA festival they attended in spring of the current year are eligible to apply for the state festival in the following year. Copies of adjudication sheets must be submitted along with your application in order for your ensemble to be considered, in addition to a current recording.



# Close Harmony Festival – Tenor/Bass Edition February 9, 2019

*Antone Rodich – Close Harmony Chair*



**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2020 SCVA CLOSE HARMONY FESTIVAL!**

FEBURARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

WEST HIGH SCHOOL, TORRANCE, CA

Here are some pictures that were capture at the 2019 SCVA Close Harmony Festival.

SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!







The annual Show Choir Spectacular Competition was held on April 27, 2019 at the 1300 seat Haugh Auditorium at Citrus College in Glendora, California. This was a full day of competitive show choirs adjudicated by John Wilson, the founder of "Aztec Sing" Show Choir Competition in 1976), Roger Duffer (Riverside Community College retired Director of Choral Studies) and Michael Fenton (Placentia/Yorba Linda Unified School District Choral Music Teacher and Show Choir Director). Overall, the competition went as expected with 21 groups attending from various parts of the Southern California area. I am so grateful for the many volunteers who spent the whole day working to help make this event a success. Teamwork was definitely the "buzz word" of the day!

The following Show Choirs attended: Lexington Junior High "High Velocity", Montebello "Hi-Tones", Eisenhower "Ike Singers", Eisenhower "Ikettes", Mark Keppel "Aztec Singers", Encore "Show Choir", Legacy VAPA "Aurora, The Legacy", Kaiser "Crazy Bohemian Uptown Funky Cats", Duarte "Cantabile", Los Amigos "Surround Sound", Westlake "Premier", Westlake "Treble Makers", Vista del Lago "Vista Voices", Riverside Poly "Riverside Poly Show Choir", Lancaster "Lancaster Show Choir", Canyon Springs "Treble Choir", Redlands East Valley "Sweet Sensations", Brea "Tiffanys", Brea "Spellbound" and Brea "Masquerade".

CONGRATULATIONS to following first place winners: in the Jr. High/Middle School Division - Lexington Middle School "High Velocity"; in the Novice Mixed Division, Eisenhower "Ike Singers"; in the Novice Womens Division – Eisenhower, "Ikettes"; in the Intermediate Mixed Division – ""; in the Intermediate Women's Division - Brea Olinda "Tiffany's"; in the Advanced Women Division – Brea Olinda "Spellbound" and in the Advanced Mixed Division – Brea Olinda "Masquerade. Musicianship Plaques were awarded to Lexington Middle School, Eisenhower and Brea Olinda (2 Division Plaques). Showmanship Plaques were awarded to Lexington Middle School, Eisenhower and Brea Olinda (2 Division Plaques).

A big SCVA thank you to all participating high schools, teachers, choreographers and their fabulous show choirs.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA VOCAL ASSOCIATION

# JumpStart!

2019-2020 Aspiring & Novice Educator Workshops



JumpStart! is designed to encourage and inspire YOU: choral music educators currently in their first five(ish) years of teaching, or in a teacher training program. Our aim is to cover subjects specific to your needs and areas in which you desire to grow within the wonderful season of being a new educator.

August 24 subjects include:

Discipline within the choral classroom | Fundraising | Honor Ensembles Preparing for Festival - Choral Adjudication | Concert Repertoire preparation | Preparing for Festival - Sight Reading Adjudication | Music Theory / Sight Reading Scope & Sequence

January 11 subjects include:

Unwritten Gatekeepers (who to know on your school campus!) | Copyright | Preparing for Festival - Sight Reading Adjudication Part 2 | Grading & Assessment | Building Musicianship | Building choral tone | Teaching Music Theory  
Solo & Vocal/Vocal Jazz Festival | Sound 101 | I'm teaching what??

Register online @ [SCVACHoral.org](http://SCVACHoral.org)

Questions? Please email Rachelle - [rachelle.randeen@cnusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:rachelle.randeen@cnusd.k12.ca.us)

1

SATURDAY

AUGUST 24, 2018

9 am - 1 pm  
Location TBD

2

MENTORSHIP

Work with mentor  
teachers throughout  
the school year!

3

SATURDAY

JANUARY 11, 2019

9 am - 1 pm  
Location TBD



### Collegiality!

Meet other teachers  
in your similar  
situation!



### Share Ideas!

Chat about what  
works for you! Hear  
about what works  
for others!



### Gain Insight!

Professionals will  
share their insights,  
wisdom and  
encouragement

# 2019 Southern Region High School Honor Choir!



## CALLING ALL TALENTED SINGERS!

November 21-23, 2019 at University of Redlands. 3 days of singing, with 270 skilled singers, under the direction of the finest conductors, leading music of the highest caliber!

It is life changing!

**\*\*Singers must be available all days!\*\***

**2019**  
**NOVEMBER 23**

**AUDITION! SING!**

**Sept 21 or  
Sept 28  
At sites all  
over So. Cal**

Sing an Aria in Italian,  
German, or French  
Major & Chromatic  
Scales  
Major and minor triads  
5 Tonal Memories  
Sight Reading Passage

Concert Conducted by:  
SATB - Dr. Joe Miller of  
Westminster Choir College  
TTBB - Dr. Christopher  
Peterson of CSU Fullerton  
SSAA - Prof. Lori Marie  
Rios of College of the  
Canyons

**SEARCH YOUTUBE  
FOR "SCVA SAMPLE  
AUDITION VIDEO"**

**VISIT [WWW.SCVACHORAL.ORG](http://WWW.SCVACHORAL.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION!  
YOUR DIRECTOR MUST BE AN SCVA MEMBER TO AUDITION.**

**TEAR OUT AND POST!**



## **Southern California Vocal Association**

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### **IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES**

High School Honor Choir Online Audition Applications Open	August 20, 2019
Acappella and Vocal Jazz Honor Choir Application Deadline	September 6, 2019
High School Honor Choir Online Audition Applications Close	September 14, 2019
High School Honor Choir Audition Times/Locations Posted Online	September 18, 2019
High School Honor Choir Auditions @ Various Sites	September 21, 2019
SCVA Fall In-Service	September 27, 2019
High School Honor Choir Auditions @ Various Sites	September 28, 2019
High School Honor Choir Audition Results Posted	October 12, 2019
Festival Host Registration Closes	November 1, 2019
Acappella and Vocal Jazz Honor Choir Rehearsal	November 15-16, 2019
Acappella and Vocal Jazz Honor Choir Performance	November 16, 2019
High School Honor Choir Weekend (3 days THIS YEAR!)	November 21-23, 2019
High School Honor Choir Performance	November 23, 2019
CMEA State Choral Festival at Sonoma State University	April 9, 2020
Vocal Jazz & A Cappella Festival/Clinic	March 13, 2020