

**Pinellas County Schools  
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Pinellas County Music Educators Association  
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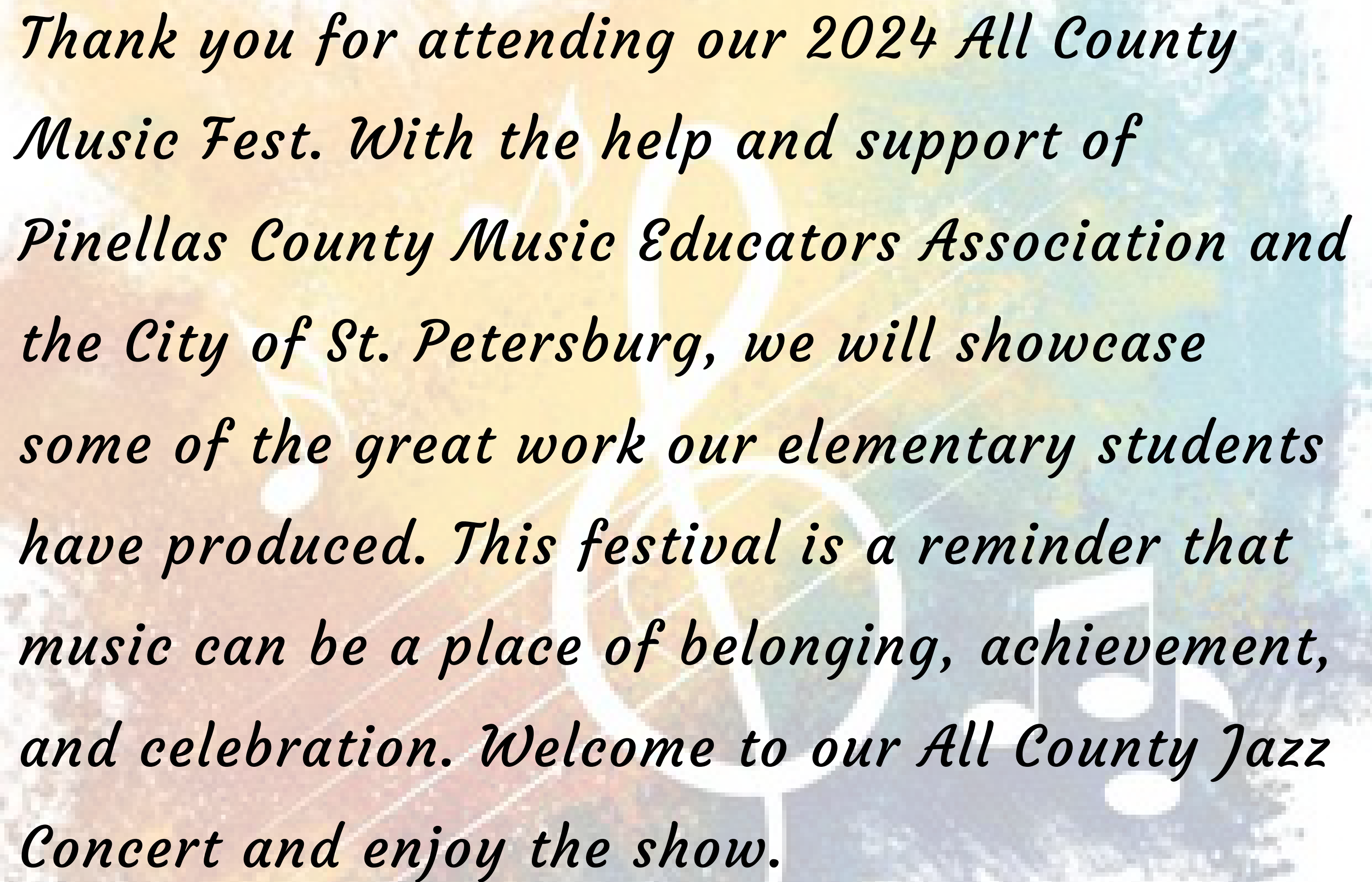


**All County Music Fest  
Frank T. Williams  
All County Jazz Concert**

April 6, 2024

1:00 PM

Largo Cultural Center  
Largo, Florida

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*Thank you for attending our 2024 All County Music Fest. With the help and support of Pinellas County Music Educators Association and the City of St. Petersburg, we will showcase some of the great work our elementary students have produced. This festival is a reminder that music can be a place of belonging, achievement, and celebration. Welcome to our All County Jazz Concert and enjoy the show.*

*- Ajori B. Spencer, Specialist PreK-12 Performing Arts*

# Program

MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ BAND

To be selected from the following:

Flight of the Foo Birds  
Neal Hefti/ Arr. by Peter Blair

Mingus Blues Jam  
The 2024 Pinellas All-County MS Jazz Band

Step Lightly  
Joe Henderson/Arr. Mike Kamuf

Round Midnight  
Williams and Monk/Arr. Rick Hirsch

Stolen Moments  
Olicer Nelson/Arr. Mike Kamuf



# Program

HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND

To be selected from the following:

Boo-Dah  
Billy Strayhorn

Silk Lace  
Duke Ellington

Goodbye Pork Pie Hat  
Charles Mingus/Arr. Sy Johnson

Children of the Night  
Wayne Shorter/Arr. Mark Taylor

Nostalgia in Times Square  
Charles Mingus/Arr. Sy Johnson

Optimism  
Steve Davis



Middle School  
Jazz Band Conductor:  
Dr. Jeffrey Benatar



Dr. Jeffrey Benatar is a Jazz Pianist with a passion for teaching. He is Assistant Professor of Music, Director of Jazz Studies and Coordinator of Music Management, at Florida Southern College. Benatar conducts FSC's big band and combos, leads the Jazz Piano Studio, and teaches Jazz Studies and Music Management courses. Dr. Benatar has performed with Clay Jenkins, Harold Danko, Adam Larson, the Dayton Jazz Orchestra, the Glenn Miller Orchestra and others. He is a versatile musician, conductor, composer, arranger, and improviser who has experience in Jazz, Commercial Music, Wind Ensemble, Studio Orchestra, and Choir.

Benatar's composition "Hank and Joe" for Septet was called "Superb" and "Intense" by JazzTimes Magazine. Benatar received an Institute of Jazz Studies Morroe Berger-Benny Carter Jazz Research Fund Award. His articles have been published in the journals Jazz Education in Research and Practice and Florida Music Director. Dr. Benatar has presented and/or performed at international, national, and regional professional conferences. He has given masterclasses, presentations, and/or recitals at universities across North America.

He received his DMA in Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media from the Eastman School of Music, an MA in Jazz History and Research from Rutgers-Newark, and a BM in Jazz Studies (Piano) Performance from The Ohio State University.



# High School Jazz Band Conductor: Brandon Robertson



Brandon L. Robertson is an EMMY® nominated Music Director, notable Upright/Electric Bassist, Composer, and Music Educator originally from Tampa, FL. He completed his Bachelor of Arts in Music Performance from Florida State University in 2009 and a Master of Music in Jazz Performance in the Spring of 2016.

To add to his impressive resume, Brandon has performed with notable acts such as The World Famous Count Basie Orchestra led by director Scotty Barnhart, Vocalist Carmen Bradford (Singer for The Count Basie Orchestra), Benny Benack III (NYC Jazz Trumpeter/Vocalist), Laila Biali, Jason Marsalis, Marcus Roberts, Marty Morell (Drummer of Pianist Bill Evans: 1968-1974), Vocalist Carla Cook (Grammy Nominee NYC Singer), Dan Miller, Lew Del Gatto, Leroy Jones, Charlie McCoy (International Harmonica Player, Country Hall of Fame), Ray Coussins (Pianist and Former Accompanist for Frank Sinatra), Eric Alexander, Wycliffe Gordon, Greg Tardy, Marcus Printup (Member of the JALC Orchestra), Nick Finzer, June Garber, Halie Loren, Jeremy Davenport, Svetlana Shmuliyan, Benny Benack III, and Kenny Washington. Brandon has also toured 22 countries in Europe traveling from the Mediterranean, up the capitol of Iceland.

Currently, Brandon is the recipient of the John & Dorothy Guigon Endowed Directorship of Jazz Studies at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, FL. He is an honorary member of the Kappa Kappa Psi Mu Upsilon Chapter at Florida Gulf Coast University. In 2018, Brandon was nominated for an EMMY® Award for best documentary for educational collegiate programs featuring the FGCU Jazz Ensemble. Brandon has currently released his first album "Bass'd on A True Story" through Canadian label Slammin Media/Believe Distributions. The album has reached #16 on the iTunes Top 200 Jazz Releases

# 2024 Pinellas All-County Middle School Jazz Band

## Saxophone

Mia Fasso- Thurgood Marshall MS  
Jackson Lehr- Safety Harbor MS  
Evan Taylor- Madeira Beach Fundamental  
Aydin Thorbjornsen- Safety Harbor MS  
Liam Heslin- Madeira Beach Fundamental  
Julian Gaspar- Safety Harbor MS  
Kameron Rowe- Madeira Beach Fundamental

## Trumpet

Connor Mills- Madeira Beach Fundamental  
Daniel Jantac- Tarpon Springs MS  
Hattie Solomon- Tarpon Springs MS  
David Hancock- Dunedin Highland MS  
Micah Pizarro- Thurgood Marshall MS  
Chelsea Howell- Safety Harbor MS

## Trombone

Ethan Fatolitis- Tarpon Springs MS  
Mira Solie- Carwise MS  
Grayson Pierce- Tarpon Springs MS  
Brody Weather- Maderia Beach Fundamental  
Candence Mayer- Maderia Beach Fundamental

## Piano

Ian Thompson- Carwise MS

## Bass

Elijah Garcia Tarpon Springs MS

## Drum Set

Liam Jacobs- Dunedin Highland MS  
Anthony Decosmo- Maderia Beach Fundamental



# 2024 Pinellas All-County High School Jazz Band

## Saxophone

Jack Christian- Gibbs HS  
Dana Fairchild- Tarpon Springs HS  
Kia Garci-a East Lake HS  
Matthew Howard- Tarpon Springs HS  
Abigail Slezak- Tarpon Springs HS  
Isiah Smith- Tarpon Springs HS

## Trumpet

Riley Richardson- Tarpon Springs HS  
Liam Gillespie- Tarpon Springs HS  
Cooper Johnson- Seminole HS  
Brody Beuning- Tarpon Springs HS  
Jordan Bostick- Gibbs HS

## Trombone

Andrew Vandenberg- Tarpon Springs HS  
Emery Pearson- Seminole HS  
Kaylea Griddine- Tarpon Springs HS  
Antonis Avdelas- Tarpon Springs HS  
Grace Huettig- Tarpon Springs HS

## Guitar

Veronica White- Seminole HS

## Piano

Declan Thies- Tarpon Springs HS

## Bass

Maddox Struckhoff- Seminole HS  
Lucas Platt- Tarpon Springs HS

## Drum Set

Grayson Ottens- Tarpon Springs HS  
Landen Slavik- Seminole HS



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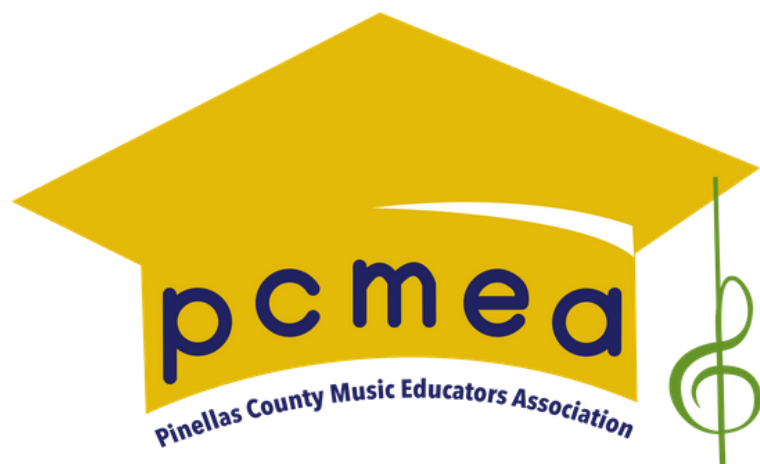
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