Pinellas County Schools and the Pinellas County Music Educators Association present



Frank T. Williams. III All County Jazz Festival

Friday April 21, 2023 Tonne Playhouse Largo, FL

Middle School Jazz Band High School Jazz Band Thank you for attending our 2023 All County
Music Fest. With the help and support of
Pinellas County Music Educators Association, we
will showcase some of the great work our
instrumental students have produced. This
festival is a reminder that music can be a place
of belonging, achievement, and celebration.
Welcome to our All County Band Concert and
enjoy the show.

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

Program

to be selected from

Middle School Jazz Band

Eric Mendez - Conductor

Blackwater Creek	Chris Sharp
Moten Swing	Moten/Stizel
Quiet Nights of Quiet Stars	Jobim/Berry
Signal Drop	Steve Wiest
Watermelon Man	Hancock/Kamuf

High School Jazz Band

J.B. Scott - Conductor

Black Nile	Shorter/Guerra Jr.
Grace	Jones/Nestico
Hoe Down	Oliver Nelson
Lazy Day	Toshiko Akiyoshi
Quietude	Thad Jones
Two Seconds to Midnight	Alan Baycock

Middle School Band Clinician Bio

Eric Mendez- Middle School Jazz Band

Eric Mendez joined the music faculty of the Geneva School in the fall of 2022. His duties will include launching the new Dialectic beginning band and leading a drum line for the Rhetoric School.

He is a product of Orange County Public Schools, attending Conway Junior High, Colonial High School, and Valencia Community College. He received his bachelor's degree in Music Education from Florida State University in 1988. He holds membership in the FBA, NAfME, FMEA, and was certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Mr. Mendez taught middle school band in Central Florida public schools for 34 years, having held positions at Lake Gibson Junior High, Jackson Heights Middle School in Oviedo, Discovery Middle, and finally 22 at Maitland Middle School. Throughout his career, Mr. Mendez's bands received consistent Superior ratings at FBA events. The Maitland Wind Ensemble played to musical standards rarely achieved at the middle school level. The group was chosen to perform a concert hour at the 2010 FMEA convention. In that same year, they also performed at the ASBDA summer convention in Orlando.

Mr. Mendez is an active adjudicator and clinician, serving districts throughout Florida. He has been All-County clinician for Polk, Brevard, Osceola, Lee, Pinellas and Orange counties. Mr. Mendez was also chosen to lead the All-State Middle School Honors Band for 2013. He also serves as a sectional coach and substitute orchestra director with the Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra.

In addition to his duties at Geneva, Mr. Mendez is a devoted husband and father to his wife Angie and his children Zachary, Hannah and Claire, as well as his two grandchildren, Jackson and Isla. He is also active as a leader at Metro-Life Church.

High School Band Clinician Bio

J.B. Scott- High School Jazz Band

J.B. Scott earned his B.A. degree in music as the first graduate of the acclaimed jazz program at the University of North Florida, under the tutelage of the legendary Rich Matteson and faculty members Bunky Green, Dr. Bill Prince, Bruce Silva and Jack Peterson. While in college, Scott performed with several established groups that included the JimmyDorsey Orchestra, was a band member on the 1988 Japan Tour with the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, and performed regularly in the Walt Disney World theme parks. After graduating, he did a three-year stint in New Orleans as the trumpeter and musical director of the world famous Dukes of Dixieland and was featured in the PBS special, "Salute to Jelly Roll Morton." In 1996, Scott earned his M.S. degree in Music Education at Florida International University, where he studied with the legendary trumpeter, Arturo Sandoval.

In addition to his collegiate big band performances, Scott performed professionally with the Mickey Finn Show and numerous Latin bands led by such legendary names as Eddie Palmieri, Paquito D'Rivera and Arturo Sandoval. After teaching for a year in Orlando, Scott returned to the University of North Florida in 1996 to carry on the Rich Matteson old school swing legacy, teaching trumpet, music history courses and to direct the UNF Jazz Ensemble 1, one of the most respected, award winning collegiate big bands in the country. He is currently an associate professor of Jazz Studies at UNF and is a member of International Association of Jazz Educators (serving for six years as the IAJE Florida Secretary) of MENC, and of the Florida Band Masters Association.

Middle School Jazz Band

Saxophone

Jack Christian	Alto 1	Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School
Garrett Schramek	Alto 2	Madeira Beach Fundamental School
Gwendolyn Pope	Tenor 1	Clearwater Fundamental Middle School
Paytin Littrell	Tenor 2	Madeira Beach Fundamental School
Samantha Siegel	Baritone	Madeira Beach Fundamental School

Trumpet

Julia Strzelczynska	Trumpet 1	Tarpon Springs Middle School
Bethany Thomas	Trumpet 2	Madeira Beach Fundamental School
Max Theophilopoulos	Trumpet 3	Clearwater Fundamental Middle School
Daniel Jantac	Trumpet 4	Tarpon Springs Middle School
Keegan Upson	Trumpet 4	Madeira Beach Fundamental School

Trombone

Trombone 1	Tarpon Springs Middle School
Trombone 2	Carwise Middle School
Trombone 3	Palm Harbor Middle School
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Trombone 4	Safety Harbor Middle School
	Trombone 2 Trombone 3 Trombone 3

Rhythm Section

Ian Thompson	Piano	Carwise Middle School
Trevor Wambach	Guitar	Tarpon Springs Middle School
Joseph Rozelle	Bass	Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School
Elijah Garcia	Bass	Tarpon Springs Middle School
Noah Bonnot	Drum Set	Safety Harbor Middle School
Anthony Decosmo	Drum Set	Madeira Beach Fundamental School

High School Jazz Band

Saxophone

Julian Thacker	Alto 1	East Lake High School
Nicholas Ramos	Alto 2	Tarpon Springs High School
Ethan Abercrombie	Tenor 1	Tarpon Springs High School
Gabrielle Sokolowski	Tenor 2	Tarpon Springs High School
Barak Taylor	Baritone	Tarpon Springs High School

Trumpet

Becken Kohler	Trumpet 1	Tarpon Springs High School
Ben Tobin	Trumpet 2/3	East Lake High School
Brandon DeSoto	Trumpet 2/3	Tarpon Springs High School
Riley Richardson	Trumpet 4	Tarpon Springs High School
Liam Gillespie	Trumpet 5	Tarpon Springs High School

Trombone

Sam Mercier	Trombone 1	Palm Harbor High School
Kiera Camarda	Trombone 2	Dunedin High School
Kaylea Griddine	Trombone 3	Tarpon Springs High School
Andrew Vandenberg	Trombone 4	Tarpon Springs High School
Lauryn Taylor	Bass Trombone	Tarpon Springs High School

Rhythm Section

Declan Thies	Piano	Tarpon Springs High School
Lucas Stanard	Guitar	Gibbs High School
Maddox Struckoff	Bass	Seminole High School
Avi Reich	Drum Set	St. Pete High School
Wesley McDaniel	Drum Set	Tarpon Springs High School

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