

A Message From Tim Smith, SSW's Music And Artistic Director

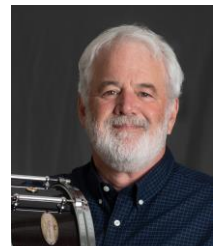
On March 10th we experienced the 1-year anniversary of the last time the members of the Sacramento Symphonic Winds were all together. We had a fantastic dress rehearsal for our "Universe of Sounds" program, which we were scheduled to share with our audience a few days later. None of us could have imagined the course that history would take in the ensuing days, weeks and months – which, for our SSW family, began with the cancellation of our March 2020 concert. There is no need for me to revisit all that has passed since then, as you and I, as well as our families and loved ones have been living it.

El Camino HS, in the San Juan Unified School District, is our host for rehearsals and performances. Recently, the district reached an agreement allowing for a return to in-person learning starting in April. While the district has not released any additional information about the potential opening of facilities to outside groups, we are hoping for a return to rehearsals at the end of August. In anticipation of this, I have already created a calendar of rehearsal and concert dates for our 2021-2022 season – with a plan to start by revisiting and revitalizing the fantastic "A Universe of Sounds" program we were set to perform a year ago! That program will include "Mother Earth Fanfare" by David Maslanka; James Curnow's "Canticle Of The Creatures", a six-movement suite inspired by the writings of Saint Francis of Assisi; "The Seal Lullaby" composed by Eric Whitacre and based on the Rudyard Kipling poem "White Seal"; "Symphonic Suite from 'Star Wars: The Force Awakens' by John Williams; and a Western U.S. premiere performance of John Mackey's "Sheltering Sky" that will be accompanied by the Marc Russo animated film.

I encourage you all to continue to check out SSW web site for updates and join all the SSW family in our optimism about a return to making music together and sharing the gift of music with our wonderful audience members and supporters.

MUSICIAN IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Mark West joined the percussion section of the Sacramento Symphonic Winds in early 2019. Mark states, "I joined SSW when Carol Kouklis, a current member of band and friend from college, asked me to sit in as a replacement player for one rehearsal. By break time I was hooked and truly fortunate that Tim Smith asked me to return." Mark adds that Fred Lange, lead trumpet in the ensemble, had tried to recruit him a few years before and he now wishes he had listened to him. Mark first performed as a percussionist in a group with Fred nearly fifty years ago. Mark says that "continuing my friendship with Fred has been a real bonus."



Mark is a scientist by training, a winemaker and small business owner (retired) by profession, and a wildlife and portrait photographer by avocation. Mark enjoys most music, and his listening preferences may change wildly throughout the course of the day. As far as the music that SSW chooses to perform, Mark is not very particular. Although, he admits he has been thrilled that most of the works so far have been new to him. When asked what personal satisfaction he gains from being a member of SSW, Mark says he enjoys being challenged as part of the group, working together to perfect the sound, and then performing live in front of an appreciative audience. On a more personal note, Mark states, "I am hoping that 2021 will cut down on my 'alone time' with my camera and see us all back together making music again."

SSW Receives Donation From AmazonSmile!

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Tim Smith/French Horn - Music & Artistic Director

Emeritus Professor of Music



SVSBA Mission

It is the mission of the Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Association (SVSBA) to support symphonic band music education and performance in the greater Sacramento area. In particular, the SVSBA supports community bands and other affiliated musical ensembles, providing an opportunity for musicians to continue their musical education and experiences.

The SVSBA encourages all member bands and individuals to join the Association of Concert Bands. Read more at www.acbands.org for a listing of ACB benefits.

About SVSBA

- Sponsors an annual symphonic band festival in Carmichael.
- Provides money to support community concert needs.
- Provides scholarships for private lessons to needy students.
- Sponsors an annual youth solo artist scholarship.

The Sacramento Symphonic Winds are proud to be a member ensemble of the Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Association

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