



NEWS AND UPDATES

2020/2021 Season Update

At this point in time, the San Juan Unified School District (which includes the SSW rehearsal and performance site on the campus of El Camino High School) is not permitting outside groups to utilize campus facilities. It is anticipated that SSW will resume a regular rehearsal and performance schedule commencing in the Fall of 2021.

The initial community shutdown due to COVID19 occurred just as SSW was preparing to perform their "Universe of Sounds" program on March 15, 2020. Depending on when SSW does return to a regular rehearsal schedule, a proposed plan is in place to perform this concert in the Fall of 2021. A detailed listing of all performance programs and dates for the SSW 2021/2022 season will be made public as soon as possible.

It has been a long and difficult period for the musicians of the Sacramento Symphonic Winds to not meet and enjoy the social, physical, and mental benefits of creating live music. We very much look forward to meeting again with the goal of presenting wonderful wind band literature to our local community.

SSW SEEKS SUCCESSOR TO MUSIC / ARTISTIC DIRECTOR TIM SMITH

Timothy M. Smith, who assumed the position of Music and Artistic Director of SSW in 2016, has announced his intention to retire from the ensemble at the end of 2020/2021 season. Maestro Smith's credentials include Music Director and conductor of the Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra, founder of the instrumental music program at Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA, and twenty-two year tenure as Professor of Music at California State University, East Bay in Hayward, CA.

From the podium, Tim (as the SSW musicians fondly refer to him) shared a wealth of music appreciation, awareness and professionalism with SSW musicians that resulted in superior performances of extremely high quality wind band literature.

In addition to spending more time with his family, Tim intends to continue his commitment to music education as a guest conductor, adjudicator and clinician.

The new Music/Artistic Director will assume leadership of the ensemble in January of 2022. Questions about the position as well as information for applying can be found on the SSW Website at www.sacwinds.org

Thank You To Those Who Support The Artistic and Educational Goals Of SSW

Do you have questions or comments about SSW? Would you like to be added to our electronic email newsletter and stay informed of performance updates?

Contact Kevin Glaser, SSW President at kzglaser@gmail.com or send us a post card to: The Sacramento Symphonic Winds, PO Box 1503, Carmichael, CA 95609.

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SSW MISSION

Founded in 2002 by Dr. Les Lehr, The Sacramento Symphonic Winds (SSW) is an adult community wind ensemble that performs a wide variety of music from classical and contemporary masterpieces, to popular music. SSW offers local musicians a challenging and rewarding musical experience; generates quality public musical performances for audiences in the greater Sacramento community; and provides educational outreach programs for public schools. SSW is a member of the Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Association, an umbrella agent for SSW that provides tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status.

MUSICIAN IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Fredrick Lange is the principal trumpet player with SSW. He began playing the trumpet in a K-12 program in San Mateo, CA and earned his bachelors and masters degrees at UC Davis. His career spanned 36 years teaching at three private schools in Woodland and Davis, and as Director of Bands at Davis High School where he taught for 26 years. During his tenure, his bands received numerous honors, including performances at the Western International Band Clinic in Oregon, and the famed Monterey Jazz Festival. He retired from teaching in 2012. Throughout his adult life he has continued to perform on the trumpet as a member of the Davis Brass Ensemble, California Wind Orchestra, and his brass quintet BRASSY! He joined the Sacramento Symphonic Winds in the Fall of 2012 and has enjoyed the exceptional musical experiences this group has provided – not to mention the pleasure he gets from the groups genuine spirit to perform at the highest standards.



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