

2016 –2017 FOLSOM HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM

PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC EDUCATION



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Curtis Gaesser - Director

Two Festivals

- ◆ *Folsom Fall Festival - October 29th, 2016*
- ◆ *Folsom Jazz Festival - January 28th, 2017*

Event Fundraising

- ◆ *Crab Feed - November 18th, 2016*
- ◆ *Holiday Festival of the Arts—December 11th 2016*
- ◆ *Wine & Jazz - March 11th, 2017*



**DIRECTOR
CURTIS GAESSER**

Curtis Gaesser has been teaching in the Folsom/Cordova school district since 1984. He has been at Folsom High School since 1987.

He currently teaches Marching Band, 2 Orchestras, Jazz Choir, 3 Jazz Bands, Concert Band, Color Guard, and Drum line. (Grade levels 9-12).

He is Music Director and Worship Team member at Rolling Hills Christian Church from 1998-present.

His Jazz Band I has been awarded 'Best High School Big Band' 12 times from *Downbeat Magazine* since 1993, including the last 8 of the last 10 years in a row. His Jazz Choir I won "Best High School Vocal Jazz Group" 20 times since 1994, including the last 17 years in a row.

Curtis received the Folsom Cordova School District "Teacher of the Year" in 1990 and 2011. He was the 'California State Jazz Educator' of the Year in 2003 from the California Music Educator Association.

In 2008 he was awarded the "Annual National Achievement Award in Jazz Education" by Downbeat Magazine, and the 'Music Achievement Award' by Sacramento News and Review in 2008. The city of Folsom presented him with the 'Man of the Year' award in 2001. The Folsom Chamber of Commerce awarded the most outstanding teacher in the city of Folsom award in 2016. His Jazz Bands and Jazz Choirs have performed throughout Europe 5 times since 1999. He has been involved in numerous recording projects since 1992 and has lived in El Dorado Hills since 1977.



His Jazz Choirs have won "Best Vocal Group" at the Reno Jazz Festival 14 times since 1993.

His Jazz Bands have won "Best Instrumental Ensemble" at the Reno Jazz Festival the last 3 years in a row.

The Folsom Jazz Choir has won the Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival 19 times since 1993.

The Jazz Band has been a finalist (top 3) at the Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival 14 times and own 1st place in 2013.

The Folsom High School Jazz Combo took 1st place at the Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival in 2014 and they were a Finalist at the Mingus Festival in New York City in 2014.

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DOWN BEAT AWARDS

Down Beat magazine, the monthly "Wall Street Journal" of jazz, blues, and roots music has served as the book of record for the jazz world since 1934. For almost 40 years now, Downbeat continues to annually honor the best jazz student groups in the nation from middle school through college. Our Folsom Music high school big band jazz, small combo jazz, jazz choir, and middle school jazz bands have collectively earned over 50 awards in this prestigious national and international forum. FHS Jazz Band I and Jazz Choir I hold the current 2016 titles as the best in the nation!

- ◆ Best High School Vocal Jazz Winner: 1994, 1995, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
- ◆ High School Vocal Outstanding Performance: 2006, 2010
- ◆ Best High School Big Band in the Nation Winner: 1993, 1999, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015
- ◆ High School Band Outstanding Performance: 2010
- ◆ High School Jazz Combo Outstanding Performance: 2012

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR—KELSEY IVERSON

Kelsey Iverson is a Music Director at Folsom High School and Sutter Middle School in Folsom, California. Kelsey is also a product of the Folsom Music Program as a graduate from Folsom High. She performed for four years in the Jazz Band I and Marching Band, as well as being a member of Jazz Choir I and the Symphony. She was a student of Curtis Gaesser and John Zimny.

Kelsey co-teaches Marching Band and Concert Band at Folsom High as well as the String Orchestra. In addition, she is the director for Folsom high's Jazz Choir II. At Sutter Middle School, Kelsey teaches the Intermediate Band, Advanced Band, and Intermediate Orchestra. Kelsey has a degree in Trombone Performance from California State University Sacramento as well as her teaching credential from CSU Sacramento. During her time at Sac State Kelsey performed in the top Jazz Ensemble for four years as well as the Symphony Orchestra.



2015-2016 TOP HONORS

MARCHING BAND:

Napa's Vintage Reserve Marching Band Competition:
2nd in Division; 1st in Brass

Fairfield's Scarlet Brigade Marching Band Festival:
Sweepstakes in General Effect; Sweepstakes in Music; 1st in Class; 2nd in Brass;

Folsom Chamber of Commerce:
Winner of the Best in Show and Remembrance through Music Appreciation Awards at the Veteran's Day Parade



JAZZ BAND I:

Delta Jazz Festival:
1st Place & Sweepstakes Winner – Best band at festival!

Folsom Jazz Festival:
1st Place overall, with the highest scores from all venues (host)
Jazz Education Network, 7th Annual Conference, Louisville, KY, Performer

El Cerrito Jazz Festival:
1st Place & Sweepstakes Winner; Best saxophone and rhythm sections; opened for and performed with John Daversa

59th Annual Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival:
2nd Place overall; earned performance at the Monterey Jazz Festival September 2016 as a Guest Artist; Outstanding solo award to Jedd Wonohadidjojo, guitar

Fullerton Jazz Festival:
1st Place Big Band and highest score at the festival; 1st Place Jazz Combo I

Reno Jazz Festival:
1st Place and Evening Showcase Performer

Downbeat Magazine:
Winner of the Best High School Big Band in the nation



CHAMBER ORCHESTRA:

CMEA State Band and Orchestra Festival:
Gold Medal and unanimous superior rating; performance at Mondavi Performing Arts Center, Davis, CA

JAZZ BAND II:

Delta Jazz Festival:
1st Place in Division

Fullerton Jazz Festival:
1st Place in Division

Reno Jazz Festival:
1st Place in Division



JAZZ CHOIR II:

Folsom Jazz Festival: Superior rating
Columbia Jazz Festival: Superior rating
Santa Cruz Jazz Festival: Superior rating
Fullerton Jazz Festival: 1st Place in Division
Reno Jazz Festival: Superior rating; Outstanding soloist award for Nino Cayabyab for the entire festival!

JAZZ BAND III:

Delta Jazz Festival:
1st Place in Division

Fullerton Jazz Festival:
1st Place in Division

Reno Jazz Festival:
1st Place in Division



ALL STATE:

All-State Honors Concert Band:

Benjamin Barstow, grade 10, Trombone

All-State Honors Symphony Orchestra:

Joel Bickel, grade 10, Bass

All-State Honors Jazz Choir:

Alondra Gonzalez, grade 12, Alto

All-State Honors Concert Band:

Matthew Howell, grade 10, Bass Trombone

All-State Honors Symphonic Band:

William Senechal, grade 12, Bass Trombone

All-State Honors Jazz Choir:

Anders Swanson, grade 10, Baritone/Bass



JAZZ CHOIR I:

Folsom Jazz Festival:
1st Place overall, with the highest prelim scores (host)

Jazz Education Network:
7th Annual Conference, Louisville, KY, Performer

59th Annual Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival:
3rd Place; Outstanding solo award to Nick Brown

Fullerton Jazz Festival:
1st Place in Acapella Division, 2nd Place in advanced Division

Reno Jazz Festival:
1st Place and Sweepstakes; overall winner out of 44 choirs

Downbeat Magazine:
Winner of the Best High School Vocal Jazz Choir in the nation



13th Annual Folsom Fall Festival



MARCHING BAND COMPETITION

Saturday OCT 29TH

Be part of the magic as the region's best marching bands dazzle at Folsom High School's Prairie City Stadium!

Come and enjoy the battle of the bands as the area's top marching bands and color guards compete during this spectacular event. Which school has the best visual effects and theme? Who has the most complex and alluring music?

See for yourself

LOCATION: 1655 IRON POINT RD, FOLSOM CA 95630



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SAXOPHONIST?
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**RESULTS FROM THE 2015
FOLSOM FALL FESTIVAL
DOWNLOAD THEM HERE!**



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A long-standing Folsom tradition that brings together hundreds of community members for a lively evening of:

- ◆ Food—Crab...Crab...and CRAB!
- ◆ Wine—A whole wall of wine!
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Live and Silent Auction

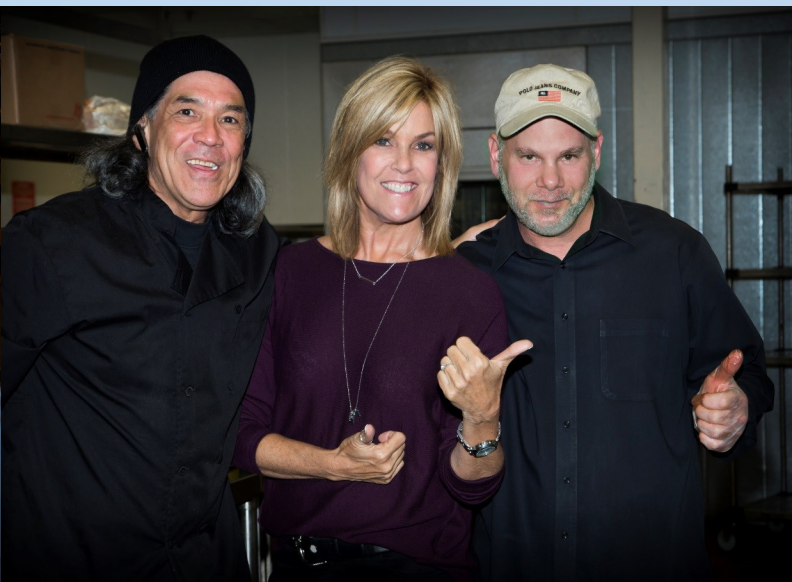


This is the premiere fundraising event of the fall season, attended by hundreds and hundreds of residents from Folsom and the surrounding communities.

Be entertained by Folsom High School's finest singers and players, all the while eating delicious crab, drinking fine wine and craft beer. You'll be surrounded by high-value auction items and world-class people who want to continue the Folsom tradition of exceptional and award-winning music.



CLICK FOR FOOTAGE FROM 2015

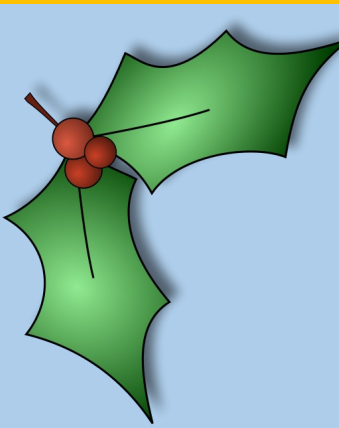


2016 HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS



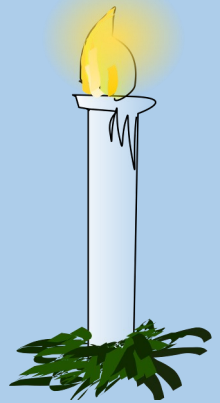
December 11th, 6:30-9:30pm

ROLLING HILLS CHURCH, 800 White Rock Road, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762



Get into the spirit of the season with an evening of Big Band Jazz featuring Folsom High School's:

- ◆ Jazz Band I & Jazz Choir I
- ◆ Chamber Orchestra
- ◆ Trombone Choir
- ◆ Ballet - Hawkins
- ◆ Live Art - Watch murals come alive during the show
- ◆ Several local artists.



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28th ANNUAL FOLSOM JAZZ FESTIVAL

**JANUARY 28th 2017
FOLSOM CALIFORNIA
140 BANDS
7 STAGES
with Special Guest
DAVE PIETRO GROUP**

2 LOCATIONS

Folsom High School - 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, CA 95630

Rolling Hills - 800 White Rock Road, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28th 7:30am—10:30pm



This must-attend Festival is the largest jazz competition in our State!

- An exciting day of entertainment.
- High School Big Bands (3 stages)
- Middle School Big Bands
- Vocal Jazz Choirs
- Jazz Combos (2 stages)
- Main Stage Guest Artists -Dave Pietro Group

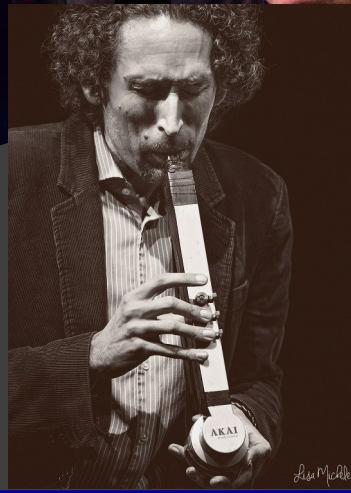


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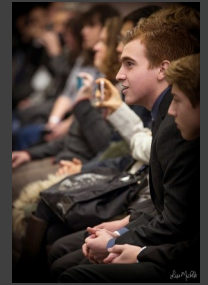




2016 MAIN STAGE PERFORMERS:
JOHN DAVERSA GROUP



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2016 CONCERT**



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2016 GUEST ARTIST AFTERNOON CONCERT - BIG KAHUNA BAND



**The 3 o'clock CHOIR CONCERT
SACRAMENTO STATE UNIVERSITY
JAZZ CHOIR**



**2017 GUEST
ARTISTS LINEUP**

**MAIN STAGE ARTIST:
DAVE PIETRO GROUP**

**AFTERNOON FOLSOM STAGE:
Cal State Sacramento Jazz Band I**

**3 o'clock CHOIR STAGE:
American River College Jazz Choir**

OUR NATIONALLY AWARD-WINNING MUSIC PROGRAM UNDER DIRECTION OF CURTIS GAESSER

- Jazz Choir (2 groups)
- Jazz Big Band (3 groups)
- Jazz Combo
- Concert / Marching Band
- Orchestra

FOLSOM JAZZ CHOIR I



FOLSOM JAZZ BAND I



2014 EVENING CONCERT

**REVIEW 2015
FOLSOM JAZZ
FESTIVAL**

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

This is a great event to be seen at. Don't miss an opportunity to be a sponsor at the largest Jazz Festival in West. Options for sponsorship below (but not limited to):

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 - ⇒ PIANOS
 - ⇒ DRUM KITS
 - ⇒ BASS AMPLIFIERS
 - ⇒ GUITAR AMPLIFIERS
- ◆ STAGE /EVENT NAMING (7 STAGES)
- ◆ TROPHY SPONSORSHIP—PRESENTATION
- ◆ BOOTH SPACE
- ◆ MUSIC CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS (LIMITED)
- ◆ GENERAL ADVERTISING/OTHER

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Saturday, March 11, 2017

5:00-10:00 PM

Folsom Community Center



Need more info?
Email us at wineandjazz@folsommusic.org

Join us for Folsom's premiere wine and cuisine event with entertainment provided by the award-winning Folsom High School jazz bands and choirs, and Sutter and Folsom Middle School jazz bands.

Taste [wines from our local region](#), sample food from local restaurants and browse silent auction tables featuring exciting items to bid on.



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