

# HILLCREST WIND ENSEMBLE

CHRISTIAN TORDAHL, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR  
PRESENTS

# LEGENDS



A concert featuring some of the most accomplished  
20th century and contemporary composers.

Saturday, April 5, 2025, 7 pm  
Linder Hall

First United Methodist Church of San Diego  
2111 Camino del Rio, S.  
San Diego, CA 92108



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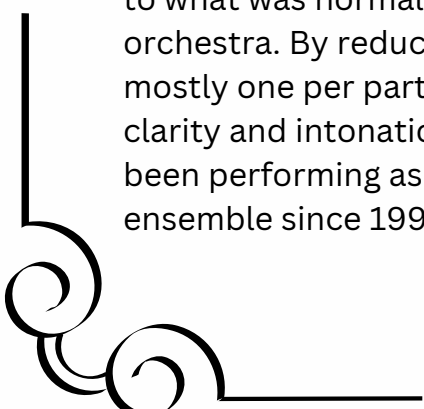
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## About tonight's concert

Hillcrest Wind Ensemble celebrates music of legends old and new, from the vast library of music written for the wind band. All the works performed today, except Galop, were originally composed for band. This evening we hear music that spans the 20th and 21st centuries. We hear from a diverse group of composer legends, from various countries: Russia, England, Norway, and the United States. Some of these works are based on traditional folk melodies, like English Suite by Clare Grundman, Folk Suite for Band by William Grant Still, Sea Songs by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Valdres by Johannes Hanssen. Others are original musical materials, meant to evoke a mood or feeling.

All are well suited to our medium, the wind ensemble, which was an invention of Frederick Fennell at Eastman School of Music in 1952. Fennell standardized the instrumentation of what was previously called a symphonic band, scaling it down to what was normally seen in the wind section of an orchestra. By reducing the number of players to mostly one per part, Fennell allowed for greater clarity and intonation. Hillcrest Wind Ensemble has been performing as San Diego's only community wind ensemble since 1997.





## ***Christian Tordahl, Artistic Director***

Christian is originally from Tappan, New York. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from Bucknell University, and a Master of Music degree in Wind Ensemble and Band Conducting from the University of South Florida where he studied

with Dr. Mallory B. Thompson. Christian has been a music educator since 1989 and is currently Coordinator of Visual and Performing Arts in La Mesa-Spring Valley Schools. Christian received the *Elementary Music Specialist Award* from the California Music Educators Association - Southern Border Section in 2021. He received the state-wide *Peripole General Music Educator Award* from the California Music Educators Association in 2022.

## ***About the Band***



The Hillcrest Wind Ensemble, one of Southern California's finest adult musical programs, celebrates almost 40 years of providing quality musical programs for the greater San Diego community. With the turn of the 21st century, the band has evolved into an elite concert band, playing more advanced music with a new mission to entertain the ideal of diversity within our ranks as well as promoting quality music to all of San Diego. The Hillcrest Wind Ensemble is a self-supporting program, a non-for-profit 501(c)3 organization. We exist on income from concert ticket sales and donations from generous patrons and sponsors like you.



Tonight's Program

***Legends***

Christian Tordahl  
Conductor

ACT I

*Valdres*

**Johannes Hanssen**  
arr Loras John Schissel

*Fascinating Ribbons*

**Joan Tower**  
Donated by Anne Turhollow

*Lux Aurumque*

**Eric Whitacre**

*Legend*

**James Barnes**

*Sea Songs*

**Ralph Vaughan Williams**

INTERMISSION





Tonight's Program, cont.

ACT II

*English Suite*

**Clare Grundman**

1. The Oak and the Ash
2. Barb'ra Allen
3. The Girl I Left Behind Me
4. The British Grenadiers

*Elegy for a Young American*

**Ronald Lo Presti**

*Folk Suite for Band*

**William Grant Still**

1. Get on Board, Little Children
2. Deep River
3. Medley (The Old Ark's a-Moverin' and  
Sinner, Please Don't Let This Harvest Pass)

*Galop*

**Dmitri Shostakovich**

Arr. Donald Hunsberger



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***The Wind Ensemble***  
*Conductor – Christian Tordahl*

***Flute/Piccolo***

Fernando Herrera \*  
Nancy Hupp  
Ken Kahan  
Merrilyn Pope  
Adrienne Prezzano  
Maya Reiter

***Oboe***

Tristan Anderson  
Sarah Minkoff

***Bassoon***

Lori Calabrese  
Miranda Osguthorpe \*

***Bb Clarinet***

Taku Arai  
Sara Baird \*  
Amy Chu  
Patrick McMahon  
Josh Mills  
Richard Robinette  
Nick Robinson  
Dell Schroeder

***Bass Clarinet***

Keith Schooler

***Alto Saxophone***

Robert Castro  
Amin Rahimi

***Tenor***

***Saxophone***

Gary Poirier \*

***Bari Saxophone***

Aaron Mulder

***Horn***

Tina Larson  
Angel Moscosa  
Sandy Petersen \*  
Sanjay Pulver

***Trumpet***

Micaela Connelly  
Nick De La Riva  
Freddie Gonzales  
Hunter Kleinman  
Stephan Lopic

***Trombone***

Cindy Au  
Phil Imming \*  
Pete Riley

***Euphonium***

Liz Cooper  
Briana Wilson

***Tuba***

Andrew Newman  
Brock Seeman

***Timpani***

Ricki Pedersen

***Percussion***

Joseph Cabral  
John Oltmann  
Ricki Pedersen  
Angeli Ryan-Lim  
Mark Serbian

***Mallets***

Angeli Ryan-Lim

*\*Section Leader*





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Amy Chu

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Miranda Osguthorpe

Pamela Simpson

**Silver Club \$100 - \$199**

Jason Blackwell

John Gerard

Josh Mills

Gerard Moreau

TJ O'Donnell

Merrilyn Pope

Dell Schroeder

Anne Turhollow

**Bronze Club \$20 - \$99**

Cynthia Benner

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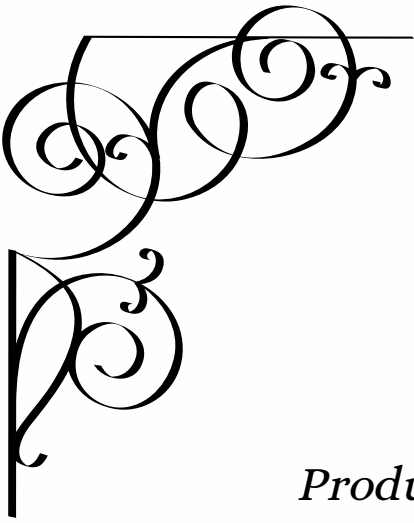
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to give special thanks  
to all of the  
volunteers who  
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tonight's concert  
possible!*

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## *~Upcoming Concerts~*

We will be performing some of our Summer Pops favorites for the Twilight in the Park concert series at Balboa Park on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, and at our Cabaret concert on Saturday June 28, 2025.



**Wednesday, June 18, 2025  
&  
Saturday, June 28, 2025**

Twilight In the Park is a free concert, and will be at the Spreckels Organ Pavillion in Balboa Park, San Diego, CA at 6:30 pm.

Our annual Cabaret concert will be held at Linder Hall, First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio S, San Diego, CA 92108.

Concert starts at 7 pm, tickets are \$25.



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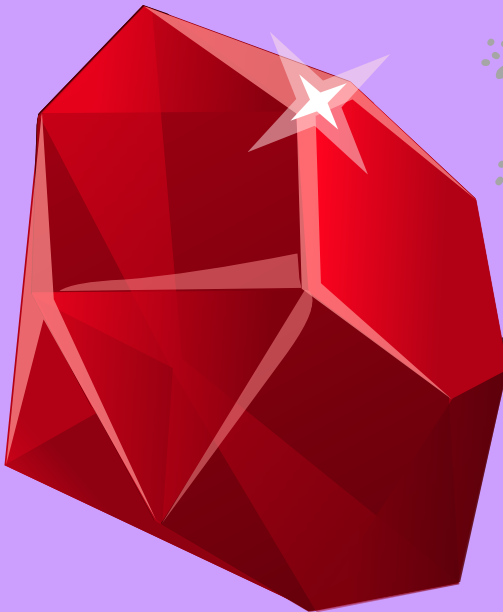
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***Thank you for being our guest this evening!***

# *Save the date!*

Coming December 2025 -  
Hillcrest Wind Ensemble will be  
celebrating our 40th year bringing great  
music to the San Diego community.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to join the  
fun and camaraderie. There will be historical  
memorabilia on display from the beginnings of San  
Diego's Finest City Freedom Band, through the  
transition in becoming Hillcrest Wind Ensemble,  
one of San Diego's premiere adult community  
bands.



**CELEBRATE THE 2025 HOLIDAY SEASON ON  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025**

**at the  
Liberty Station**

*Marriott Hotel*

**with the  
Hillcrest Wind Ensemble  
Christian Tordahl, Artistic Director**

- DISCOUNTED HOTEL ROOMS AVAILABLE FOR GUESTS**
- FREE ADMISSION FOR BAND ALUMNI**
- LIMITED SEATING – SIGN UP FOR ADVANCE RESERVE SEATING AND TICKET SALE NOTIFICATIONS**



***Make plans to join us for the “Ruby” anniversary of the band, reconnect with old friends, and ring in the new year. It will be a night to remember!***



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