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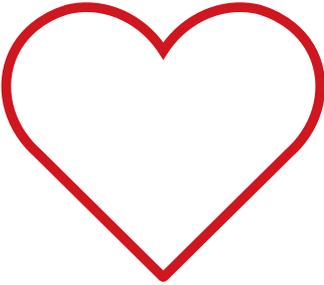


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North edge of the lawn:

- Support your SLO Symphony with the purchase of raffle tickets
- Limited Edition SLO Symphony Merch
- Five Cities Water Systems Water Station

East side of the lawn:

- Complimentary balloon animals & face painting available until intermission
- Character Meet & Greets
- Selfie Booth
- Central Coast Pizza Trolley, G Brothers Kettle Corn, and Lidos Food Trucks
- Instrument Petting Zoo
- Honey Hut Restrooms

South side of the lawn:

- Wine, beer, cocktails, and soft drinks

West side of the lawn:

- Accesible entrance
- First Aid Station



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PROGRAM

Rózsa	Overture from Ben-Hur
Abels	Nope Suite
Badelt	Pirates of the Caribbean The Curse of the Black Pearl Medley
Steiner	Casablanca Suite
Williams	Star Wars Through the Years

Intermission

Sousa	The Stars and Stripes Forever Guest Conductor Finnegan Lewis
Shore	Highlights from The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring
Williams	Harry Potter Symphonic Suite
Lunn	Downton Abbey Suite
Custer (Arr.)	Themes from 007
Ford (Arr.)	Suite from Video Games Live (Featuring Music from Halo, Civilization IV, Bounty Hunter and Kingdom Hearts)
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All proceeds from raffle sales support the SLO Symphony. Tickets may be purchased from a volunteer or at the merchandise tent. Ticket sales will end when the SLO Symphony begins to play "The Stars and Stripes Forever." Raffle winners will be announced in the second half. Must be present to win.

RAFFLE

1 ticket for \$5 | 5 tickets for \$20



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Raffle Package #1 – Coastal Escape

- Cliffs Hotel & Spa – Pool Day for 2 (full use of pool & hot tub, 2 welcome drinks, valet parking)
- Vespera Resort on Pismo Beach – 1 night stay in an Ocean View room
- Talley Vineyards - 2 complimentary tastings
- Ambiance Boutique – \$50 gift card, candle, and Ambiance tumbler
- Chapman Estate Foundation’s 10th Annual Fundraiser – 2 tickets for this September 20th event
- Cal Poly Sports Tickets – Four (4) passes to three (3) different sports
 - Four (4) tickets to a Cal Poly 2026 Baseball Game
 - Four (4) tickets to a Cal Poly 2026 Football Game
 - Four (4) tickets to a Cal Poly 2025-26 Women’s Basketball Game



Enter to Win

Raffle Package #2 - Wine Country Weekend

- Paso Robles Inn – One night stay in a garden king room
- Linne Calodo – Wine
- Midnight Cellars – Barrel tasting for 4
- Tasting for 2 at Justin Winery
- Tasting for 2 at Hope on Park, the Creative Space
- Sensorio tickets for 2
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 - Four (4) tickets to a Cal Poly 2025 Volleyball Match
 - Four (4) tickets to a Cal Poly 2025-26 Men's Basketball Game
 - Four (4) tickets to a Cal Poly 2025-26 Wrestling Match



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Raffle Package #3 - Arts & Adventures

- Avila Lighthouse Suites – One night stay in deluxe accommodations
- Tasting for 2 at Sinor LaValle
- McPrice Myers – M Cab wine and 2 tastings
- SLO Symphony – 4 tickets to Classics II, California Dreamin', Saturday, November 8, 2025
- Avila Golf Resort - a round of golf Cal Poly Sports Tickets – 4 passes to four different sports
- Cal Poly Sports Tickets – Four (4) passes to three (3) different sports events
 - Four (4) tickets to a Cal Poly 2025 Men's Soccer Match (excludes Match vs. UCSB)
 - Four (4) tickets to a Cal Poly 2025 Women's Soccer Match
 - Four (4) tickets to a Cal Poly 2026 Softball Game



ANDREW SEWELL, MUSIC DIRECTOR



Maestro Andrew Sewell begins his ninth season as music director of the San Luis Obispo Symphony and twenty-sixth season with the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra, having had long tenures with the Wichita, Toledo and Mansfield, Ohio Symphonies.

Known for his innovative programming and knack for discovering new talent, Sewell is a highly skilled orchestra builder with a wide knowledge and range of repertoire. In demand as a guest conductor, he has led the Toronto, Detroit, Milwaukee, Columbus, Syracuse, Illinois, Monterey, Gulf Coast and Eugene Symphony Orchestras, as well as the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, Auckland Philharmonia, Christchurch Symphony, National Symphony of Mexico, Kyushu Symphony (Japan), City Chamber Orchestra of Hong Kong, OK Mozart Festival, WI Peninsula Music Festival and Masterworks Festivals in the US and London.

A native of New Zealand, Maestro Sewell received his music training on the violin, piano and cornet, and began conducting at age 16. Six years later, he made his professional opera debut with the Mercury Opera and the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra. Winning the Australian Guarantee Corporation's Young Achiever's Award allowed him to further his studies abroad. Sewell holds a Master of Music degree with Honors in Conducting from the University of Michigan.

Sewell was the first recipient of the NZ Aotea Performing Arts "Star" Award. In 2017, he was awarded the Service to Music Award from the Association of Wisconsin Symphony Orchestras and in 2013, the Rabin Arts Youth Award for Individual Achievement, by the Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra, for his services to youth and education.

While not conducting, he enjoys cycling and other outdoor pursuits and visiting family in New Zealand. He and his wife, Mary have three grown children and reside in Madison, Wisconsin.

Andrew looks forward to welcoming you to our Classics Season on Sunday, October 5th. Thank you to our Music Director sponsor, The Foulke Correa Foundation.



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CHRISTOPHER J. WOODRUFF, GUEST CONDUCTOR



Christopher J. Woodruff joined the music community of San Luis Obispo in 2006 and serves as Director of Bands at Cal Poly. In addition to his responsibilities with the concert and athletic bands, he teaches courses in music theory and instrumental pedagogy.

He also maintains an active schedule as a trumpeter for Central Coast performing arts groups as well as for summer festivals in Ireland and Austria. He recently performed as guest soloist with the San Luis Obispo Wind Orchestra.

Woodruff pursued music study at Boston Symphony Orchestra's Tanglewood Music Center, Louisiana State University and Northwestern University. While in Chicago, Woodruff served conducting appointments with the Spring Valley Concert Band and the Northshore Chamber Orchestra.

He maintains a busy schedule of guest conducting and as a clinician for honor bands and all-state groups. Locally, he has served as an associate or guest conductor for SLO Symphony, San Luis Chamber Orchestra, San Luis Obispo Wind Orchestra and Paso Pops Orchestra. In 2023, he was appointed conductor of the San Luis Obispo Youth Symphony Concert Orchestra. He is thrilled to serve as conductor for this year's Pops by the Sea!



MARISA WADDELL, EMCEE



“As director of programming and content, Marisa Waddell coordinates the radio programming on KCBX and KCBX HD2 and leads efforts to develop content on the KCBX website and other digital platforms. She manages the KCBX on-air staff, volunteer program hosts, and contributors.

Marisa spearheaded the formation of KCBX News and managed the newsroom staff from 2014 to 2024. Marisa also hosts the Americana music program The Road Home, (Thurs. 6:30-8:00 p.m.) and contributes interviews and stories to the weekly KCBX radio magazine Issues and Ideas and to KCBX News.

Marisa has played a vital role in the success of KCBX's Live Oak Music Festival since 1992 as a member of — and then chair — of the Booking and Programming Committee, assembling outstanding lineups of musical acts that have delighted and surprised audiences. She has been the artistic director of Live Oak since 2017.

Marisa is a longtime fan of the SLO Symphony. She played bassoon and electric bass in school and has played hand percussion for fun for many years.

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Violin 1

Emily Lanzone #
Xander Abbe &
Grace Seng
Celeste Peña
Junia Work
Eva Werner
Sabine Vener
Kai Rushworth

Violin 2

Timothy Shanks **
Tanya Streder
Valarie Koos
Ingrid Kovacs
Hanna Thompson
Sonya Lanzen Castellanos
Leanna Marchell
Ginette Reitz

Viola

Karen Loewi Jones**
Kim Wilkins
Andrew Goo
Laura Jesson
Peter Liepman
Joseph Shanks

Cello

Lyubov Solovyova **
Titus Shanks
Sarah Ward
Logan Hodgson
Elijah Shanks
Gavin Koon

Bass

Ken Hustad **
Ed Harris
Brian Slack
Aidan Neuman

Flute

Marley Eder
Alicia Kim

Flute/Piccolo

Nancy Smee

Oboe

Jessica Hoffman
Heidi Butterfield-Yi

Concertmaster
& Assistant Concertmaster
**Principal Player



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Clarinet

Richard Dobeck **
Joshua Phillips

Bass Clarinet

Shannon McNeely

Bassoon

Paul Curtis **
Emelia Banninger

French Horn

Jennifer Galvan **
Jason Beaumont
Allen Smithson
Larisa Vredevoe
Andrew Arensman

Trumpet

Devin Henderson **
Rich Ward
Al Streder

Trombone

Michael Dolin **
Michael Johnson

Bass Trombone

Stephen Hughes

Tuba

Stephen Nutt **

Timpani

John Astaire **

Percussion

Marshall Granger **
Brandon Webb
Gena Laird
Ray Ayala
Vaughn Kaser

Harp

Catherine Litaker **

Piano

Susan Davies **

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FINNEGAN LEWIS, YOUTH CONDUCTOR

A longtime tradition at Pops by the Sea, each year the SLO Symphony honors a community member by inviting them to conduct “The Stars and Stripes Forever.” This year, we invited the Central Coast to nominate a young person deserving of the honor. After reviewing many inspiring nominations, a volunteer committee selected Finnegan Lewis, 18, of Los Osos, California:



Finn Lewis is a fan of the SLO Symphony. For the past two years, he has been attending concerts as a season subscriber, and is equally captivated by the music and the conductor, often expressing a dream of one day conducting the symphony himself.

At Morro Bay High School, Finn played the drum in the marching band. Finn has always shown full commitment—marching in every football game, staying for the entire event, and offering encouragement to his fellow band members.

Finn's love for the performing arts extends beyond the symphony and marching band. He has been an active participant in school plays throughout middle and high school. He is a reliable source of support for his cast mates. In addition, he is a dedicated patron of local community theater, regularly attending

SLO Rep, PCPA, and the Great American Melodrama. An anonymous member of the community submitted Finn's nomination for this honor, and they said this about him: "It has never mattered to Finn, or his peers, that he needs extra support to participate. Finn marched out with the band for every football game, sat in the bleachers for the full game, and supported his peers whenever he could." Finnegan Lewis, an ambassador for the performing arts, will conduct the SLO Symphony performing "The Stars and Stripes Forever."



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Steven Moeckel, violin

March 7, 2026 Classical Hits

May 2, 2026 Mystique and Wonder
Ilya Yakushev, piano

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