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Carlmont Instrumental Music News

A standing ovation for our student musician volunteers! More than 150 Carlmont musicians and students helped make this year's **Save the Music** Festival the most successful ever. They helped with everything from running children's games and crafts of all kinds, to selling tickets and root beer floats, to being assistant stage managers and roadies, and even helped with the hard work of set up and tear down.

Approximately 150 more Carlmont students performed in the Carlmont Jazz Ensemble, the Carlmont/Ralston Combined Chorus, the Carlmont Dancers, the Carlmont Drum Line, and the Belmont Horns, who performed with both *The Sun Kings* and *MG & the Booker Ts*.

The **Save the Music** Festival attracted the largest audience in its history, and many attendees have confirmed that it was the best Save the Music Festival yet! The Festival simply could not be as enjoyable and successful without the tremendous support of the students, faculty, and parents of the Carlmont Performing Arts programs.

But that's not all...Many Carlmont students also volunteer to help beginning musicians through the after-school *Music Mentors* program.

In total, about 75 Instrumental Music students will begin visiting the 6 Belmont-Redwood Shores elementary schools each week, starting around mid-November. They work with approx. 225 4th and 5th grade students, helping them learn and practice. In many cases, the mentors are "returning the favor," since they benefited from this program when first picking up their own instruments.

The *Music Mentors* program urgently needs <u>parent drivers</u>. We only have a handful of parents committed so far to transport 75 Mentors. There are openings every afternoon of the week to drive student mentors from Carlmont to the various elementary schools. Interested parents are urgently requested to contact Alan Sarver at <u>asarver@earthlink.net</u> to be added to our list of Music Mentor drivers.



Jazz Ensemble at Save the Music

Carlmont Instrumental Music Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendar for these opportunities to hear our *first-rate* student musicians. For more detailed information check the Instrumental Music website: www.carlmontmusic.com.

Date	Time	Event	Location
11/8, Friday	7 p.m.	Home Football Game vs. Mills H.S.	CHS
11/15, Friday	7 p.m.	Home Football Game vs. Sequoia H.S.	CHS
11/22, Friday		CSM Jazz Festival @ College of San Mateo	CSM
12/4, Wed.	7 p.m.	Winter Instrumental Music Concert featuring the String Orchestra and Concert Band	Carlmont PAC
12/5, Thursday	7 p.m.	Winter Instrumental Music Concert featuring the Symphony Orchestra and Symphonic Band	Carlmont PAC
12/6, Friday	7 p.m.	Winter Instrumental Music Concert featuring the CHS Jazz Ensembles and Jazz Combos	Carlmont PAC

[Lesley Allen, Nov 2013]