



SOUTH COAST YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Mission Viejo • Garden Grove • Ontario
2026 - 27 Season

Rocky Lee, Artistic Director & Principal Conductor
Dan Robbins, Conductor
Brittany Martinez, Conductor

Rehearsals:

Wednesday, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, (Call Time 6:45 PM)
La Paz Intermediate School, Music Room #31
25151 Pradera Drive, Mission Viejo, CA 92691

Registration & Audition Requirements:

Registration and seating placement audition videos will be accepted beginning May 25, 2026. Please note, you do not need to wait for audition results before completing the registration process as auditions are for seating purposes only.

Audition Requirements:

Strings, Woodwinds & Brass

2-3 octave Major and Minor Scale (quarter notes at 100 BPM)
Perform 2-3 minutes from a solo work

Percussion

Demonstrate Basic Rudiments & An Orchestral Excerpt

Prerequisites and Special Requirements:

Previous training on your instrument and an audition with the orchestra conductor. Enrollment in school instrumental music program is required if one is available. Membership in the SCYSO is not intended to replace such participation.

Tuition:

Tuition is \$575 per semester. Tuition includes all music purchasing/renting, rehearsals, workshops, and performances.



Founded in 2001, the **South Coast Youth Symphony Orchestra - SCYSO** is recognized as a premier youth orchestra in Southern California. The orchestra strives for musical excellence and the development of poise and confidence in each individual musician through the joy of music making. The SCYSO provides a distinguished orchestral experience designed to motivate and enhance musical talent and cultivate individual growth through the rehearsal and performance of renowned orchestral repertoire while offering unparalleled musical training and professional performance opportunities to musicians of all abilities.



SCYSO Artistic Director & Principal Conductor

Maestro Rocky Lee, is a graduate of Chapman University, where he studied conducting with Maestro John Koshak and violin performance with Mischa Lefkowitz. With more than two decades of teaching experience, he has become one of the most respected music educators in Southern California. His revolutionary approach to music education has made classical music enjoyable and simple to grasp for young musicians.

As a conductor, he has received accolades in the United States and abroad. Under his leadership, the South Coast Youth Symphony Orchestra performed SCYSO exclusive concerts to filled concert halls at the Los Angeles Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall in 2012 and the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall in 2014, 2016 & 2018. Internationally, he has led the SCYSO, representing the United States on nine international concert tours performing in Czech Republic & Austria in 2005, Italy in 2007, Spain in 2009, England, Ireland & Wales in 2011, France & Germany in 2013, Greece in 2015, Austria in 2017, Germany & Czech Republic in 2019, Spain & France in 2023 and Germany, Czech Republic and Austria in 2025. One review from the South Wales Evening Post had this to say about the orchestra: "A captivating performance, thoroughly deserving the standing ovation they were given at the end." The orchestras were received with great applause performing in the magnificent cities of Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, Rome, Florence, Venice, Madrid, Toledo, Seville, Costa del Sol, Granada, Barcelona, Dublin, Cardiff, London, Paris, Avignon, Arles, Nice, Berlin, Leipzig, Munich, Heidelberg, Halle, Athens, Larissa and Thessaloniki. The orchestra will embark on its 11th tour in the summer of 2027 to New York and Boston on a Carnegie Hall Invitational Concert Tour.

His work in conducting and education has earned him recognition from the European Cultural Initiative for the Young Generation, presented to him by Dr. Jutta Unkart-Seifert. Together with his staff of selected professional musicians, his orchestras create an environment where young musicians are challenged and encouraged to develop and refine their musical abilities. Maestro Lee inspires the musicians to achieve their highest potential from every stage of their musical development. These attributes are recognized by the enthusiasm expressed by the orchestras he conducts.



SCYSO Conductor, Maestro Dan Robbins, is a graduate of California State University Fullerton, where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Music Performance in 1988 and in Music Education, with honors, in 1992. Mr. Robbins is a native of Southern California where he has taught and performed for many years.

Some of his experiences include performing in the CSU Fullerton #1 Jazz Ensemble for ten years. He has been a performing musician at Disneyland for nine years and has been involved in the Christmas parade, Aladdin's Royal Caravan and Magic Music Days. Mr. Robbins also spent two summers as a performer at Sea World in San Diego. He has traveled internationally to the World Expo in Vancouver, Canada, and has been on eight European tours, performing in such countries as Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Norway, Denmark and Sweden. Mr. Robbins was involved in the 1984 Olympic Ceremonies as a fanfare trumpeter. With the South Coast Youth Symphony Orchestra, Mr. Robbins has performed and conducted the SCYSO on 8 international concert tours to Austria and Czech Republic in 2005, Italy in 2007, Spain in 2009, England, Ireland and Wales in 2011, France and Germany in 2013, Greece in 2015, Austria in 2017 and Germany & Czech Republic in 2019.

Mr. Robbins spent 10 years teaching for the Mission Viejo High School #1 Jazz Ensemble. He is a member of the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association (SCSBOA), the Music Educators National Conference (MENC), Jazz Education Network (JEN) and the California Band Directors Association (CBDA). He was honored to serve as the manager of the SCSBOA Junior High Honor Band for the 1995-96 school year and has taught the award winning music program at La Paz for the past 22 years. Mr. Robbins has been honored as the La Paz and SVUSD Teacher of the Year in 2000, and in 2001, was nominated for the Disney American Teacher Award. In addition, Mr. Robbins has been honored by the Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, *Phi Delta Kappa* ($\Phi\Delta K$) and was elected as Teacher of the Year. In 2009, Mr. Robbins was selected to conduct the SCSBOA middle school honor Jazz band and has also been nominated for the Grammy music educator of the year award. Mr. Robbins has two sons, Nicholas and Nolan, who are also excellent musicians.



SCYSO Conductor, Maestro Brittany Martinez, is a graduate of Azusa Pacific University where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Music Education in 2013. After her credential program, she moved to Sonora, California to restore music programs at two different schools: Summerville Elementary and Sonora Elementary. Within that first year, the programs quadrupled at each site, and she was nominated Teacher of the Year. As someone who was born and raised in Southern California, she knew she wanted to come back to her community and share her love for music there.

She has been the director of Oaks Middle School since 2015 where she teaches band, orchestra, choir and marching band classes. Since she has been at Oaks Middle School, the music programs have all become much busier as they are not only performing in Ontario, but are also performing in venues and contests all around Southern California. In 2018, she was recognized as Employee of the Year for her school site and asked by the San Bernardino County Elementary Honor Orchestra to be their guest conductor.

She is a member and adjudicator for the Southern California Band and Orchestra Organization in their parade circuit and also serves as the Vice President for Student Academy of Musical Leaders. In 2022, she marched as one of the recognized band directors in the Band Directors Marching Band in the Rose Parade.

Aside from her dedication to music, Ms. Martinez truly loves being a dog mom, going to the beach and having really good food.

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Tentative Season Schedule

2026 - 27

The following is the tentative season schedule for the SCYSO-Mission Viejo. Rehearsals begin on August 26 and are held every Wednesday from 7:00 - 9:00 PM at La Paz Intermediate School, Music Room #31, 25151 Pradera Drive, Mission Viejo, CA 92691. (Call time is 6:45 PM unless otherwise noted below)

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Attendance Policy: It is the responsibility of each orchestra member to be at all rehearsals, events and performances. If you have an unavoidable problem or conflict causing absence or lateness, it is your responsibility to contact the orchestra manager. You are responsible to have all assigned music prepared for rehearsals, concerts and/or individual exams or sectionals. Additional rehearsal times may be announced and are subject to change.

Tuition: Tuition is \$575 per semester. Tuition includes all music purchasing/renting, rehearsals, workshops, and performances. **Tuition is due on August 26 for the Fall Semester and January 13 for the Spring Semester and must be paid on time.** Please register online at <https://www.scysomusic.org/register-online>

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Rehearsal and Concert Schedule

2026 - 27 Fall Semester

August Wednesday 26 Rehearsals continue

Tuition due on August 26

September Wednesday 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 Rehearsals continue
Saturday 19 Workshop #1 @ La Paz Intermediate School
2:00 - 8:00 PM

October Wednesday 7, 14, 21 & 28 Rehearsals continue
Saturday 24 Workshop #2 @ La Paz Intermediate School
2:00 - 8:00 PM

November Wednesday 4, 11 & 18 Rehearsals continue
Saturday 21 Workshop #3 @ La Paz Intermediate School
2:00 - 8:00 PM

December Wednesday 2 & 9 Rehearsals continue
Saturday 5 Workshop #4 @ La Paz Intermediate School
2:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturday 12 Workshop #5 @ La Paz Intermediate School
2:00 - 8:00 PM

Sunday 13 **Season Opening Concert**
TBA
Performance Time - 7:00 PM
(Call time 1:00 PM)

Weekly Rehearsals:

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2026 - 27 Spring Semester

January Wednesday 13, 20 & 27 Rehearsals continue

Tuition due on January 13

February Wednesday 3, 10, 17 & 24 Rehearsals continue
Saturday 6 Workshop #1 @ La Paz Intermediate School
2:00 - 8:00 PM

March Wednesday 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 Rehearsals continue
Saturday 27 Workshop #2 @ La Paz Intermediate School
2:00 - 8:00 PM

April Wednesday 7, 14, 21 & 28 Rehearsals continue
Saturday 24 Workshop #3 @ La Paz Intermediate School
2:00 - 8:00 PM

May Wednesday 5, 12 & 19 Rehearsals continue
Saturday 1 Workshop #4 @ La Paz Intermediate School
2:00 - 8:00 PM
Saturday 15 Workshop #5 @ La Paz Intermediate School
2:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturday 22 **Tutti Band & Orchestra Festival**
Carpenter Performing Arts Center
Performance Time - TBA
(Call time TBA)