SCYSO

SOUTH COAST YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Jazz Ensemble

2026 - 27 Season

Dan Robbins, Program Director & Principal Conductor

Rehearsals:
Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:30 PM, (Call Time 4:45 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 September 1, 2026. Please note, you do not need to wait for audition results before completing the registration process as auditions are for seating purposes only.

Instrumentation Accepted:
Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Baritone Sax, Flute, Clarinet, Trombone, Trumpet, Piano, Drum Set, Percussion, Bass, Vibs and Guitar.

Prerequisites and Special Requirements:
Previous training on your instruments. Minimum of one year jazz experience. Enrollment in school instrumental music program is required if one is available. Membership in the SCYSO Jazz Ensemble is not intended to replace such participation.

Tuition:
Tuition is $300 for Fall semester. Tuition includes all music purchasing/renting, rehearsals and performances.

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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 Jazz Ensemble Program Director & Principal 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 (ΦΔK)* 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.

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Tentative Season Schedule
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The following is the tentative season schedule for the SCYSO Jazz Ensemble. Rehearsals begin on October 28 and are held every Wednesday from 5:00 - 6:30 PM at La Paz Intermediate School, Music Room #31, 25151 Pradera Drive, Mission Viejo, CA 92691. (Call time is 4:45 PM unless otherwise noted below)

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Attendance Policy: It is the responsibility of each jazz ensemble 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 director. 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 $300 for Fall semester. Tuition includes all music purchasing/renting, rehearsals, workshops, and performances. **Tuition is due on October 28 and must be paid on time.** Please contact program director, Mr. Robbins at danielrobbins1965@gmail.com to register.

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Rehearsal and Concert Schedule

2026 - 27 Fall Semester

October	Wednesday 28	Rehearsals continue
	Tuition due on October 28	
November	Wednesday 4, 11 & 18	Rehearsals continue
December	Wednesday 2	Rehearsals continue

Weekly Rehearsals:
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