



Southern California School Band & Orchestra Association

## 2023 All-Southern Honor Jazz Guest Conductors



### High School Jazz All-Stars

#### John Beasley, Conductor

John Beasley is a versatile pianist, composer, arranger who began his career in his 20s backing jazz icons Miles Davis and Freddie Hubbard. As a recording artist Beasley has a dozen albums and has earned nine GRAMMY nominations. His recent project, *MONK'estra*, is a trilogy of albums with his big band celebrating the music of Thelonious Monk and other classic compositions that earned six consecutive nominations and a win. John is also an SCSBOA All-Southern Honor Orchestra alum as an oboist.

### High School Jazz Ambassadors

#### Stephen Guerra, Conductor

Steve Guerra is a composer, arranger, saxophonist, and educator who is currently the Director of the Studio Jazz Writing program and an Assistant Professor in the department of Studio Music and Jazz at the University of Miami's Frost School of Music. Dr. Guerra oversees the innovative jazz composition master's and doctoral level curriculums and teaches classes in arranging, composition, MIDI and DAW, orchestration, and vocal arranging.



### Junior High School Honor Jazz Band

#### Lisa Pate, Conductor

Lisa Pate has been an active performer on saxophone for over 20 years and has been the director of bands at Royal High School in Simi Valley for 15 years. During that time Lisa has distinguished herself as one of the most outstanding directors in Southern California. She is a gifted educator and her groups consistently receive the highest ratings and accolades in all areas of band performance.



**Auditions Open October 1st  
Deadline to submit December 1st at 11:59pm**