



### High School Honor Group Information

We are excited to FINALLY announce the SCSBOA All Southern California High School Honor Groups for the 2020-21 school year. We were holding our breath, waiting for insight into how the year was looking when we pushed the date to spring, and now we are able to confidently move forward with the safest and most inclusive plan that we can offer. I know how important this ensemble experience is for our musicians, how much their participation means to them, the benefits they bring back to your school programs. I thank you for your patience as we worked through the details to offer something really special.

The SCSBOA is very pleased to present our **Virtual Honor Ensembles** for this year in collaboration with Cal State Fullerton and Cal State Long Beach. The Symphony Orchestra will be lead by Dr. Johannes Stosch and Moni Simeonov of the Bob Cole School of Music at Cal State Long Beach. The Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Bands will be led by the directors from Cal State Fullerton School of Music, with Dr. Dustin Barr serving as Artistic Director for the Wind Ensemble and Dr. Gregory Whitmore, Music Director of the Pacific Symphony Youth Wind Ensemble as Artistic Director for the Symphonic Band. Students selected to these ensembles will participate in an online honor group experience on March 13, which will include working with their directors on their piece(s), an instrument specific masterclass, as well as the opportunity to take an elective session in a variety of music related topics lead by the fine faculties of these two universities. Students will also receive support and information about creating their online contributions to their ensembles to ensure their collaboration is as strong as possible.

Our final event is expected to go live on Saturday April 24, with performances from each of the three ensembles, as well as command performances from a select few of our top auditioners. These featured soloists will be selected from the student audition recordings. Once selected, they will be invited to send a video of a solo performance (of their choosing, within certain parameters) to be highlighted as part of our online event. The event will be available for viewing after the performance as well, so we encourage you to share it with your students as they cheer on their peers and classmates!