



**HILLCREST WIND ENSEMBLE**  
Avi Mehta, Artistic Director



JANINE DONSTON WITH MIDJOURNEY

**Pierre Long-Tao Tang, piano**  
**Matt Morscheck, vocals**

**Saturday June 13 at 7:30 pm**  
**Hyatt Regency Mission Bay, 1441 Quivira Rd, San Diego, CA 92109**

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## Avi Mehta

### Artistic Director

Avi is a lifelong learner, passionate about building relationships and transforming communities through music education.

He currently teaches in the San Diego Unified School District as a music educator where he directs the bands and orchestras at numerous elementary schools. He also conducts the newly formed Finest City Brass and performs regularly with the Finest City Wind Orchestra.

Prior to moving to California, Avi served as a wind ensemble conductor at the Margarita Muniz Academy in Jamaica Plain, the artistic director of the Josiah Quincy Orchestra Program, and the music director of the Randolph Community Band. He maintains an active guest conducting career internationally and works frequently with El Sistema-inspired programs, a network of ensembles (originally founded in Venezuela) that strive for social change through music education.



## Jason Blackwell

### Associate Artistic Director

Jason has extensive music training including a Bachelor's and Master's in Music Education from the University of Southern California, Thornton School of Music and a Master's in Instrumental Conducting from the American Band College of Sam Houston State University.

He has worked with numerous conductors and composers of note including Dr. Peter Boonshaft, Hofstra University, Paula Crider, University of Texas, Johan de Meij, Amstel Music, Robert Ponto, University of Oregon, Frank Ticheli, U.S.C., and Col Arnald Gabriel, U.S. Air Force Band.

Jason has been a member of Hillcrest Wind Ensemble since 2022, both as a performer on alto sax, and as a guest conductor. He has served in the Associate Artistic Director position since January 2026.



## Pierre Long-Tao Tang, PhD

### Guest Pianist

Pierre is a Hong Kong-born conductor-pianist with an active international career. He apprenticed with Donald Schleicher and Andrew Megill and served as cover conductor for Le Concert d'Astrée under Emmanuelle Haïm.

Tang teaches at UC San Diego and University of San Diego and is Music Director of Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church. As pianist, he has collaborated with Gustavo Dudamel, Rafael Payare, James Gaffigan, and Richard Wilberforce. He serves the San Diego Symphony and UCLA Choruses. As a chorister, he sang with LA Master Chorale, San Diego and Montreal Symphonies under distinguished conductors including Zubin Mehta.



## Matt Morscheck, PhD

### Guest Vocalist

Matt Morscheck, PhD is thrilled to be making his return to the stage as a guest vocalist with the Hillcrest Wind Ensemble. By day he is an executive coach and workplace psychologist in San Diego. Music and performing have been an enduring passion throughout his life.

Dr. Morscheck grew up performing in musical theatre and choir in his hometown of Pullman, Washington. Highlight moments include the lead role of Emile de Becque in South Pacific and recognition as an Outstanding Jazz Vocalist at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. He went on to study classical voice at Washington State University, sang with the Coro "Tomás Luis de Victoria" during a year abroad in Salamanca, Spain, and later continued his vocal studies at UNLV.

Over the years, he has delighted in bringing music to his community through weddings, memorials, and local events.



The **Hillcrest Wind Ensemble**, one of Southern California’s finest adult musical programs, celebrates 40 years of providing quality musical programs for the greater San Diego community. With the turn of the 21st century, the band has evolved into an elite concert band, playing more advanced music with a new mission to entertain the ideal of diversity within our ranks as well as promoting quality music to all of San Diego. The Hillcrest Wind Ensemble is a self-supporting program, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. We exist on income from concert ticket sales and donations from generous patrons and sponsors like you.



*The band would like to give special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make tonight’s concert possible!*

***Production Staff***

**Board of Directors: Janine Donston, Gary Poirier,  
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- Audio Recording ..... Oscar Green, Keith Schooler
- Video Recording.....Janine Donston
- Equipment Transportation ..... Gary Poirier, Stephan Lopic
- Librarian .....Sandy Petersen
- Website Manager..... Keith Schooler

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## CONCERT PROGRAM

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*Armenian Dances*..... Alfred Reed

*The Apricot Tree*

*Partridge Song*

*Hey, My Nazan*

*Alagyaz*

*Go Go*

*Rhapsody in Blue*..... George Gershwin

Pierre Long-Tao, piano

*Mambo from West Side Story*..... Leonard Bernstein

Arr. Michael Sweeney

## INTERMISSION

*In the Mood*..... Joe Garland

Arr. Andy Clark

*Woody Herman in Concert*..... Arr. Bob Lowden

Cindy Au, conductor

*Lady Gaga in Concert* ..... Arr. Sean O'Loughlin

*Stormy Weather* ..... Harold Arlen & Ted Koehler

Arr. Gary Poirier

Matt Morscheck, vocals

Jason Blackwell, conductor

*Disco Lives* ..... Arr. Johnnie Vinson

*Thriller* ..... Rod Temperton

Arr. Paul Murtha

*What a Wonderful World*..... George David Weiss & Bob Thiele

Arr. Richard Saucedo

*Latin Gold!* ..... Arr. Paul Lavender

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# THE WIND ENSEMBLE

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***Artistic Director***

Avi Mehta

***Associate******Artistic Director***

Jason Blackwell

***Flute/Piccolo***

Nancy Hupp  
Maddy Kolkow  
Martha Krones  
Jasmine Mikesell\*  
Merrilyn Pope  
Adrienne Prezzano

***Oboe***

Tristan Anderson  
Abigail Angwin

***Bassoon***

Lori Calabrese  
Bridget Navarro

***Clarinet***

Taku Arai  
Sara Baird\*  
Amy Chu  
John Mark Graham  
Patrick McMahon  
George Moy  
Dick Robinette  
Nick Robinson  
Jonathan Salman

***Bass Clarinet***

Keith Schooler

***Contrabass******Clarinet***

Brian Hess

***Alto Saxophone***

Jason Blackwell\*  
Jonathan Salman  
Corey Jones-Weinert

***Tenor Saxophone***

Gary Poirier

***Baritone******Saxophone***

Mark Skuster

***Horn***

Tina Larson  
Angel Moscosa  
Sandy Petersen\*  
Pam Simpson  
Igor Voevodov

***Trumpet***

Nicholas De La Riva  
Stephen Jackson  
Hunter Kleinman  
Hunter Kobdish-  
Raney  
Stephan Lopic  
Julie Lees\*  
Gregg Peele

***Trombone***

Cindy Au  
Charlie Butler  
Chris Shannon  
Yuo Wu

***Euphonium***

Liz Cooper  
Buddy Gibbs

***Tuba***

Andrew Newman  
Brock Seeman

***String Bass***

Elida Kocharian

***Timpani***

Ricki Pedersen

***Percussion***

Carl Reed  
Juan Soto  
Jack Wang  
Rose Yager

*\*Section Leader*

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Gary Poirier

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Julie Lees & Liz Cooper  
Tuba Jim & Sandy Petersen  
Keith Schooler & Oscar Green

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TJ O'Donnell  
Miranda Osguthorpe  
Mark Serbian  
Pamela Simpson  
Marc Skuster  
Eric & Rexanna Swanson

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Sarah Eishen  
Mona Freels  
David Gonzalez & Galen Gattis  
Patricia Green  
Stephan Lopic  
James McCabe  
Dr. Bryan McNutt  
Kerry Mills  
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April Ventura





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The Hillcrest Wind Ensemble is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

The ensemble relies on ticket sales and contributions for all operational needs. However, ticket sales do not cover the expenses of producing a concert, primarily due to soaring venue rental prices. This makes donations more important than ever. Please consider the benefits of helping the band.

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- Ad printed in one concert program
  - \$100 Business Card Ad
  - \$150 Half Page – 5 x 4"
  - \$250 Full Page – 5 x 8"
- Logo and link displayed on the website for one concert series – approximately three months
- Two complimentary tickets to one concert
- Sponsor shout-out at that concert during the program



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- Two complimentary tickets to all three concerts of the season
- Sponsor shout-out at all three concerts during the program
- Vendor table opportunity at all three concerts of the season

Hillcrest Wind Ensemble is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Sponsorships are tax deductible.

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