

SANTA BARBARA CHAMBER PLAYERS



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BRINGING MUSIC TO LIFE, TOGETHER!



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Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we look forward to the 2025-26 season, the Santa Barbara Chamber Players would like to sincerely thank you for your ongoing support. Your contributions allow us to offer outstanding performances to our community at affordable prices. Thank you for helping us share the gift of music with Santa Barbara!

Exciting Upcoming Concerts

We have an exciting lineup of concerts scheduled, featuring renowned guest artists along with our talented local musicians and conductors. Be sure to visit our website for concert and ticket details!

- **September 7, 2025 - Youth Concert at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church**



Photo: Todd Rosenburg

A fun family event featuring Gene Pokorny, Principal Tuba of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, performing “*Tubby the Tuba*.” The program includes kid-friendly classics and popular movie themes, along with demonstrations of the orchestra’s instruments. After the concert, students can try playing the instruments and sign up for the South Coast Youth Band if they wish. Admission is free!

We’re only \$2,500 short of fully funding this concert. Your support allows us to bring world-class music to young audiences—please consider making a donation today!

- **October 25, 2025 - 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church**

Daniel Gee, Conductor

Featuring the Westmont College Choir

Program:

Beethoven Coriolan Overture

Kodály Summer Evening

Prokofiev Classical Symphony

Mendelssohn Verleih uns Frieden, with the Westmont College Choir

Haydn Te Deum, with the Westmont College Choir



Photo: Brad Elliott

- **January 31, 2026 - 7:30 p.m. at Hahn Hall, Music Academy of the West**

Zig Reichwald, Conductor

Pascal Salomon, Piano

Program:

Schumann Piano Concerto in A minor, Op. 54

Mendelssohn Symphony No. 3 in A minor, Op. 56 (Scottish)



Photo: Zach Mendez

- **April 11, 2026 - 7:30 p.m. at Hahn Hall, Music Academy of the West**
Emmanuel Fratianni, Conductor
Tulio Cremisini, Guitar and Composer



Program:

Debussy Suite Bergamasque

Cremisini Concerto for Guitar and Orchestra

Beethoven Symphony No. 1 in C major, Op. 21

Fundraising Campaign: “Play It Forward”

This year, we are launching our “Play It Forward” fundraising campaign to ensure the sustainability of our organization and enhance our community outreach programs. Your donations truly make a difference by helping us to:

- **Engage the Community:** Offer free or low-cost concerts for students and underserved populations.
- **Support Local Musicians:** Provide compensation to our artists and foster local talent.
- **Enhance Our Programs:** Expand our season, bringing a diverse repertoire and innovative collaborations to the stage.

How You Can Help

We invite you to join us in this campaign. No contribution is too small, and every dollar goes towards creating magical musical experiences for all. Here’s how you can participate:

- **Make a Donation:** Visit our website to make an online donation. Consider becoming a monthly supporter to help us plan ahead.
- **Sponsor a Concert:** If you or your business wants to sponsor a specific concert, we’d be happy to partner with you.
- **Spread the Word:** Share our campaign with friends and family. The more people who know about our mission, the more we can accomplish together!

Visit our website to donate: sbchamberplayers.org

Special Recognition

As a token of our appreciation, donors at certain levels will receive exclusive benefits, including reserved concert seats, meet-and-greet opportunities with our artists, and special recognition in our program materials and social media outlets.

Together, let's keep the music alive and thriving in Santa Barbara! Thank you for being an essential part of our journey. We can't wait to see you at our next concert!

With warm regards and gratitude,

Nancy Mathison, Chair
Santa Barbara Chamber Players

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