



# Sonora Bach Festival

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Dear Music Teachers,

We are very pleased to announce the return of the Sonora Bach Festival. As a music teacher in the Central Sierra Mother Lode, you'll be interested in the plans for our exciting, annual Youth Concert. This event is a wonderful opportunity for you to provide an inspiring challenge for your students who are dedicated to working hard as they grow as a young musician. We are dedicated to making the audition and concert a safe, rewarding and encouraging experience.

The dates for this year's event are as follows:

**Application due date:** Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> (available on our webpage)

**Auditions:** Sunday, September 17; 49er Church (afternoon – times to be assigned)

**Concert:** Sunday, October 1st at 3pm; 49er Church

As in any endeavor of this sort, the rewards are significant. The process of application, audition and performance serves as a significant milestone in their young lives. The auditions themselves, adjudicated by three experienced and sensitive adult musicians, will provide an opportunity for written feedback for each student. Musicians selected to perform on the concert will be awarded incentive scholarships in the amounts of \$50.00. The concert provides its own reward for the students in teaching them to set and achieve performance goals, and share the joy of music with their community. Your students' successful participation is a source of pride for their family and friends and a source of community pride in the quality of our young music makers.

Please contact us with any questions at 209-591-3445 or sonorayouthbachfestival@gmail.com.

The Youth Concert features some of the very best young musicians in our area who have dedicated hours to the development of their art and talent. We hope you will consider giving your students this opportunity to audition.

Sincerely,

Makena Benz & Shiloah Fenn  
Youth Bach Festival Co-Chairs