



# Sonora Bach Festival

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Dear local music teacher,

We are very pleased to announce the return of the Sonora Bach Festival for the 2024 season. As a music teacher in the Central Sierra Motherlode, 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 young musicians. We are dedicated to making the audition and concert encouraging and rewarding experiences.

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

**Application due date:** September 8, 2024

**Auditions:** September 22, 2024

**Concert:** October 6, 2024

As in any endeavor of this sort, the rewards are significant. The process of application, audition and performance serves as a significant milestone for young students. The auditions are adjudicated by three experienced adult musicians; their feedback provides valuable advice and insight into students' performances. Musicians selected to perform on the concert will be awarded incentive awards in the amount of \$50. The finalists' 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 friends and family. In addition, an exciting invited guest artist performs as part of the final concert, providing a wonderful role model for our local students. The youth concert is always a highly attended event in our community – the hills of the foothills are alive with the music of our young, hardworking people!

Please contact us with any questions at 209-591-3445 or [sonorayouthbachfestival@gmail.com](mailto: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 music education. We hope you will consider giving your students this opportunity to audition.

Sincerely,

Makena Benz & Shiloah Fenn  
Youth Bach Festival Co-Chairs

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