



Music Program

CHAMBER PLAYERS

CONCERT ENSEMBLE

Fall Instrumental Showcase

Dr. Lino Rivera
Professor and Pianist

Sam Reider
Arranger and Composer in Residence

Dr. Sixto F. Montesinos
Director of Music Program

Thursday, December 4, 2025
CHAPEL

Director's Welcome

Good evening, and welcome to our Fall 2025 Instrumental Music Showcase at Saint Mary's College of California. It is a joy to gather with you tonight to celebrate the dedication, creativity, and musical excellence of our students. Every rehearsal, lesson, and performance reflects their passion—not only for music, but for building community through the arts.

Tonight's program highlights the expressive range of our Chamber Players and Concert Ensemble. From Mendelssohn's poetic *Songs Without Words* to Bach's timeless *Partita No. 1*, from Sarasate's fiery *Spanish Dance* to the serene beauty of Dowland and Tallis, our students bring these works to life with insight and artistry. I am especially proud of our featured soloists—Amanda McCarthy, Thomas Burnett, and Evett Chiu—whose commitment to musical growth embodies the spirit of our program.

As you enjoy this evening of music, I invite you to consider supporting the continued growth of instrumental music at Saint Mary's. Your generosity directly impacts our students by helping us purchase new music, maintain our instruments, hire professional coaches, and provide enriching performance opportunities. Even a small contribution can make a meaningful difference in the artistic lives of our students.

Thank you for being with us, for cheering on our musicians, and for helping us build a thriving future for the arts at Saint Mary's College. Your presence tonight is a gift—your support ensures that concerts like this remain possible for years to come.

Enjoy the performance.

Sixto Montesinos Jr.

Program

Chamber Players

Songs without Words

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Arr. Sam Reider

Sweet remembrance

Venetian Boat Song

Tarantella

Romance for Valentine's Day

Rick Sowash (b. 1950)

Amanda McCarthy, *clarinet*

Romance

Sergei Rakhmaninov (1873-1943)

Spanish Dance, Op. 22

Pablo de Sarasate (1844-1908)

Thomas Burnett, *violin*

Partita No. 1

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Prelude

Allemande

Courante

Sarabande

Minuet I and II

Gigue

Evett Chiu, *piano*

Short Pause

Concert Ensemble

Lachrimae Antiquae

John Dowland (1563-1626)

Arr. Sam Reider

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Arr. Sam Reider

Saint Mary's Chamber Players

Thomas Burnett, <i>violin</i> Vanessa Li*, <i>violin</i> Sona Chilingarian, <i>viola</i> Laura Douglas*, <i>viola</i> Amanda McCarthy, <i>clarinet</i>	Brian Lassiter*, <i>clarinet</i> Isabella Yuen, <i>flute</i> Lino Rivera, <i>piano</i>
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Saint Mary's Concert Ensemble

Yovahni Cruz, <i>violin</i> Vanessa Li*, <i>violin</i> Michaela Dickert, <i>trumpet</i> Brian Lassiter*, <i>clarinet</i> Levi Sullivan, <i>synthesizer</i> Evelt L. Chiu, <i>piano</i>	Guido Togliatti, <i>keyboard</i> Lucas Kao, <i>synthesizer</i> Eliška Nejedla, <i>violin</i> Giselle Garcia, <i>synthesizer</i>
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* guest artists

SPECIAL THANKS

Tara Sundy, Performing Arts Coordinator &
Events Manager

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAROLING AROUND THE TREE

Dec. 5 @ 1:00-1:25 PM | Syufy 2nd Floor Lobby | FREE

LIGHTS UP! ARTISTS TO ACTION

Dec. 5 @ 1:30-3:00 PM

UCU Pavilion Lawn/Sichel Media Center (rain location)

FREE

PIPPIN MUSICAL WORKSHOP

Dec. 5 @ 3:30-5:00 PM

Multi-Use Studio next to Bookstore

FREE

JAZZ BAND/PROJECT 8 CONCERT

Dec. 5 at 8:00 PM

LeFevre Theatre | Admission: \$17-20

FREE to SMC Students, Faculty, Staff with I.D.

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MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT

GLEE, CHAMBER, & JAZZ SINGERS CONCERT

Dec. 6 @ 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM

SMC Chapel | 4:00 PM is also live-streamed | Contributions welcome

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Please see stmarys-ca.edu/performing-arts/scholarships for more information. Applications are typically due by Nov. 15 after applying Early Action to the university.

