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**Santa Monica High School's Jazz Bands
Finish Year on High Note**

Santa Monica High School's (Samohi) jazz ensemble and combos capped off the 2023-2024 school year with outstanding achievements and a remarkable performance. Samohi's jazz ensembles triumphed at the Super Jazz at the Ranch Festival, bringing home multiple awards. The celebration continued on with the 2024 jazz spring concert at Samohi, featuring four-time Grammy award-winning jazz bassist and composer Stanley Clarke as the special guest.

The Samohi Jazz Bands participated in the Super Jazz at the Ranch Festival, a daylong jazz event hosted by West Ranch High School in Stevenson Ranch, on Saturday, May 18, 2024. The concert showcased the students' hard work and talent, celebrating their accomplishments and recognizing individual achievements with awards.



Samohi jazz ensemble receiving awards.



Samohi jazz ensemble posing with their instruments.

Approximately 40 jazz bands and combos from all over Los Angeles competed in the following divisions: novice, intermediate, advanced and heavy.

“I was so proud of all of students for their growth,” said Samohi Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator Tom Whaley said to the talented Samohi musicians. “Samohi Jazz Band Director Ryan Rowles and I have witnessed your playing and awareness of the importance of taking care of business to ensure the success of not only yourselves but your peers in which you share the stage.”

The achievements didn't stop there. On Sunday, May 19, 2024, the Samohi Jazz Bands performed their 2024 jazz spring concert in Barnum Hall with four-time Grammy Award-winning

jazz bassist and composer Stanley Clarke as the special guest. The concert showcased of all the skills the musicians had learned throughout the year. It was also a time to celebrate the jazz band musicians' accomplishments and present awards.

All outstanding musicians from the Super Jazz at the Ranch Festival received their certificates, and the Louis Armstrong Award was presented to the most outstanding senior, Ethan Clark. The Louis Armstrong Award is the highest honor given to jazz band students and includes a \$1,000 scholarship provided by the Janet Manning Memorial Fund. Ethan has been a member of Samohi's jazz band for four years, and was a featured trombonist in California All State Music Educators Conference All-State Jazz Band, and will study music at New York University in the fall, with a full scholarship.

Five jazz ensembles attended the at the Ranch festival and all of the ensembles placed!

1st Place – Advanced Jazz Combo

Outstanding Musicianship Award Recipients included: Ethan Clark (Students Leader), Trombone; Keira Jenkins, Tenor Sax/Flute; Te'A Lucason, Trumpet, and Tenor Saxophone; Cameron Ravarem.

2nd Place – Heavy Division Big Band

Outstanding Musicianship Award Recipients included: Max Bernstein, Drums/Percussion; Eli Boreth, Drums/Percussion; Ethan Clark, Trombone; Keira Jenkins, Tenor Saxophone/Flute; Remy Rouselle, Guitar; Mischa Posin, Piano; Brody Straus, Trumpet and Martin Williams, Bass Trombone.

2nd Place: Samohi Jazz Combo (Blue) – Novice

Outstanding Musicianship Award Recipient: Mia Pulido-Vila, Alto Saxophone.

3rd Place: Samohi Jazz Combo (Gold) – Novice

Outstanding Musicianship Award Recipients included: Theodore Forrer, Tenor; Mateo Peterson, Piano and Govind Raman, Drums.

3rd Place: Samohi Jazz Band 2 Big Band – Novice

Outstanding Musicianship Award Recipients included: Curtis DiMundo, Trombone; Elliot Ho, Piano; Kyle Matsui, Trumpet; Mia Pulido-Vila, Alto Saxophone and Noah Pust, Trombone.



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Los grupos de jazz de la Preparatoria Santa Mónica High terminan el año con una nota alta

Los grupos de jazz y combos de la Preparatoria Santa Mónica High (Samohi) concluyeron el año 2023-24 con logros extraordinarios y presentaciones espectaculares. Los grupos de jazz de Samohi resultaron triunfantes en el evento musical *Super Jazz at the Ranch Festival*, haciéndose acreedores a múltiples reconocimientos. La celebración continuó con el concierto de jazz de la primavera 2024 en Samohi, con el invitado especial Stanley Clarke, bajista de jazz y compositor acreedor en cuatro ocasiones del premio Grammy.

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Los grupos de jazz de Samohi participaron en el *Super Jazz at the Ranch Festival*, un evento de jazz de un día de duración organizado por la Preparatoria West Ranch High en Stevenson Ranch el sábado 18 de mayo de 2024. El concierto puso de relieve el arduo trabajo y talento de los estudiantes, celebrando sus éxitos y reconociendo los logros individuales con galardones.



Grupo de jazz de Samohi recibe los reconocimientos



El grupo de jazz de Samohi posa con sus instrumentos.

Aproximadamente 40 grupos de jazz y combos de todos Los Ángeles compitieron en las siguientes categorías: principiante, intermedio, avanzado, y pesado.

“Me sentí muy orgulloso por el avance de todos los estudiantes”, dijo Tom Whaley, coordinador de artes plásticas y escénicas al referirse a los músicos de la preparatoria. “Ryan Rowles, el director del grupo de jazz de Samohi y yo hemos sido testigos de la manera que tocan y de qué manera comprenden que deben hacer lo necesario para asegurar no solamente su éxito, sino de todos los compañeros con los que comparten el escenario”.

Los logros no terminaron ahí. El lunes 19 de mayo de 2024, los grupos de jazz de Samohi se presentaron en el concierto de jazz 2024 en Barnum Hall con el invitado especial, Stanley Clarke, bajista de jazz y compositor acreedor en cuatro ocasiones del premio Grammy. Fue una ocasión para celebrar a los músicos de los grupos de jazz, sus logros, y para la entrega de reconocimientos.

Todos los músicos sobresalientes del *Super Jazz at the Ranch Festival* recibieron sus certificados y el Galardón Louis Armstrong se entregó a Ethan Clark, estudiante de 12º grado más destacado. El Galardón Louis Armstrong es el mayor reconocimiento que se entrega a los estudiantes de grupos de jazz e incluye una beca de \$1,000 por parte de la fundación *Janet Manning Memorial Fund*. Ethan ha sido miembro del grupo de jazz de Samohi durante cuatro años, y fue uno de los trombonistas que se presentó durante el evento estatal de grupos de jazz *California All State Music Educators Conference All-State Jazz Band*. A partir del otoño estudiará música completamente becado en la Universidad de Nueva York.

¡Cinco grupos de jazz asistieron al *Ranch Festival* y todos ellos obtuvieron calificaron!

1.er lugar – Jazz combo avanzado [*Advanced Jazz Combo*]

Los galardonados con el premio a la excelencia musical fueron: Ethan Clark (estudiante líder), trombón; Keira Jenkins, saxo tenor/flauta; Te'A Lucason, trompeta; Cameron Ravarem, saxofón tenor.

2.o lugar – División pesada para grupo grande [*Heavy Division Big Band*]

Los galardonados con el premio a la excelencia musical fueron: Max Bernstein, batería/percusión; Eli Boreth, batería/percusión; Ethan Clark, trombón; Keira Jenkins, saxofón tenor/flauta; Remy Rouselle, Guitarra; Mischa Posin, piano; Brody Straus, trompeta y Martin Williams, trombón bajo.

2.o lugar: Combo de jazz Samohi (Blue) – principiante [*Samohi Jazz Combo (Blue) – Novice*]

Galardonada con el premio a la excelencia musical: Mia Pulido-Vila, saxofón alto.

3.er lugar: Combo de jazz Samohi (Gold) – principiante [*Samohi Jazz Combo (Gold) – Novice*]

Los galardonados con el premio a la excelencia musical fueron: Theodore Forrer, tenor; Mateo Peterson, piano y Govind Raman, batería.

3.er lugar: Grupo de jazz Samohi 2 grupo grande – principiante [*Samohi Jazz Band 2 Big Band – Novice*]

Los galardonados con el premio a la excelencia musical fueron: Curtis DiMundo, trombón; Elliot Ho, piano; Kyle Matsui, trompeta; Mia Pulido-Vila, saxofón alto y Noah Pust, trombón.



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