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Dear Inspiring RCMS Band Supporters & Friends,

INSPIRATIONS! What inspires you? Is it a person? Maybe a place? Perhaps a thing? Chances are that it's probably some kind of a noun! For me, and I'm sure for a lot of us, MUSIC is a form of inspiration that touches our soul, thoughts, and imagination! Who knew that your child, sibling, family member, or friend would think of picking up an instrument to learn music? What inspired them to take on this beautiful challenge we call music? Have you ever gotten goose bumps or teary eyed listening to music? That's inspiration at work! Today we celebrate that gift of music with our families, special supporters and community members.

We welcome you and are pleased that you are here with us on this special day to benefit a great organization here at Raymond Cree Middle School – The Desert Treasure Band and Flag Program! From first time visitors to longtime friends and family, we thank you for your continuing support that inspires us to make great music each day. We hope today is a day you will cherish and remember for years to come!

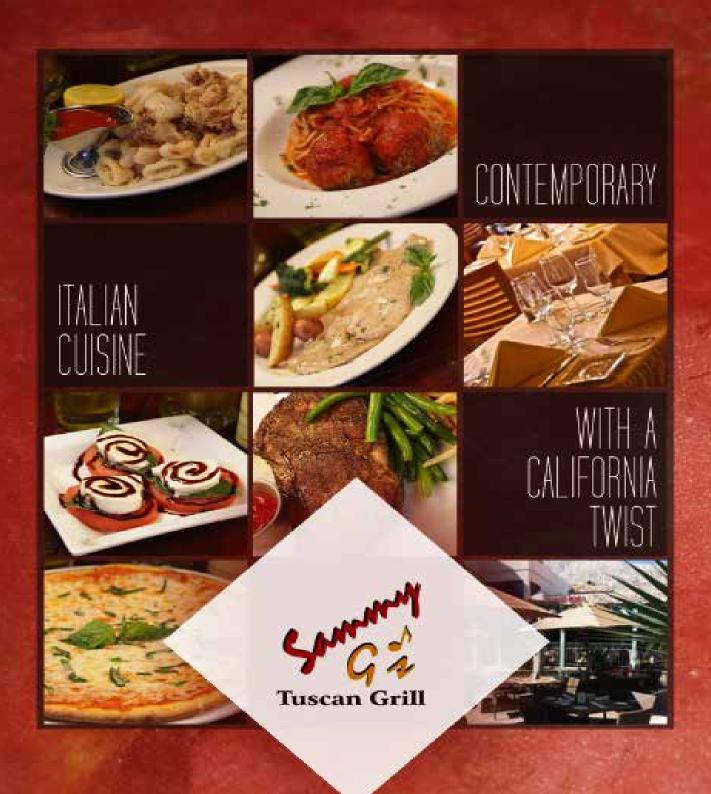
Through your support, the band program flourishes and provides experiences not offered in many other schools across our country. As we near our school's 50th anniversary, we reflect on how fortunate we are to have a community that believes in the power of music and the significant impact it will have on these young lives. We thank you for that inspiration!

We would also like to welcome award–winning DAVID ZIPPEL, lyricist for Mulan and other well noted movies and musicals, for being here today and sharing his inspiration of music! From writing parody lyrics in high school to receiving a Tony Award and Oscar nominations, you know inspiration played a role in his success!

Our success as a program is due to generous financial support of our families, communities and awesome school leaders. We thank you for making this a program that teaches more than music but inspires life skills necessary to be tomorrow's leaders and thoughtful citizens of our communities. Thank you for helping us to aspire to new heights through your support of the Desert Treasure Instrumental and Flag Program and we hope you enjoy this afternoon of INSPIRATIONS!

Musically yours,

Eduardo Contreras



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## Student Performers

## SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL TOP PERFORMERS

#### UNANIMOUS SUPERIOR SOLO RATING

Leonard Badt, 8th Grade – Horn Solo Nick Brown, 8th Grade – Euphonium Solo

## **SUPERIOR RATING**

Giselle Alvarado, 8th Grade – Flute Solo
Samantha Babasa, 8th Grade – Trombone Solo
Daira Buelna, 8th Grade – Trombone Solo
Elijah Edgerton, 8th Grade – Timpani Solo
Ruben Hernandez, 8th Grade – Tuba Solo
Valeria Lima, 8th Grade – Clarinet Solo
Engelberth Mejia, 7th Grade – Horn Solo
Jacky Rangel, 8th Grade – Alto Saxophone
Devin Reed, 8th Grade – Tuba Solo
Isabel Rodriguez, 8th Grade – Clarinet Solo
Aidan Ryan, 7th Grade – Trumpet Solo

Mathew Munguia & Sebastian Dominguez, 8th Grade – Flute & Clarinet Duet
Kaeli Balmilero & Monyka Avila, 7th Grade – Flute & Alto Sax Duet
Gilbert Pulido & Omar Alzayat, 8th Grade – Trumpet Duet
Samantha Flores, 7th Grade; Estrella Acuna, 8th Grade – Trumpet Duet
Lucas McPherson & Aaron Wolf, 7th Grade – Trombone Duet
Jade Rosales, 7th Grade; Dulce Jimenez, 8th Grade – Mallet Duet
Loren McMichael, Tuesday Ryan, Shanell Villatoro, 7th Grade – Flute Trio

## **EXCELLENT RATING**

Christian Walters, 8th Grade - Trumpet Solo

#### PIANO ACCOMPANIST

Linny Smith

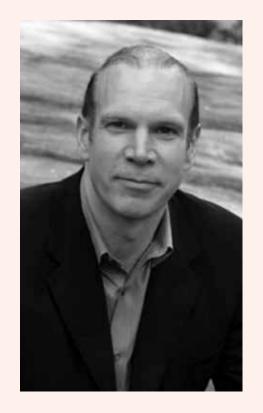
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## David Zippel

Two-time Oscar nominee David Zippel has provided some of the most spotlighted lyrics in both film and theatre since his dazzling debut with 1989's Tony winner *City of Angels*. He has supplied song lyrics for such films as *Hercules* (music by Alan Menken), *Mulan* (music by Matthew Wilder), and *The Swan Princess*. He recently penned words to Alan Menken's song *The Star–Spangled Man* for *Captain America: The First Avenger* and *It's Up To You* for ABC's *Agent Carter* co–written with Christopher Lennertz.

Zippel grew up in Easton, Pennsylvania, where he wrote parody lyrics to popular songs in high school. He switched paths (from pursuing a law degree at Harvard) to write songs for Barbara Cook, then for the full musical *City of Angels*. He wrote lyrics for Marvin Hamlisch's music in the stage adaption of *The Goodbye Girl*, and soon segued into film—earning 3 Golden Globe nominations, a Grammy nomination, and 2 Academy Award nominations (for *Hercules* and *Mulan*). In Zippel's words (about his words), he is "first and foremost a storyteller."



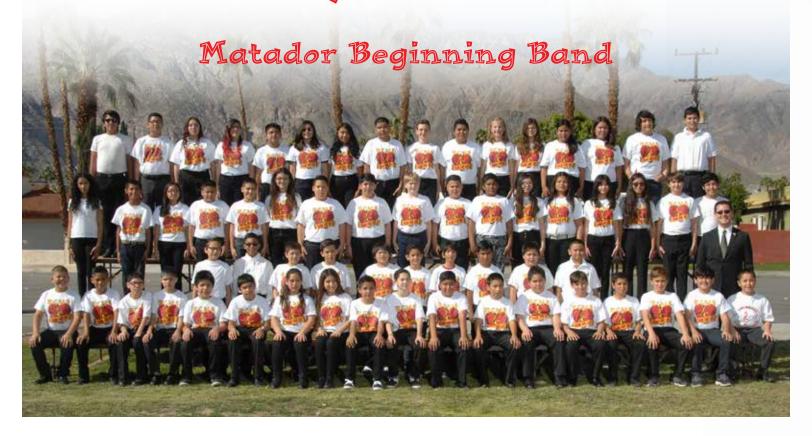




## THE 2015-2016 RCMS DESERT TREASURE INSTRUMENTAL & FLAG PROGRAM

The students of the RCMS Instrumental and Flag Program would like to thank the Band Boosters and Friends for their dedication in making this Tea Party "INPIRATIONS!" possible! We would also like to thank the community who supports us and music in our school. The biggest THANK YOU goes to our parents and guardians who encourage us to be the best we can be in all of our endeavors!

## THANK YOU!



# Who knew turning 50 SOUNDED SO GREAT!

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A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR BAND!

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The RCMS Instrumental Program wants to celebrate by raising \$50,000+ in the next two years to purchase much needed brand new instruments! Some of our instruments have been around since the inception of the school and we need your help to make it through the next 50 years! The goal is to have these new instruments already in students' hands for the 50th year!

We are also looking to raise an additional \$5,000 to commission a brand new piece of music to commemorate the 50th anniversary of RCMS and we plan on having it premiered in the 50th year of the school! We also will plan on having a performance of the work where any instrumental program alumni from the previous 50 years can join in on the fun to perform the piece in a special alumni performance!

## Join us as we turn 50!

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- \$2,500-\$4,999 Ruby Firebird
- \$1,000-\$2,499 Crystal Toccata
- \$500-\$999 Onyx Sonata
- \$50-\$499 Performer

Please visit our website to learn how you could make your inspiring contribution, for the latest news on upcoming 50th Anniversary special events, campaign progress and MORE! Cheers to 50!!!

www.RCMSBAND.org/Golden-Celebration.html

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-Walt Disney

Congratulations on another successful year Matadors!

We look forward to seeing you soon!!!

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# UPCOMING FVFNTS

## Thank You!

The Raymond Cree Instrumental Program, Flags and Boosters are grateful to all those who have volunteered their time and talents to help make this day a success! We extend special thanks and gratitude to all of our generous community supporters and vendors for their gifts and contributions!

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Thank you for supporting the arts in our school!

## RCMS PERFORMING ARTS NIGHT

Wind Ensemble - RCMS Gym - Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 6pm

#### FULLERTON COLLEGE FORUM MUSIC FESTIVAL

Wind Ensemble | Advanced Band - Friday, May 6, 2016

## BAND AWARDS CONCERT

Raymond Cree Middle School - All Bands - Thursday, March 19, 2016 at 7pm











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