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To the 2025 Damonte Marching Invitational Participants:

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On behalf of the students, teachers, staff, and families of Damonte Ranch High School, it is my honor to welcome you to the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Damonte Marching Invitational. This milestone represents not only years of tradition, but also the incredible dedication of thousands of students, directors, and families who have made this event possible.

Your presence today represents countless hours of dedication, rehearsal, and passion. We deeply value the artistry, discipline, and integrity you bring to this event, and we are confident you will leave with an unforgettable competition experience.

As John Lennon once said, "*Music can change the world because it can change people.*" Each of you represents that truth. Through your performances, you bring joy, excitement, and inspiration to your schools, your communities, and to everyone gathered here today. Whether at sporting events, musicals, assemblies, or competitions, your music unites people and creates memories that last far beyond a single performance.

Today, on this special anniversary, we celebrate YOU - your artistry, your commitment, and the power of music to inspire and unite. We encourage you to enjoy this day, embrace the spirit of competition, and take pride in being part of this 15-year tradition.

We wish you the very best of luck today and in all your future performances. Thank you for being here and for keeping the power of music alive in our schools.

With Mustang Pride,

Darvel Bell, DRHS Principal





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### DRHS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER STAFF

**Ms. Jennie Tibben** - Department Chair & Choir

**Mr. Matthew Kasper** - Band

**Mr. Rod Hearn** - Drama

**Mr. Joshua Mittendorf** - Orchestra

**Ms. Staci Roybal** - Dance

### DRHS ADMINISTRATION

**Mr. Darvel Bell** - Principal

**Ms. Marly Barainca** - Assistant Principal

**Mr. Tim McCartin** - Assistant Principal

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# WELCOME

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Dear DMI Audience and Participants,

On behalf of the Damonte Ranch High School Band Community, I would like to welcome you to the 15th Annual Damonte Marching Invitational. The marching arts allow participants to develop skills that extend beyond what will immediately be seen today: Dedication, drive, perseverance, and collaboration, to name a few. These performances are a culmination of many hours of work over several months, and each deserves to be recognized.

We are thrilled to host more than 300 students who have dedicated a tremendous amount of time to continually strive for excellence as they work to perfect their craft throughout this marching season. I encourage you to demonstrate your appreciation and admiration of this fact for every band through your cheers and applause.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the amazing Damonte Ranch parents and community members who have donated their time, energy, and resources to make it possible to host this event.

Best of luck to all of the performers today and throughout the rest of the season!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Matthew Kasper', is positioned above the typed name.

Matthew Kasper, Director of Bands  
Damonte Ranch High School



The Damonte Ranch Band Parent Organization would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the families, friends, and community members who have supported our marching band this season, and every year. Your encouragement, donations, volunteer hours, and cheers from the stands make all the difference.

An extra special thank you to our director, Matthew Kasper, as well as the administration and staff of Damonte Ranch High School. Without your dedication to these students, none of this would be possible.

This year's show, "Blackbird Set Free," was more than just music and movement—it was a story of resilience, hope, and transformation. Our students brought that spirit to life with every performance, and it was your unwavering support that helped their wings take flight.

From the bottom of our hearts—thank you for believing in our band program and for helping our musicians soar. We couldn't do it without you!

# BAND DIRECTOR BIO



## MATTHEW KASPER

Matthew Kasper is originally from Kansas City, Missouri and currently serves as the Director of Bands at Damonte Ranch High School, Washoe County School District's Signature Academy Campus for the Performing Arts. Mr. Kasper directs the DRHS Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Marching Band, two Jazz Bands, Jazz Combos, and Pep Band. Previously, he taught middle school and high school band classes in Savannah, MO and Farmington, MO. Ensembles under his guidance have performed in Branson, MO and Orlando, FL.

Mr. Kasper holds a Bachelor of Music degree in instrumental music education from the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) Conservatory of Music and Dance, graduating with honors and being named a Presser Scholar for outstanding undergraduate scholarship in music. Mr. Kasper also holds a Master of Music degree from Colorado State University with a specialization in Wind Conducting. His primary conducting

teachers include Rebecca Phillips, Wes Kenney, Steve Davis, and Joe Parisi. Mr. Kasper received additional instruction from Tim Robblee, Craig Kirchhoff, Daniel Schmidt, Kevin Sedatole, and Gary Hill, Robert Taylor, and David Vickerman. As a saxophonist, he has performed at national and regional conferences held throughout the midwest, as well as having performed in bands who have backed up notable jazz artists such as Jeff Hamilton, Melissa Aldana, Sean Jones, and Michael Dease.

Mr. Kasper's professional affiliations have included the following organizations: National Association for Music Education, College Band Directors National Association, National Band Association, Colorado Music Educators Association, Missouri Music Educators Association, Missouri Bandmasters Association, Missouri Association for Jazz Education, Nevada Music Educators Association, and the North American Saxophone Alliance.



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# ANNOUNCER



## EVAN VO

Evan Vo is a long-time resident of Northern Nevada from Gardnerville, Nevada. He earned his Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Nevada in 2025 and is an educator for both the instrumental and vocal sides of music. Evan is currently the choir director of Clayton Middle School, in his first year of teaching public education. He is also on the staff as a visual tech and the announcer for the "Pride of The Sierra" University of Nevada Wolf Pack Marching Band following his 5 years being in the "Pride of the Sierra". Evan is ecstatic to be able to continue supporting the arts and education now as an educator, spectator, and announcer.



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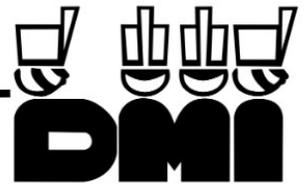


Spring Creek High School	Spring Creek, NV	1A	1:00 PM
Douglas High School	Minden, NV	1A	1:15 PM
Break			1:30 PM
Churchill County High School	Fallon, NV	2A	1:45 PM
Femley High School	Fernley, NV	2A	2:00 PM
Spanish Springs High School	Sparks, NV	2A	2:15 PM
Carson High School	Carson City, NV	2A	2:30 PM
Break			2:45 PM
Robert McQueen High School	Reno, NV	3A	3:00 PM
Galena High School	Reno, NV	4A	3:15 PM
Damonte Ranch High School	Reno, NV	4A	3:30 PM
Edward C. Reed High School	Sparks, NV	4A	3:45 PM
Break			4:00 PM
Awards			4:30 PM



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# HOST BAND



## **DAMONTE** R A N C H *Band*

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Ashley Gamett<sup>^</sup>

### FLUTES

Lauren Cassano  
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Jack Ingalls<sup>^</sup>\*  
Penny Kirch  
Charlie Neale  
Gino Stansbury<sup>^</sup>  
Christopher Quinn  
Dylan Yates

### ALTO SAXOPHONES

Isaac Finley<sup>^</sup>  
Nicholas Peterson  
Braden Simpkins<sup>^</sup>\*  
Jennifer Ta

### TENOR SAXOPHONES

Alexa Torres<sup>^</sup>

### BARITONE SAXOPHONES

Jax Key<sup>^</sup>

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Sophia Brown\*  
Deegan Chauvin  
Alejandra Hernandez Garcia  
Addison Lilja  
Bishop Loo  
Aubrynn Makay  
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Matthew Gamett  
Ty Glass  
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Cristian Baca  
Isaac Blitstein  
Steven Esparza  
Cristian Martinez Becerra<sup>^</sup>\*

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Eli Bringhurst<sup>^</sup>\*  
Jasper Buck  
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Weston Hughes  
Marie Moreno  
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### COLOR GUARD

Johnathan English  
Max Harris<sup>^</sup>  
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# CONTEST INFORMATION



## CLASSIFICATION & PERFORMANCE ORDER

<b>Class 1A</b>	1- 45 performers
<b>Class 2A</b>	44 - 65 performers
<b>Class 3A</b>	64 - 85 performers
<b>Class 4A</b>	84 - 115 performers
<b>Class 5A</b>	113+ performers

Total number is the sum of all performers to include woodwind, brass, percussion, front ensemble, guard/auxiliary and drum major(s).

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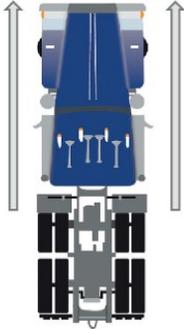
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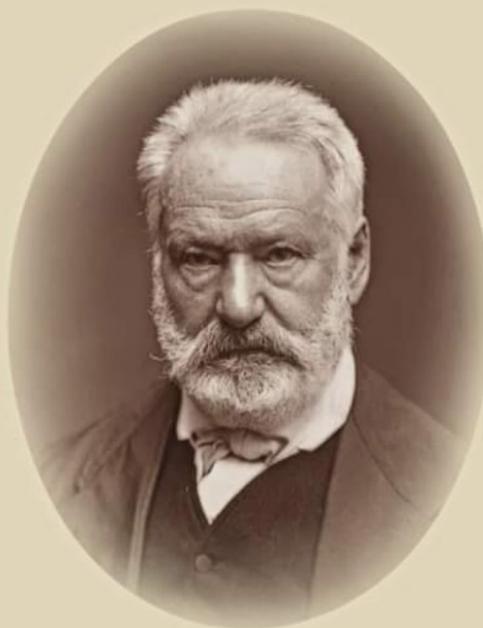
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Carson City, NV

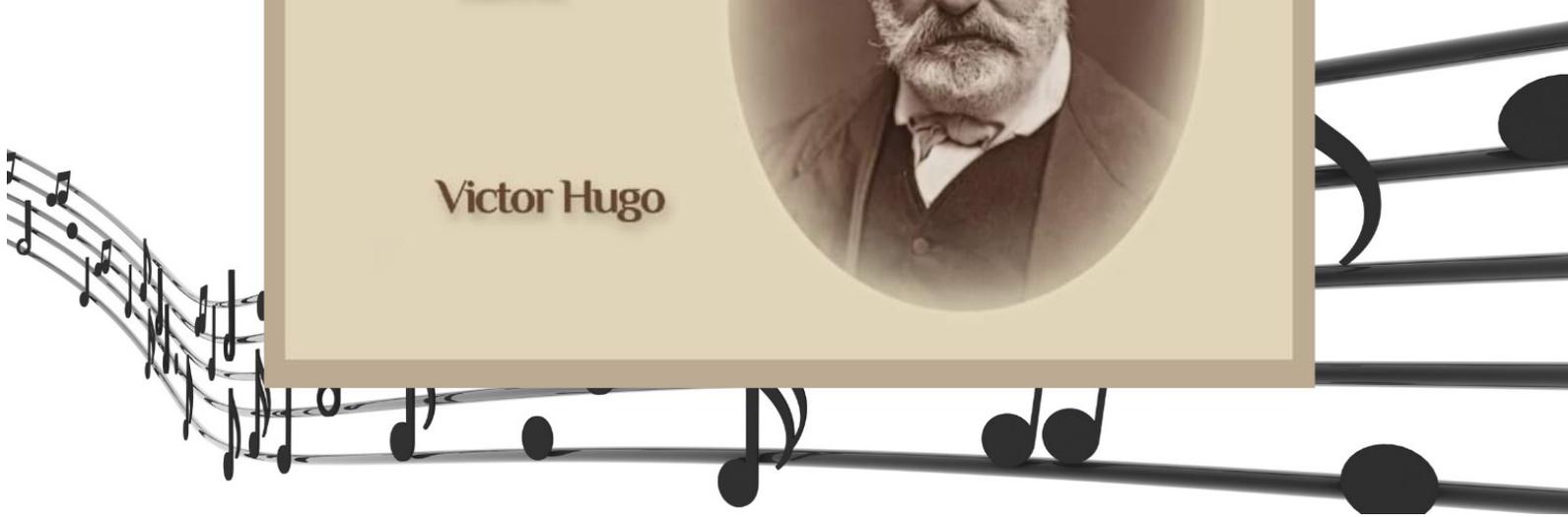
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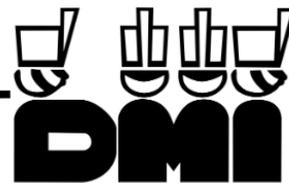


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To our wonderful daughter Sophia Brown.  
We are impressed by you every day and  
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Love, Mom & Dad

# ADJUDICATION AND SCORING



## ADJUDICATION

Each band will be evaluated and scored using the following captions:

*Music Effect*  
*Visual Effect*  
*Ensemble Music*  
*Ensemble Visual*  
*Percussion*  
*Color Guard*

## SCORING

Bands will receive a score based on a total possible 100 points computed to the nearest tenth of a point. The percentage of the total score for each caption is:

*Music Effect: 25% (12.5% Program Effect and 12.5% Performance Effect)*  
*Visual Effect: 25% (12.5% Program Effect and 12.5% Performance Effect)*  
*Ensemble Music: 20% (10% Musicianship/Tone/Intonation and 10% Balance/Timing/Technique)*  
*Ensemble Visual: 20% (10% Composition and 10% Achievement)*  
*Percussion: 5% (2.5% Composition and 2.5% Achievement)*  
*Color Guard: 5% (2.5% Composition and 2.5% Achievement)*

Adjudicators will be instructed to use a regional/local scale rather than a national scale for adjudication. Adjudicators will provide a digital commentary in responding to each aspect of the band's performance. Constructive feedback should reinforce the learning process. It must be of direct value to both the band director/staff and performers.



**The mellophone is not the most laid-back instrument. Kind of like Iceland doesn't really have ice.**

— The 13th Chair

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# AWARDS



## CLASS 1A

**2ND PLACE** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Foothill Poultry

**1ST PLACE** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Comstock Lock

**COLORGUARD** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Truckee Meadows Pest

**PERCUSSION** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Lake Tahoe Music Camp

**VISUAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Northern Nevada Oral Surgery

**MUSIC** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Champion Chevrolet

## CLASS 3A

**1ST PLACE** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Erin & Zack Brown

**COLORGUARD** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Franco Bread

**PERCUSSION** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Brycon

**VISUAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Bucket O' Blood Saloon

**MUSIC** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Spanish Springs Grooming

## CLASS 2A

**4TH PLACE** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Johns Spring and Suspension

**3RD PLACE** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Ponderosa Pediatrics

**2ND PLACE** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Advanced Healthcare

**1ST PLACE** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: OG Ortho

**COLORGUARD** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Mr. Appliance

**PERCUSSION** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Caughlin Ranch Animal

**VISUAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Sala Family Dentistry

**MUSIC** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Reno Blues Society

## CLASS 4A

**3RD PLACE** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: BRG Homes

**2ND PLACE** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Rancharra

**1ST PLACE** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: St. Mary's

**COLORGUARD** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Elite Dental

**PERCUSSION** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Sweetwater Pain & Spine

**VISUAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Silver State Opthamology

**MUSIC** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Round Table Pizza

**SENSATIONAL SPIRIT** \_\_\_\_\_

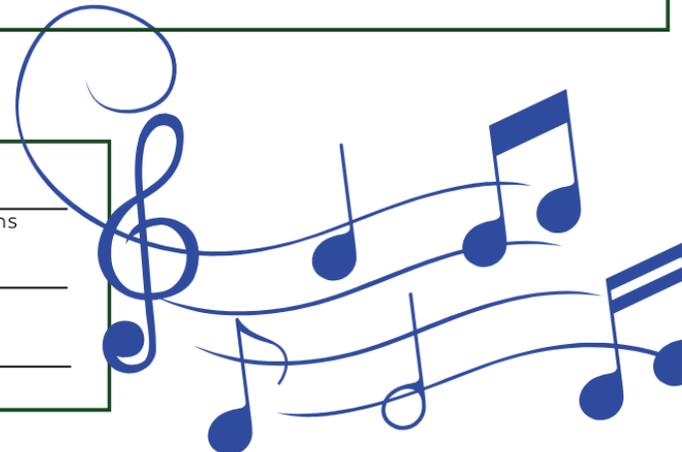
Presented by: Joell Stiner, CMG Home Loans

**BEST PARENT PIT CREW** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Damonte Ranch BPO

**GRAND SWEEPSTAKES** \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: Absolute Music



# SPECIAL THANKS



A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone for coming out today and showing your support to all performers. In addition to the wonderful support from the community, we would like to thank the parents and volunteers who spend countless hours making these events possible. Your hard work and dedication are appreciated more than you know.

## Damonte Ranch Band Parent Organization

- Kandice Simpkins - *President*
- Maggie Harris - *Vice President and Concessions Manager*
- Kate Santti - *Vice President of Fundraising and 2026 DMI Chair*
- Joell Stiner - *Treasurer and 2023-2025 DMI Chair*
- Rebecca Gunderson - *Secretary*
- Shannon Quinn - *Community Liaison*
- Michelle Gammet and Jessica Travis - *2025 Craft Fair Chairs*



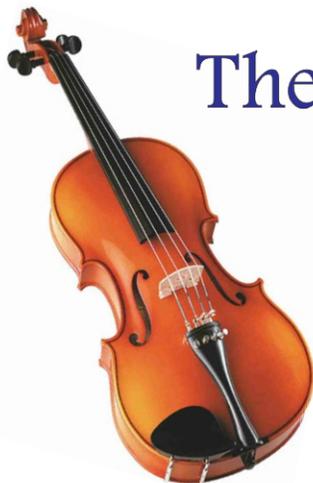
**Band moms are the best. They take care of us with none of the guilt. Except if you mess up your uniform. Then, lots of guilt. Oh man, so much guilt. Really REALLY a lot of guilt. I'm sorry. Really sorry.**

*— The 13th Chair*



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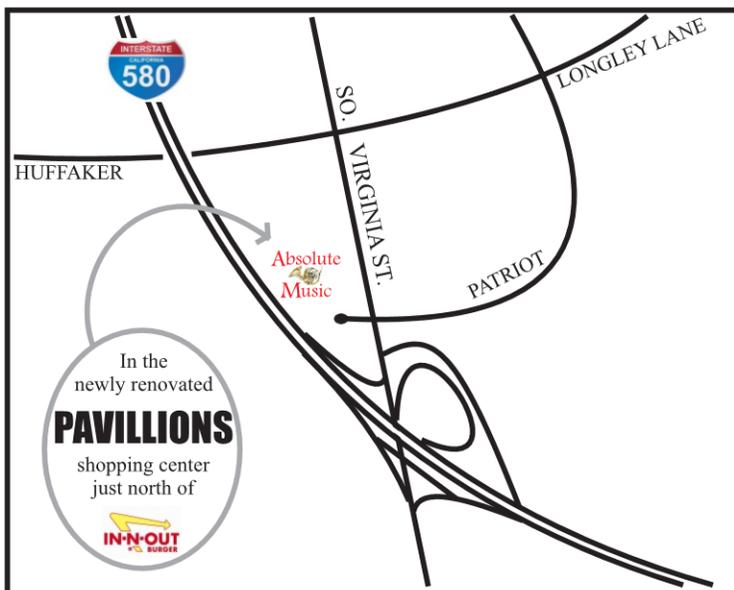


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