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## From the Desk of Mr. Murray

Where did this year go? What a whirlwind of activity! From the Playathon to the current preparations for our upcoming tour of Japan, it has been non-stop action around here! Speaking of Japan, I would like to thank Yvonne Au and the entire Au family for their tireless efforts at making sure everything is perfect for our trip. Needless to say, it wouldn't be happening without them. It will surely be the experience of a lifetime, for all of us. Doomo Arigato!

Thanks to everyone who showed up to support our five nights of Spring Concerts. They were all memorable and well-played. Congratulations to all of the award-winners. To the seniors who have now given their last performances at Rio, a big thank you for four years of tremendous music and passion.

We recently had a landscape cleanup day here. Many students came out on a Saturday morning to help plant bushes around the band room, pull weeds, pick up garbage, and clear the area between the gyms for use as an outdoor eating/performance venue. Thanks go to Jason Della Santa, Paul Leary, Sarah Woodruff, Kate Allen, Jon McHenry, Adam Werner, and Nick Sandberg.

Lastly, thanks to all of the families who continue to entrust their children to us. Without your support, none of this would happen. And as always, thanks to Craig Faniani, for being a great friend, partner, and mentor. See you all next year.

Sayoonara!



## From the Director

I just bought a carton of milk and the date said June 1. Where did the time go? If time flies when you're having fun, the Rio Band is on warp speed. This has been such a great year!

Just about this time every year, I stop to reflect on our progress, changes we have made, successes, failures, etceteras - sort of a "state-of-the-music" address in my own mind. I've done it every year for 23 years. This is a time when curriculum, schedules, procedures, and philosophies get scrutinized. There are always things to improve on, and we will continue to fine-tune and improve.

I am confident that we are still delivering a super high quality music education to our students, and it is enriching their lives. We are maintaining an excellent performance level, our enrollment is steady, our students and parents report having a very high approval rating in our program, and the school and community hold what we do in very high regard.

It has been a very successful year,  
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## President's Corner

Congratulations to the class of 2004! We wish you a bright and successful future, and we thank you and your families for your years of support to the Rio music program.

As this year comes to a close, we have much to celebrate. Our Playathon, Dinner Dance, Jazz Festivals, Spring and Winter Concerts and Finale were all great successes and a testament to the hard work, commitment and dedication of our students, parent volunteers and of course our directors, Mr. Faniani and Mr. Murray. Thank you all for making this another wonderful year!

The Spring Concert bands played to crowded audiences comprised of parents, families and friends. Our band Directors presented student awards for esprit de corps, most improved and

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**President's Corner**

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most valuable players, as voted by their peers. Winners are listed elsewhere in this issue of *Hornblower*. Students, friends and families enjoyed the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Finale on a beautiful day at Arden Park. Thank you to all who pitched in and especially to Jila Faraji and Bobby Shahmirzadi who so capably co-chaired this fun event. Mr. Faniani and Mr Murray presented senior awards.

We all wish the jazz students, instructors and parent chaperones *Bon Voyage* as the leave for Japan on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Travel safely and have a wonderful time representing Rio and Sacramento.

Many thanks to all who volunteered this year, and in particular to the Board. It has been an honor to serve as RABB President and a great pleasure and privilege to be associated with so many fine people who work so efficiently, tirelessly and selflessly without any expectation of acknowledgement. Thank you and best wishes for success to those who have accepted positions on the board for next year and especially to Tami Hoar who will be the next President. A special thank you to our diligent and meticulous treasurer, Poh-Lin Paige. Hardly a day goes by where she does not have to take care of band business. She is a true saint. I encourage all band parents to remain active in RABB. The program and our students depend upon your commitment.

On a personal note, I feel sadness as I leave the Rio Americano band family, where my husband and I have enjoyed four years of outstanding musical entertainment and camaraderie. I am sure that this program, under the fine leadership of Mr. Faniani and Mr. Murray, will continue its musical and educational excellence for many years to come and I look forward to following its successes. Thank you Mr. Faniani and Mr. Murray for your unflinching support. My son, Sean, has said that his experience in this program has provided him with outstanding musical instruction, but even more importantly has taught him that attitude has everything to do with success and has helped him in many other aspects of his education and his life.

Best wishes to you all for a great summer!

Fiona Arenson.

**Next  
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Deadline  
September 14**



## From the Director...

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no matter which way you slice it. We were masterfully led by Fiona and the RABB crew, Sean and Joe VB deftly handled any and all student issues and communication. Our administration was duly supportive of our cause. Our fund raisers were fun and profitable. And most of all, the spirit of the Rio Band remains vibrant. Everyone is willing and eager to pitch in and help out wherever needed. The students are a joy and bring lots of dedication and enthusiasm to the band room everyday.

To me, success in teaching is measured by the quality of the everyday process. The quality is equal to the number of student smiles and great music that's generated.

So there you have it. Another fabulous year for the Rio Band Program. How fortunate we are. Thank you all for your continued efforts. As the curtain closes on the 2003-2004 school year, we are thankful for the leadership and years of service from our seniors. We hate to see them go, but are excited to hear about their next adventures. Meanwhile, another emprise awaits. Here's looking forward to this summer's musical travel and an exciting fall just around the corner. Congratulations to all - it's been a great ride!

Musically, Mr. F.

## From the Student Director...

Konnichi wa! As the school year winds down, things are just heating up for the "Japan Band," the AM and PM Jazz Ensembles who will be heading to Japan for two weeks this summer. music sets for the tour, the band has enjoyed a packing tutorial, a lesson on Japanese toilet use, and in the Japanese language in which we learned such useful phrases as "I think I am about to throw" most sincerely thank the Au family for all the work that they have done in organizing this trip.

Last weekend, the entire band program enjoyed the Finale party which was held at La Sierra Par organize a band trip this year, no suitable time or location could be found. Fortunately, everyone featured all sorts of games including sumo wrestling and a pie eating contest. A special thanks to Shamarzadi, the organizers of this year's wildly successful event.

In April, Rio's bands performed in the Spring Concert Series. At these concerts, awards were presented to each band's Most Valuable Player, Most Improved Player and Most Spirited Person. In addition, senior awards and overall band awards were presented at the Finale. Congratulations to all of the award winners.

Congratulations also to this year's class of graduating band seniors. You have all devoted a significant portion of your high school careers (as many as 16 semesters!) and we hope that you have enjoyed the experience as much as we have.

Currently, auditions are taking place for next year's band placement. We are extremely excited about the up and coming talent in the program, and we would like to wish the bands the best of luck next year. Don't forget to practice hard over the summer, and have a great 2004-2005 school year!

Finally, we would like to thank all of the students and the directors for giving us the opportunity to be your student directors. We have enjoyed this responsibility, and the Rio Americano Band Program will always occupy a special place in our hearts. We hope you've all had a great year.

Sincerely,  
Sean Arenson and Joe Van Brussell  
2003-2004 Student Directors



## SENIOR AWARDS

- Kate Allen:** *UC Santa Barbara.* Music-Outstanding Student, National Merit Commended Student, Presidential Academic Award
- Sean Arenson:** *Stanford.* National Merit Scholar, Frank H Buck Scholarship, Schwab-Rosenhouse Scholarship, Governor's Scholarship, Music-Outstanding Student, Louis Armstrong Award, Band Directors' Award, Science Olympiad, English, AP Spanish, Mathematics, Science, AP American Government, Academic Medal & Pin, AP Scholar with Honors, Bank of America Plaque – Liberal Arts, Bank of America Achievement Award – First Place, Liberal Arts; CSF, National Honors Society, Distinguished Scholar Award, Presidential Academic Award
- Katie Atkinson:** *Vanguard University of Southern California.* Vanguard Academic Scholarship, Governor's Scholarship, Music-Outstanding Student, Mathematics, Academic Medal & Pin, Bank of America Certificate – Music, CSF, National Honors Society, Distinguished Scholar Award, Presidential Academic Award
- Bret Baptista:** *Sonoma State University*
- James Chen:** *UCLA.* Academic Pin, CSF, National Honors Society, Distinguished Scholar Award, Presidential Academic Award
- Cullen Crackel:** *American River College*
- Wilmarie Cruz:** *American River College*
- Elizabeth Dow:** *UC Berkeley.* Music-Outstanding Student, Honors French 4, Academic Medal & Pin, Bank of America Plaque – Fine Arts, CSF, National Honors Society, Distinguished Scholar Award, Presidential Academic Award
- Claudiu Dunca:** *UC Davis.* Honors French 4, CSF, Presidential Academic Award
- Christopher Fairman:** Music-Outstanding Student
- Farshid Faraji:** *UC Berkeley.* Music-Outstanding Student, CSF, National Honors Society, Distinguished Scholar Award, Presidential Academic Award
- Thomas Ishii:** *Embry-Riddel Aeronautical University*
- Leslie Kolafa:** *UC Davis.* Mock Trial, Academic Medal & Pin, CSF, National Merit Commended Student, Presidential Academic Award
- Paul Leary:** *UC Santa Cruz.* Music-Outstanding Student, Patrick S Gilmore Award, Science Olympiad, Presidential Academic Award
- Andrew Lennie:** *UC Santa Barbara.* French 4, Academic Medal & Pin, CSF, National Honors Society, Distinguished Scholar Award, Presidential Academic Award
- Jordan Miller-Ziegler:** *Pomona College.* Science Olympiad, Physics, Mock Trial, AP Scholar with Distinction, Bank of America Plaque – Math, CSF, National Honors Society, National Merit Finalist, Distinguished Scholar Award, Presidential Academic Award
- Whitney Morgan:** *USC.* USC Partial Athletic Scholarship, Academic Pin, CSF, National Honors Society
- Amanda Murillo:** *American River College*
- Ian Ryan:** *UC Santa Barbara.* Music-Outstanding Student, Academic Medal & Pin, Bank of America Certificate – Music, CSF, National Honors Society, Distinguished Scholar Award, Presidential Academic Award
- Renata Skaletzky:** *UCLA.* Mock Trial, Academic Medal & Pin, CSF, National Honors Society, Presidential Academic Award
- Andrew Smyth:** *Westmont.* Music-Outstanding Student, CSF, Distinguished Scholar Award, Presidential Academic Award
- Jessica Stanley:** *Stanford.* Harold & Lilla Strauch Scholarship, Music-Outstanding Student, Science Olympiad, English, Mathematics, PTSA Honorary Service Award, Academic Pin, Bank of America Certificate – Music, CSF, National Honors Society, National Merit Finalist, Distinguished Scholar Award, Presidential Academic Award
- Rachel Stauber:** *UCLA.* Governor's Scholarship, Science Olympiad, AP Spanish, Academic Medal & Pin, AP Scholar, Bank of America Certificate – Liberal Arts, CSF, National Honors Society, National Merit Commended Student. Distinguished Scholar Award, Presidential Academic Award
- Molly Todd:** *University of the Redlands.*
- Joe Van Brussel:** *Loyola-Marymount University.* Rotary Interact Scholarship, Music-Outstanding Student, John Philip Sousa Award, Presidential Academic Award
- Nickolai Volkoff-Shoemaker:** *Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.* Governor's Scholarship, American Government, Academic Medal & Pin, Bank of America Certificate – Music, CSF, National Honors Society, Distinguished Scholar Award, Presidential Academic Award
- Sarah Woodruff:** *UC Santa Barbara.* Music-Outstanding Student, Patrick S Gilmore Award, Science Olympiad, Honors French 4, Academic Pin, National Honors Society, Distinguished Scholar Award, Presidential Academic Award
- Paul Yenovkian:** *American River College*
- Yun-Ji Yoon:** Presidential Academic Award

## “Band of the Rising Sun” - Japan

Two years ago, Gordon Au, Rio band alum (trumpet 1998), began teaching high school performing in Japan. He met band directors, students and musicians who wondered how Gordon saw the potential for a very interesting musical/cultural exchange between two countries. He began negotiations and Bill, Yvonne and Justin joined Gordon in Japan last year with their family and Mr. Faniani worked with Bill Lutt of World Projects (with whom they have worked to create a global itinerary that was presented to a committee of band parents last fall.

After months of preparation, Rio's "Japan Band" of students from A.M. and P.M., along with guest musician/alum, Brandon Au (trombone 01), will embark upon their 13-day tour starting June 16<sup>th</sup>. Our band students will be guests of high school band families in Japan. The concerts will include side-by-side performances with their host bands. They will also perform for the *Nishinippon* (Western Japan) Amateur Band League. While band students are with their home stay hosts in Kobe, their own families will be likewise engaged in a group cultural exchange with students from Gordon's community English classes.

Trip preparation has been a learning experience for the students. We thank Rev. Kaz Nakata from the Buddhist Church of Sacramento for his engaging and illustrative presentation on Japanese culture and customs. Mrs. Masako Thomas, a Japanese teacher from *Sakura Gakuen*, conducted a crash course for us. Thanks also to Mr. Jon Holloway of Holloway Travel Outfitters for his packing demo.

Since the spring concert, Mr. F and the "Japan Band" have been rehearsing for the tour. Their set list includes the original score from *Tank!*, the opening tune to the Cowboy Bebop anime series. Workshop performed a school band arrangement of this at the Spring Concert.

We acknowledge generous donations from See's Candies, Madrone Tree Farm, and RABB that funded communal appreciation gifts for our hosts, tour scholarships, tour shirts, chartered bus, and reduction in tour expenses. Thanks to the Feinstat and Masbou families for their donations as well as to Sherri Inenaga, Chris Feinstat, and Brenda Smyth for home stay gifts; Carolyn Woodruff for tour shirts; Poh-Lin Paige for financial reports; Aleta Bailey for the See's Candy Bar fundraiser; Paula Carrino for the Japan Tour web page; Debbie Ballanti for student business cards; John Ingram for tour updates from Japan; and band families for assistance with tour preparations.

This unique, cultural interchange and concert tour will leave an enduring impression upon our band students. It has been my pleasure to coordinate this trip with Mr. Faniani on behalf of the Rio band program. These band students have not only the distinction of representing one of California's top high school music programs but also the privilege of serving as our goodwill ambassadors in Japan. I look forward to reporting back on their trip in the fall issue of the *Hornblower*.

Thank you for the MVP award, *doomo arigatoo gozaimashita*,

Yvonne Au, tour coordinator



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### Thank You For Making the Finale Party a Success!!!

Thank you to the band directors, band students, band parent volunteers and the RABB for helping to make the annual Rio Band Finale Party a success! We truly appreciate the efforts of all involved, and the band students had a great time. Thanks again!

From, Bobbi & Jila

### CONCERT CORNER

It has been an exceptional year! The number of Rio Band members' accomplishments is astounding. Thank you to the parents and students who shared their successes with us.

First, we want to catch up with *Fairman & Friends'* accomplishments at this year's **Jammies**. **Christopher Fairman, Dave DeMuri & Jon McHenry** played at the Contemporary Night of the Jammies on February 28 at the Crest Theater to a sold out crowd of 1000. Christopher also performed at the first Jammies held in 2003 at the Mondavi Center. *Fairman and Friends* had to go through a vigorous selection process along with a *Battle of the Bands*. They won the audience poll entitling them to various prizes as well as a \$1,000 donation to the Rio Music Department. Congratulations and thank you to *Fairman and Friends*.

**Sean Arenson** has been busy! He was named a *National Merit Scholar*. He took first place in the liberal arts division of the Northern California, *Bank of America Academic Challenge*. He was part of the Rio team that won the *Northern California Economics Challenge* finals and placed second in the California State finals. In the same event, Sean received an individual award in Macroeconomics.

Sean was also joined by **Jessica Stanley, Paul Leary, Jordan Miller-Ziegler, Rachel Stauber, Sarah Woodruff, Tom Oliver, Trevor Johnson, Keith Schwarz, Andrew Woodruff, Amanda Koire, Jonathon Rothfels, Daniel Schwarz and Mari Venturino** on the *Science Olympiad Team*. Congratulations on all of your hard work!

**Randon Kruse, Tom Oliver, Matthew Paige, and Andrew Woodruff** contributed to winning the *Sac-Joaquin Section Swimming and Diving Championship*. Well done!

We all enjoyed the Spring Concerts by Honors Concert Band, Advanced Concert Band, Concert Band and Intermediate Band!! Here are the awards acknowledged those evenings:

BAND	MOST VALUABLE PLAYER	ESPIRIT DE CORPS	MOST IMPROVED
WCB	And the WCB recently returned to the Honors and Advanced Concert Bands are going to make great listening. Honors Concert Band will be at the graduation ceremony to walk the Seniors down the aisle. We wish our seniors all of the best!	John Farrace	Megan Gerrity

WB know that Andrew is bringing more awards, achievements and successes that band students and their parents haven't mentioned. You're a special group of young people, each making your contributions on a daily basis. We are proud of you all.

### Rio Student Named National Merit Scholar

Sean Arenson was named a National Merit Scholar, one of 2,500 out of 1.3 million graduating seniors in the USA this year. Congratulations!

### REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

The Reflections Program, A National PTSA arts recognition program, will be held at Rio Americano this September and October. The 2004-2005 Reflections theme is "A Different Kind of Hero." The hope is by releasing the theme now, students will have the opportunity to work on their project over the summer. The four areas of the program are: literature, music, photography and art. Rio teachers in these subject areas have rules and guidelines. For more information, contact [suecrosby@comcast.net](mailto:suecrosby@comcast.net). Rio has had winners at the district level in the past. Let's continue the winning tradition.

**Are you a senior? Want to keep track of the bands next year?**

**For only \$10, you can join RABB as an alumni member and still receive the Hornblower!!!**

**Check the alumni box on the membership form and send it in!!!**

# Jazz Update

## Rio Jazz - in High Gear for Spring

By Jane Van Brussel

Rio Jazz Bands have been fired up on a busy spring performance schedule! AM Jazz band competed in the Monterey Jazz Festival's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual National High School Jazz Competition April 2 – 4. An enthusiastic audience rewarded their fine performance, and trumpet player Justin Au was awarded a scholarship to the Berklee School of Music Summer camp in Los Angeles. Congratulations Justin!

Spring Jazz concerts delighted families, friends and other jazz-lovers over several evenings in April. Mr. Faniani and Mr. Murray presented awards for "Most Improved," "Esprit de Corps," and "MVP" (most valuable player) for each of the jazz bands and for the Instrumental Ensemble class. (See below)

Our Rio jazz bands were on the road again as the groups trekked to Reno for the annual Jazz Festival at UNR. All three jazz bands hit their stride and earned "I's" across the board. What an outstanding accomplishment! Rio musicians were well represented among winners of soloist awards at Reno:

(AM) Sean Arenson, Mark Asher, Justin Au, Paul Leary and Joe Van Brussel;

(PM) John Faniani, Tim Ingram and Andrew Woodruff;

(FM) Ramsey Castaneda, Mike Croom, Kelly Doherty, Joel Ginsberg, Kesav Raghavan, John Rothfels, Davey Wreden

Our programs are blessed with outstanding leadership in Mr. Faniani and Mr. Murray, as well as with a terrific breadth and depth of student talent.

The Finale and Senior Awards were once again well attended on a beautiful Saturday at La Sierra Park. Lunch and games for all band students were sponsored by RABB and organized by Jila Faraji and Bobby Shahmarzadi, assisted by a terrific crew of volunteer band parents. Thanks to all for a wonderful day. Seniors received plaques acknowledging their commitment to music at Rio, with a large number in the 16-semester category. Sean Arenson was honored with the Louis Armstrong Award as well as the Director's Award. Sarah Woodruff and Paul Leary were named recipients of the Patrick S. Gilmore Award, and Joe Van Brussel was named the John Philip Sousa Award winner. These special awards are also reflected on perpetual plaques in the Music Room and this year's winners will have their names placed beside winners from previous years. Our Rio Jazz program has a long and proud history.

The AM jazz band will make their final appearance at the graduation of the Class of 2004 at Memorial Auditorium on June 9. They will perform "Things Ain't What they Used to Be" by Mercer Ellington during the entertainment portion of the commencement exercises.

Best wishes to all of Rio's graduating seniors and best of luck to all as you complete another year and continue to look forward to the joy of music in your life.

### Rio Jazz Band Annual Awards

Band	Most Improved	Esprit de Corps	MVP	Player of the Year	Most Creative
Jazz Workshop	Jaie Sacco Evan Levy Joe Van Brussel	Chris Fairman	Bret Baptista		
FM	Mike Croom Aaron Werner	Ramsey Castaneda John Farrace	Johnathan Rothfels Kelly Doherty		
PM	Evan Levy	Sarah Woodruff	Andrew Woodruff		
AM	Bret Bailey	Trevor Johnson Joe Van Brussel	Sean Arenson		
Small Ensemble	Whitney Morgan	Jessica Stanley		Chris Fairman Christine Hsii Paul Leary	Bret Baptista Paul Leary

**May 04 RABB Membership Report**

As the 03-04 school year comes to a close, RABB has achieved at 67% family participation in membership. Our children appreciate it and are reaping the benefits!

Many, many heartfelt thanks to those families and especially those individuals who do not have children at Rio Americano, who donated generously to our music program. Without you, we would not have met our budgeted expenses.

Our goal next year is to SURPASS this year's mark and try to get to 70%. Will you help us?  
And parents, you know your \$20 is going to a good cause.... your child!

Please take a moment and fill out the 04/05 membership form now while you're thinking about it.

**Rio Americano Band Boosters - 2004-05 Membership**

Yes! We will join RABB for 2004-05 as: \_\_\_ active band family (\$20) or \_\_\_ alumni & friend (\$10)

Student(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print) (please print)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues \$: \_\_\_\_\_ + \$ \_\_\_\_\_ optional donation = check amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Make check payable to RABB and mail to:*

*Lisa Pedlar, Membership Chair, 11858 Point Rock Way, Gold River, CA 95670*

I would also like to participate in the Band Booster Activities. Please contact me for:

Chaperone \_\_\_ Newsletter Assembly \_\_\_ Playathon (Nov) \_\_\_ Dinner Dance (Feb) \_\_\_ Dinner Dance Auction \_\_\_  
Committee Chair \_\_\_ Year-end Party (May) \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

(detach here)

**Join the Rio Americano Band Boosters**

The Rio Americano Band Boosters (RABB) is an organization of parents, alumni and friends who support music education at Rio Americano High School. This premier program includes four levels of concert bands, four levels of jazz bands and combos. Rio is fortunate to have an outstanding team of instructors to lead these bands. We look forward to another exceptional year with the Rio band program for 2004-05. By becoming a Rio Americano Band Booster you are voting to maintain and nurture this excellent program.

Band activities include: concerts, fall Playathon, spring Dinner Dance, Jazz Festivals, music conferences, musical support and spirit to the home football and basketball games and rallies, musical support for a variety of school events including graduation, and provides a support-group and home for those who love music.

Donations to RABB help fund essential music department expenses such as:

Purchase and repair of instruments Music clinics Hornblower (RABB newsletter)  
Guest artists Parent/student handbook for each family Master teachers  
Purchase of music Teacher stipends Transportation to musical events  
Support all band activities Concert programs Publicity and special events

Your donations this year will help us support the faculty's efforts, meet the challenge of growth, and replace out-dated equipment and music. All Rio music students will benefit by your donation.

The RABB membership fee is \$20 for an active band family regardless of the number of family members involved in the program. Alumni donations are \$10, but all donations are greatly appreciated. We hope every music family will be able to contribute to enhance the music program at Rio!

For information about RABB and the Rio Americano music program, visit the website at: [www.rioband.org](http://www.rioband.org)