

James David Sepulvado

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Master of Education, National University, 2017

Bachelor of Arts, Music Education, San Diego State University, 2007

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Music, Cuyamaca College (2016–Present)

Chair, Performing Arts Department, Cuyamaca College (2021–Present)

Interim Director of Bands, Point Loma Nazarene University (2021–2022)

RESIDENCIES AND INVITED CONDUCTING

Northwestern Nazarene University Residency, 2025

Grossmont Union High School District Honor Band, 2022

Point Loma Nazarene University Residency, 2019

San Diego Unified School District Middle School Honor Band, 2013

SELECTED REPERTOIRE & ARTISTIC FOCUS

Large-scale wind symphonies; contemporary American composers; extended collaborative projects; works by David Maslanka, Bernstein, Holst, Shostakovich, and new commissions.

CONDUCTING & ARTISTIC LEADERSHIP

Conductor, Cuyamaca College Wind Ensemble (2024–Present)

President & Co-Founder, San Diego Winds (2008–Present)

Conductor, Cuyamaca College Concert Band (2016–Present)

Conductor, San Diego Youth Symphony Wind Symphony (2021–2024)

Guest Conductor & Clinician (2012–Present)

INSTITUTIONAL & PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

Founder and Director, SANMAC, 2019–Present

Founder & Director, San Diego Summer Music Institute (2010–Present)

Founder & Director, San Diego Summer Music Institute Conducting Symposium (2019–Present)

Series Manager, ECHO Chamber Music Series, Cuyamaca College (2018–Present)

Founder & Director, Cuyamaca College Band & Orchestra Festival (2024–Present)

Founder & Director, PMAG Days (2016–Present)

Founder & Director, RAMP – Ryan Anthony Music Project (professional development) (2019–2024)

PUBLICATIONS

Sepulvado, J. (2020). The Joy of Listening to Music. Great River Learning.

SELECTED COMMISSIONS & RECORDINGS

Commissions (as Conductor / Consortium Participant)

Symphony No. 10, David Maslanka Commissioned by a consortium led by Stephen K. Steele, 2017

Give Us This Day, David Maslanka, 2006 Commissioned by a consortium led by Eric Weirather

Balboa Fanfare, Kevin Day Commissioned by San Diego County College and University Bands for College Band Day, 2026

Recordings

Symphony No. 7, David Maslanka, Cuyamaca College Wind Ensemble. 2024

HONORS & AWARDS

Quarter-Finalist, Warsaw International Wind Band Conducting Competition, 2025

Yamaha "40 Under 40" Award, 2023

Lemon Grove School District, School Board Recognition, 2023

California Music Educators Association- Southern Border Section Industry Award (San Diego Winds), 2019

Cuyamaca College Excellence in Teaching Finalist, 2017

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

Miskell, Dani. "Grammy-Winning Musicians Help Cuyamaca College's Performing Arts Students." ABC 10 News San Diego KGTV, 19 Nov. 2025, www.10news.com/news/local-news/east-county-news/grammy-winning-musicians-help-cuyamaca-colleges-performing-arts-programs.

Mcintosh, Linda. "Honor Band and Honor Orchestra Back with Musical Extravaganza." San Diego Union-Tribune, Feb. 2022, www.sandiegouniontribune.com/2022/02/01/honor-band-and-honor-orchestra-back-with-musical-extravaganza/

Pearlman, K., 2020. Santee making sound progress on bringing music back to school. San Diego Union-Tribune. <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/communities/east-county/santee/story/2020-02-06/santee-making-sound-progress-on-bringing-music-back-to-school>

Sepulvado, James. Interview by Randolph Wyatt. Cuyamaca Conversations Podcast. 2018 November. <https://open.spotify.com/show/6RDitszjHtKYYUVf5NBFE6>

Sepulvado, James. Interview by SDVoyager. SDVoyager.com. 2018 February.

<http://sdvoyager.com/interview/meet-james-sepulvado-san-diego-winds-san-diego-county/>

PRESENTATIONS

Speaker: "Closing Session: We Are Artists," Ryan Anthony Music Project, 2022

Sepulvado, James. Co-Host. Episodes 1-21. Band Ranting Podcast. 2018 September 10 – 2020 December 19. <https://www.bandranting.com/>

Speaker: "Connecting the Dots: Community Performance as Advocacy," California All State Music Education Conference, 2016

Speaker: "Connecting the Dots: Community Performance as Advocacy," San Diego Mega Arts Conference, 2015

ADJUDICATION

Forum Music Festivals, 2021-Present

California State Band Championships (CSBC), 2020-Present

Grossmont Band & Orchestra Festival, 2023-Present

IUSD Wind Festival, 2025

California Music Educators Association (CMEA), 2009-2012

Music in the Parks, 2009-2011

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & MEMBERSHIPS

College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA)

Music Association of California Community Colleges (MACCC)
California Band Directors Association (CBDA)
California Music Educators Association (CMEA)
National Association for Music Education (NAfME)
American Federation of Musicians, Local 325
Parent Music Advocacy Group (PMAG)