



## PENINSULA SYMPHONIC WINDS

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### **PENINSULA SYMPHONIC WINDS ANNOUNCES NEW MUSIC DIRECTORS**

Mr. Justin Raines, the band's associate director for the 2018-2019 season, will be the band's music director beginning with its 2019-2020 season. Ms. Janet Song Kim is joining the band as its associate director.



Mr. Raines is a tuba player and award-winning composer whose music has been performed throughout the world. As a conductor, he has had the opportunity to study with several recognized and respected conductors. At New Mexico State University, he studied with Dr. William Clark and Dr. Ken Van Winkle, both notable clinicians and members of the American Bandmasters Association. At University of Nevada, Las Vegas, he briefly studied with Takayoshi "Tad" Suzuki, whose group the TAD Wind Symphony has premiered and commercially recorded several of his concert band works that have been released internationally. In 2014, he was awarded the Harvey Phillips Award for *Cauterizing The Soul*, a work for tuba and string quartet. Now in Los Angeles, Justin has been the artistic

director for the Gay Freedom Band of Los Angeles since 2012, and spends his time composing for both stage and screen.



Ms. Janet Song Kim, associate director for its 2019-2020 season, is a second-year doctoral student in wind band conducting at the University of California, Los Angeles, where she studies with Dr. Travis J. Cross. Previously, she earned her master's degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania under the tutelage of Dr. Timothy A. Paul and Dr. Jason Worzbyt. Beginning her career as a band director at Northern Valley Demarest (N.J.) High School, she also worked with several other middle school and high school bands throughout New Jersey during her time as a public-school educator. Kim obtained her bachelor's degrees in music education and jazz studies from Montclair State University

"Both individuals bring outstanding musical background and experience to our group, and both are excellent music educators, said Joe Siegel, president of the Peninsula Symphonic Winds. "We look forward to their leadership as we continue to provide fine concerts for our community."

Ms. Kim will open the band's 2019-2020 season with a concert "Celebrating the Beauty and Wonder of Nature." The concert will begin at **4:00 PM on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at the Salvation Army Chapel in Torrance**. Admission for adults is \$10, children under 12 are free.

The **Peninsula Symphonic Winds** is a 50-member community band established in 1996 that gives four to five concerts per year. The band rehearses from 7:30 to 9:30 PM on Wednesday evenings at Harbor College and offers local musicians the opportunity to maintain and improve their musical skills. Community members who play a wind or percussion instrument are welcome to join.

For more information, see <http://www.pswinds.org>.