



May 31 - June 3, 2022 in Anaheim, CA  
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April 25, 2022

Dear Mariachi Workshop Participant:

**THESE ARE YOUR INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING WORKSHOP. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

We are so excited about returning to our week of fun, engaging, passionate, refreshing music-making at the **2022 National Mariachi Workshops for Educators®** in Anaheim, CA, presented by the NAMM Foundation. We sold out almost six (6) weeks ago—the earliest ever—and have the largest attendance in the history of our workshops. If you are a first-time participant, you're in for the best professional development training of your career. Our returnees will tell you that this workshop is life-changing. . .not only for you, but for your students whose paths will be changed forever because you chose to attend this program.

So now, please take the time to carefully review the comprehensive information being provided just below to help you have a smooth week of learning and networking. Please know that this letter is also posted on our website so keep this URL handy and check back often for updates.

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1. Our workshop begins Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please report to Orange Grove Elementary School located at 1000 S. Harbor Boulevard in Anaheim starting at 7:00 AM but no later than 7:30 AM so that you may pick up your materials, sign up for your preferred methods classes for the day, meet your instructors and be ready to start **promptly** at 8:00 AM. The workshop ends Friday at approximately 3:00 PM after our concert (but there will be plenty of activities and celebrity performances at The NAMM Show that afternoon and evening as well as on Saturday. See #8 below for additional details). The concert begins at 1:30 PM and **YES**, you will indeed be ready to play all of the instruments at a basic level so please invite family and friends to attend to watch you perform. We are extremely fortunate in that we will also be treated to a performance by the highly celebrated Mariachi Joya de Las Vegas High School. Read more about their 3-year-old program and their director, Stephen Blanco on our website.

2. Lunches are included Tuesday - Friday as part of your workshop fee.

3. The Tuesday schedule allows for participants to rotate between four (4), 90-minute methods classes on your choice of violin, trumpet, guitar, vihuela, guitarron and harp (for Intermediate/Advanced pedagogy only).

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**Sign-ups for these various classes will take place between 7:00-8:00 AM Tuesday morning** so come early to be sure that you can get into the methods classes that you desire.

4. With so many Beginning Pedagogy participants, we have had to divide into two (2) sections of twenty-six (26) each—Mariachi Blanco (White) and Mariachi Azul (Blue). The two sections will receive identical instruction. Class lists are attached and have also been posted on our website. An Intermediate/Advanced Pedagogy course is also taking place concurrently for those who are seeking materials to use with their students *beyond* what is provided in the Beginning Pedagogy course. Tentative daily schedules for both courses are attached and also posted on our website.

5. All instruments are provided but we recommend that if at all possible, you bring a trumpet, flute, or violin if any of these is your primary instrument. In that way, participants who need instruction on these specific instruments may use the ones that are being provided. IF YOU PLAN TO FOCUS ON LEARNING HOW TO SHARPEN YOUR TRUMPET SKILLS DURING THE WEEK, please bring a trumpet from your school or at the very least, a mouthpiece that only you will use.

6. Each mariachi instrument is handmade by J&B Instruments, a quality provider whose business is located in Victorville, CA. ALL INSTRUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT SPECIAL WORKSHOP PRICES (excluding shipping, so to save even more, plan to take the instruments with you!) A price sheet is attached and also available to download from our website. All types of payments are accepted so be sure to bring your school purchase orders, checks, or credit cards. You may also contact luthier Julio Vizcarra at [vijulio1992@gmail.com](mailto:vijulio1992@gmail.com) prior to the workshop to arrange purchases in advance. A total of 25 guitars, 25 vihuelas and 25 guitarrones will be available to purchase. In addition, 15 Yamaha trumpets (three mariachi trumpets designed by Mariachi Vargas through Yamaha Mexico) and 12 violins will also be available to purchase on site. Our Workshop's Grammy-nominated performing artist, Maestro José Hernández, will be performing on his Bach trumpet which he personally crafted. More information on all of these instruments will be available at our event.

7. We have planned a very special dinner and show at Casa de Sol, the home of Mariachi Sol de Mexico de José Hernández, for Thursday evening. This is an OPTIONAL event, but you won't want to miss the performances of this world-famous, Grammy-nominated professional Mariachi Ensemble!

You will be seated at tables of either four (4) or six (6) with one check per table being provided. Please meet at the restaurant no later than 6:00 PM. Earlier is fine but not later. Transportation is on your own. The restaurant is not far from the workshop location but with rush hour, you should plan 35-40 minutes for travel. The address for Casa del Sol is 2497 Park Avenue, Tustin, CA 92782.

This particular event is available primarily for workshop attendees and family and the only way to reserve your space is by completing this simple online reservation form accessible via the link just below. Please do this as soon as possible but no later than Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> as this is first-come, first-served and seats are limited. Three delicious entrees are being offered and can be viewed at the bottom of the reservation form: <https://forms.gle/QsacHJSxR12fp1Q76>. **Please do not call the restaurant directly to make reservations.**

8. Thanks to The NAMM Foundation, our presenting sponsor, admission to the NAMM Show is included in the cost of your registration. This is an exceptional opportunity that has been provided just for us but credentials are required! **Here's how to get your badge.**

Each attendee will receive a customized email invitation. Simply complete the process as directed in the email. NOTE: These badges are complimentary. In some rare cases, people are asked to pay. DO NOT PAY as refunds are not possible. If you are asked to pay, contact Bethany Gilbert at [bethanyg@namm.org](mailto:bethanyg@namm.org) with any specific registration challenges you encounter. She will take good care of you. (Thanks, Bethany!)

Once you submit your registration, you will receive an email confirmation with details on where and when to pick up your badge on the show site (Anaheim Convention Center), in addition to basic show info, parking, concerns, sessions, food courts, etc. Your badge entitles you to attend any NAMM Show event including the celebrity performances and massive exhibits but don't miss **The Grand Rally for Music Education** on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM located inside the Anaheim Convention Center in Ballroom B on the third floor.

**SPECIAL NOTE: Unless you are performing at the NAMM Show, you are not permitted to bring an instrument into the Exhibits area. If you are performing at the NAMM Show, please let Marcia Neel know immediately.**

This year's **Grand Rally for Music Education** presents the Gateways Brass Collective, the only all-Black professional brass quintet in the U.S. that tours regularly and whose repertoire includes traditional and jazz performances. Groundbreaking composer and conductor Eric Whitacre also takes the stage to bring live and virtual performance together in a hybrid performance of "Sing Gently," featuring Ashley Ballou-Bonnema creator of sINGSPIRE, a virtual choir for individuals with Cystic Fibrosis. Presented by The NAMM Foundation in collaboration with Conn-Selmer, Hal Leonard, JackTrip, and Yamaha Corporation. Additional details and a complete schedule are available at <https://bit.ly/NAMMShowEducEvents>. (Do **NOT** register on THIS site. Simply complete and submit the registration info from the personal invitation sent to you from NAMM.)

9. Many of you have asked whether we would be offering private lessons again this year and the answer is YES! Lessons are available on all instruments and are \$45 each for a 45-minute private lesson. You may schedule lessons on Tuesday and/or Wednesday from 4:15 PM to 5:00 PM or from 5:00 PM to 5:45 PM. We must vacate the building by 6:00 PM. Lessons may be scheduled with the instructors individually once you arrive. All instructors can provide private lessons on any of the instruments.

That's it! Please keep this information handy. As a reminder, this informative letter will also be posted on our website at [www.musicedconsultants.net/2022mariachiworkshops](http://www.musicedconsultants.net/2022mariachiworkshops).

We are looking forward to seeing you in Anaheim! If you have any questions, please contact Marcia Neel at [marcia@musicedconsultants.net](mailto:marcia@musicedconsultants.net) and we will get right back to you.

Best,



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