

ACUSD Jazz Band to Perform in "The Mother Lode Hot Jazz Party"

*Amador & Argonaut Band Boosters Fundraiser
Fun for Children, Parents & Grandparents
Sunday, April 26*

The brand new ACUSD Jazz Band with Grammy-nominated guest artist Mic Gillette (trumpet & trombone) will perform one concert in the 31st Anniversary Mother Lode Hot Jazz Party at Mel & Faye's on Sunday, April 26 – time: 2:45 PM. *The Hot Jazz Party will also include performances by 10 other bands all day at various locations throughout Amador County.*

Admission badges must be bought before April 17th for the Band Boosters to get credit for the sale. Goal: sell 200 badges. How to buy badges & support the Band Boosters:

- Mail your order & payment (write checks out to: Band Boosters) to Amador & Argonaut Band Boosters, P.O. Box 101, Sutter Creek, CA 95685. Include:
 - Number of badges
 - \$17.00/badge
 - \$1.00 (shipping)
 - Name, mailing address, and phone
 - Wait for your badge in the mail OR
- Contact Maja Johnson 209.304.1829 or mipijohnson@yahoo.com OR
- Buy badges @ Mother Lode Music OR
- Watch the Amador Ledger Dispatch for more info.

ACUSD Jazz Band Bio

The Amador County Unified School District Jazz Band is made of students from Amador and Argonaut High Schools. It is a volunteer-only before-school enrichment course that meets from 7:00 to 8:00 AM five days a week. The ACUSD Jazz Band performs locally for school concerts and community events and travels near and far to participate in various educational jazz festivals.

The birth of the ACUSD Jazz Band is a very special story. In the summer of 2008, Mic Gillette, original lead trumpet with the Tower of Power and Grammy nominated solo artist for his recent album "Ear Candy", began teaching private lessons to a few student musicians in the Amador trumpet section. After learning about the ACUSD Band Program from these students, he offered to coach the Marching Band's brass section during the first quarter of 2008. Following the first rehearsal, Mic offered to Mr. Tootle, the Band's director, to help start a Jazz Band. The rest is history. The ACUSD Jazz Band formed on October 20, 2008 under the management of ACUSD Music Educator Christopher J. Tootle, the direction of retired ACUSD Music Educator Hank King, and the inspiration of Mic Gillette.

ACUSD Jazz Band Motto – *We don't get up at 5 AM to be serious!* – Mic Gillette