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KCSM announces lineup for Jazz on the Hill 2026

Grammy Winners 'Tuck and Patti' to receive Icon Award

San Mateo, Calif. – KCSM-FM is proud to announce the full music lineup for *Jazz on the Hill 2026*, returning to the College of San Mateo on Saturday, June 6th from 11AM until 6PM.

Festivalgoers can enjoy a full day of live jazz, local food vendors, arts and crafts, family-friendly activities, and panoramic views of the Bay Area from the College of San Mateo campus.

“Jazz on the Hill has always been about bringing great music and community together in one place,” said Chuy Varela, host of KCSM’s Latin Jazz program and one of the festival emcees. “We love introducing audiences to both legendary artists and emerging talent. That spirit of discovery is part of what keeps people coming back year after year.”

First launched in 1991, *Jazz on the Hill* is the Peninsula’s longest-running free jazz festival. This year’s event includes an all-new musical lineup, food trucks, local wine and beer vendors, arts and crafts, and free parking.

One of the festival’s signature moments is the presentation of the KCSM Jazz Icon Award, honoring individuals and organizations that have made lasting contributions to jazz. This year’s recipients are Grammy-winning duo Tuck and Patti.

Main Stage artists include Nathan Tokunaga, Tuck and Patti, Roger Glenn Latin Jazz Ensemble featuring Ray Obiedo, Vanessa Collier, and Miles Smiles: A Celebration featuring Essiet Essiet, David Sanchez, Edward Simon, Eddie Henderson, and Akira Tana.

The Youth Stage will feature emerging artists from Oaktown Jazz Workshop, Stanford Jazz Combo, SFJAZZ High School All-Stars, and SJZ High School All Stars.

“Jazz on the Hill is one of the clearest expressions of KCSM’s mission,” said Dr. Robert Franklin, Station Manager of KCSM. “It’s free, open to the community, and rooted in the belief that great jazz should be shared widely and experienced together. Every year, it reminds us of the power this music has to bring people together across generations and communities.”



Sponsors and community partners for Jazz on the Hill 2026 include Gordon Biersch, the San Mateo Daily Journal, College of San Mateo, and the San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation.

For the full lineup and festival information, visit jazzonthehill.org.

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