



#### MUSIC DIRECTOR

Tigran Arakelyan joined us as Youth Music Director in 2018. Armenian-American Music Director and Conductor of Port Townsend Community Orchestra, Federal Way Youth Symphony, and Bainbridge Island Youth Orchestras, Mr. Arakelyan was previously the assistant conductor of Los Angeles Youth Orchestra, Whatcom Symphony Orchestra, Northridge Youth Philharmonic, and the associate conductor of Rainier Symphony. For three seasons he was a Senior Conducting Fellow with California Philharmonic, comprised of musicians from LA Chamber Orchestra, LA Opera, and other professional orchestras. Mr. Arakelyan was also a prize winner in The American Prize—Vytautas Marijosius Memorial Award in Orchestral Programming and at the Global Music Awards.



#### JAZZ & ROCK BAND DIRECTOR

Derick Polk is a retired navy musician who has performed around the world. He has also performed with jazz greats such as Dizzy Gillespie and Clark Terry. Derick currently performs with various artists through out the greater Seattle area and currently is a member of Bremerton Symphony Orchestra. Derick has a Bachelor of Arts in Music theory from DePaul University and a Music Education Degree from Northeastern Illinois University. Mr. Polk currently works a substitute teacher in the Kitsap County school districts.



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