

## STEVE ALCALA

Steve Alcala began music education at Roosevelt High School in Fresno California under the direction of the beloved band director Dwayne Weston. Steve also attended Fresno City College and studied trumpet with the late Gilbert Rodriquez. In 1974 Steve attended Fresno State where receiving his Bachelors degree and teaching credential in 1979. While attending Fresno State, Steve was a member of the marching band, the “A” jazz band, and wind ensemble, and concert band.

Steve Alcala has been teaching at Roosevelt High School since 1982. In that time he initiated the jazz program and is also responsible for creating the steel drum ensemble (1993), mariachi band (1989), and the Latin jazz ensemble (1983). In addition to having taught concert band marching band, Mr. Alcala has taught the marimba band since 1982. He currently teaches music and computers classes where students learn the Finale and Sebelius music writing programs along with recording music using the Pro-Tools” software program.

Steve Alcala’s performing classes have played in Mexico City, Torreon (Mexico), Topeka Kansas, New York, as well as educational conferences throughout the state of California. He has been a presenter at conferences such as the International Association of Jazz Educators, California Music Educators Association, the California Migrant Education Conference and numerous others. He has received special recognition as Teacher of the year (AMAE), KSEE Special Person, as well as numerous others awards. Steve Alcala’s performing groups have received awards at jazz festivals including the Monterey Jazz festival (high school), Buchanan, Fullerton, Santa Cruz, and Hayward, among others. In addition to his teaching assignments, Mr. Alcala has his own radio program on 90.7 KFSR, playing Latin Jazz on Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. He also owns his own music publishing business. Mr. Alcala has coached baseball for many years and was a former ball player on the Roosevelt High team when they were league champions (72-73). He has 2 boys, likes to ride his bike, jog and can ride a unicycle.