

Matt Falker

Matt Falker is a jazz and gospel pianist, vocalist, arranger and clinician. As a full-time professor at MiraCosta College, Matt directs the Downbeat award-winning *Frequency* vocal jazz program, and is founder and director of the Oceanside Jazz Festival, a non-competitive vocal jazz festival hosted at MiraCosta.

As a prominent vocal jazz arranger, Matt now distributes his music through his publishing company, Anchor Music Publications (formerly Sound Music Publications founded by Frank DeMiero in 1988), as well as the music of dozens of other arrangers and composers in the vocal jazz community. Anchor Music also runs a series of one-day vocal jazz workshops around the United States and Canada for teachers and students called the Vocal Jazz Academy, and hosts an Educator Support community for hundreds of educators on Facebook.

As a vocalist and pianist, he has presented featured sets at events such as the Jazz Education Network (JEN) Conference. In 2019, he presented a performance of his singing, playing, and arranging at the International Jazz Voice Conference in Helsinki, Finland. Matt has also served as the guest conductor for many All-State Vocal Jazz Ensembles, and as a featured clinician or performer at prominent educational jazz festivals.

Matt also arranged and scored a new musical based on the life and music of Nat 'King' Cole, which was premiered at Morgan State University in Baltimore. [facebook.com/ThereWasaBoy100](https://www.facebook.com/ThereWasaBoy100)

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