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## **Alumni, Amplified**

One of the most prominent musicians among UC Santa Barbara alumni — next to Jack Johnson — is singer-songwriter Zach Gill. Funny enough, Gill often is next to Johnson. Literally. The Animal Liberation Orchestra frontman is a longtime bandmate, friend and collaborator of Johnson; the two met as UCSB students.

Gill, who also performs as a solo artist, is returning to campus to launch the new season of UCSB Amplified, the performance series featuring students, faculty, staff and alumni. With a song written for his daughters, Gill's session is now live online.

Offering another diverse array of performers and musical styles, Amplified's new round of weekly recordings feature classical trumpet player David Nakazono, violist Angela Miller, pianist Wan Pei, marimba from Nick Diamantides and more.

UCSB Amplified's live-recorded mini-concerts showcase the campus's exceptional talent and diverse music scene.

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### **About UC Santa Barbara**

The University of California, Santa Barbara is a leading research institution that also provides a comprehensive liberal arts learning experience. Our academic community of faculty, students, and staff is characterized by a culture of interdisciplinary collaboration that is responsive to the needs of our multicultural and global society.

All of this takes place within a living and learning environment like no other, as we draw inspiration from the beauty and resources of our extraordinary location at the edge of the Pacific Ocean.