



# 2025 State Choir Contest Performance Schedule

Date (29)	Warm-Up	Performance	Class	Ensemble
Friday 4/4/2025	7:40 AM	8:00 AM	MS	Van Buren Middle School
Friday 4/4/2025	8:00 AM	8:20 AM	MS	Ruidoso Middle School
Friday 4/4/2025	8:20 AM	8:40 AM	MS	Lincoln Middle School
Friday 4/4/2025	8:40 AM	9:00 AM	MS	Picacho Middle School
Friday 4/4/2025	9:00 AM	9:20 AM	MS	Gattis Middle School
Friday 4/4/2025	9:20 AM	9:40 AM	MS	Zia Middle School
Friday 4/4/2025	9:40 AM	10:00 AM	MS	Gonzales Community School
Friday 4/4/2025	10:00 AM	10:20 AM	MS	Camino Real Middle School
	10:20 AM	10:40 AM		
Friday 4/4/2025	10:40 AM	11:00 AM	MS	Yucca Middle School
Friday 4/4/2025	11:00 AM	11:20 AM	MS	Los Alamos Middle School
Friday 4/4/2025	11:20 AM	11:40 AM	MS	Eisenhower Middle School
Friday 4/4/2025	11:40 AM	12:00 PM	MS	Cleveland Middle School
Friday 4/4/2025	12:00 PM	12:20 PM	MS	Hermosa Middle School
Friday 4/4/2025	12:20 PM	12:40 PM	MS	Mountain View Middle School
Friday 4/4/2025	12:40 PM	1:00 PM	MS	Heights Middle School
<b>Awards ceremony for Middle School to be held at approximately 1:30 PM</b>				
Friday 4/4/2025	1:40 PM	2:00 PM	A-3A	Capitan High School
Friday 4/4/2025	2:00 PM	2:20 PM	A-3A	Ruidoso High School
Friday 4/4/2025	2:20 PM	2:40 PM	A-3A	New Mexico School for the Arts
Friday 4/4/2025	2:40 PM	3:00 PM	A-3A	Public Academy for Performing Arts
Friday 4/4/2025	3:00 PM	3:20 PM	A-3A	St. Michael's High School
Friday 4/4/2025	3:20 PM	3:40 PM	4A	Los Alamos High School
Friday 4/4/2025	3:40 PM	4:00 PM	4A	Artesia High School
Friday 4/4/2025	4:00 PM	4:20 PM	4A	Moriarty High School
Friday 4/4/2025	4:20 PM	4:40 PM	4A	Lovington High School
Friday 4/4/2025	4:40 PM	5:00 PM	4A	Portales High School
<b>Awards ceremonies for A-3A and 4A to be held at approximately 5:30 PM</b>				
Friday 4/4/2025	5:40 PM	6:00 PM	A-5A Treble	Centennial High School
Friday 4/4/2026	6:00 PM	6:20 PM	A-5A Treble	Farmington High School
Friday 4/4/2025	6:20 PM	6:40 PM	A-5A Treble	Los Alamos High School
Friday 4/4/2025	6:40 PM	7:00 PM	A-5A Treble	Moriarty High School



# 2025 State Choir Contest Performance Schedule

Date (24)	Warm-Up	Performance	Class	Ensemble
Saturday 4/5/2025	8:20 AM	8:40 AM	A-5A Treble	Rio Rancho High School
Saturday 4/5/2025	8:40 AM	9:00 AM	A-5A Treble	Volcano Vista High School
Saturday 4/5/2025	9:00 AM	9:20 AM	A-5A Treble	Clovis High School
Saturday 4/5/2025	9:20 AM	9:40 AM	A-5A Treble	Mayfield High School
	9:40 AM	10:00 AM		
Saturday 4/5/2025	10:00 AM	10:20 AM	A-5A Treble	Public Academy for Performing Arts
Saturday 4/5/2025	10:20 AM	10:40 AM	A-5A Treble	Portales High School
Saturday 4/5/2025	10:40 AM	11:00 AM	A-5A Treble	Carlsbad High School
Saturday 4/5/2025	11:00 AM	11:20 AM	A-5A Treble	V. Sue Cleveland High School
Saturday 4/5/2025	11:20 AM	11:40 AM	A-5A Treble	Piedra Vista High School
<b>Awards ceremony for Class A-5A Treble to be held at approximately 12:10 PM</b>				
Saturday 4/5/2025	12:20 PM	12:40 PM	5A	Sandia High School
Saturday 4/5/2025	12:40 PM	1:00 PM	5A	Clovis High School
Saturday 4/5/2025	1:00 PM	1:20 PM	5A	Mayfield High School
Saturday 4/5/2025	1:20 PM	1:40 PM	5A	Hobbs High School
Saturday 4/5/2025	1:40 PM	2:00 PM	5A	Centennial High School
Saturday 4/5/2025	2:00 PM	2:20 PM	5A	La Cueva High School
	2:20 PM	2:40 PM		
Saturday 4/5/2025	2:40 PM	3:00 PM	5A	Carlsbad
Saturday 4/5/2025	3:00 PM	3:20 PM	5A	Rio Rancho High School
Saturday 4/5/2025	3:20 PM	3:40 PM	5A	Farmington High School
Saturday 4/5/2025	3:40 PM	4:00 PM	5A	Santa Fe HS
Saturday 4/5/2025	4:00 PM	4:20 PM	5A	V. Sue Cleveland High School
Saturday 4/5/2025	4:20 PM	4:40 PM	5A	Piedra Vista High School
<b>Awards ceremony for Class 5A to be held at approximately 5:10 PM</b>				

## Performing Ensembles by Classification

### Middle School Choirs

#### ***Van Buren Middle School Choir***

Director: Keri Steplowski

Accompanist: Geoff St. John

Music Selections:

Obwisana - Ghanaian Folksong - arr. Victor C. Johnson

Baba Yetu - Christopher Tin - arr. Roger Emerson

Yonder Come Day - Adam and Matt Podd

#### ***Ruidoso Middle School Choir***

Director: Gary Shaver

Accompanist: Melba Valdez

Music Selections:

Little Birch Tree - Sue E. Bohlin

Like a Rose in the Summer - Emily Crocker

Dodi Li - Doreen Rao

#### ***Lincoln Middle School Treble Choir***

Director: Miguel Jaramillo

Accompanist: Ronda Schripsema

Music Selections:

Jericho! - Arr. Reginal Wright

Kuimba - Victor C. Johnson

Dies Irae - Ryan Main

#### ***Picacho Middle School Combined Choirs***

Director: Virginia Ramos

Accompanist: Marco Jimenez

Music Selections:

Elijah Rock - Arr. Victor Johnson

Exsultate! - Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Breathe Soft, Ye Winds - Greg Gilpin

#### ***Gattis Middle School Choir***

Director: Lori L Riggins, M.Ed.

Accompanist: James Golden

Music Selections:

After The Rain - Chief Dan George/Sarah Quartel

Poi Ch'ei Mio Foco E' Spento (A capella) - Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi

Cirandeiro - Brad Green

#### ***Zia Middle Thunderbird School Choir***

Director: Christopher Yee

Accompanist: Hunter Mabery

Music Selections:

Bonse Aba - Victor C. Johnson

Kyrie Eleison - Earlene Rentz Turner

How Can I Keep From Singing? - Greg Gilpin  
Blow Bugle Blow - Ruth Elaine Schram

#### ***Gonzales Community School Concert Choir***

Director: John Tiranno

Accompanist: Elizabeth Young

Music Selections:

I Believe in the Sun (Ich glaube an die Sonne) - Thomas Juneau

Elijah Rock - Arr. Victor Johnson

All Will Be Well - Will Todd

***Camino Real Middle School Advanced Choir***

Director: Bryan Berard

Accompanist: Marco Jimenez

Music Selections:

From A River's Edge - Andrea Ramsey –  
Mvmt.1 Morning Spider Spins Her Web  
Mvmt 2. Rope Swing  
Old Joe Clark - Mary Goetze  
Sim Shalom - Greg Gilpin

***Yucca Middle School Women's Chorale***

Director: Seth Baldock & James Golden

Accompanist: James Golden

Music Selections:

Laudamus Te - From Vivaldi's Gloria - Becki Slagle Mayo  
O Magnum Mysterium - Evan Ramos  
Bringers of Noise - Kyle Pederson

***Los Alamos Middle School Hawk Choir***

Director: Jason Rutledge

Accompanist: Louisa Singleton

Music Selections:

Drunken Sailor – Arr. Emily Crocker  
Ave Maria - Giulio Caccini Arr. Patrick M. Liebergen  
Down By The Riverside – Arr. Robert T. Gibson

***Eisenhower Middle School Concert Choir***

Director: William Gonzales

Accompanist: Geoffrey St. John

Music Selections:

"Malakatumba" - Josu Elberdin  
Taloowa' Chipota (Children's Songs)  
I. Hashiat Kochcha (Sunrise) - Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate

***Cleveland Middle School Concert Choir***

Director: Garrett Keith

Accompanist: Geoffrey St. John

Music Selections:

Baraka Na Wewe - Victor C Johnson  
Ad Astra - Jacob Narverud  
The Old Mill - Kenneth Riggs

***Hermosa Middle School Matador Choir***

Director: Virginia Weaver

Accompanist: Levi Brown

Music Selections:

Lineage Composed - Andrea Ramsey  
Cantar! Composed - Jay Althouse  
Simple Gifts Composed - Aaron Copland Arr. Irving Fine

***Mountain View Middle School Treble Choir***

Director: Karen Jolynn Aleman

Accompanist: F. May Le Roy

Music Selections:

All Join Hands -Emily Crocker  
Nella Fantasia - Ennio Morricone  
We Sing, We Dance! -Ruth Elain Schram

***Heights Middle School Troubadours***

Director: Siromani Leath

Accompanist: Kylene Aikele

Music Selections:

Vichten - words and music by Arthur Arsenault – Arr. Hart Rouge  
Inveniam Viam - Ryan Main  
A Nightingale's Lullaby - words and music by Julie Last – Arr. Susan Brumfield

## **Class A-3A Choirs**

### ***Capitan High School Concert Choir***

Director: Du Wayne Shaver

Accompanist: Angela Bradford

Music Selections:

Omnia Vincit Amor

Et In Terra Pax

Lord, I Know I Been Changed

### ***Ruidoso High School Choir***

Director: Gary Shaver

Accompanist: Melba Valdez

Music Selections:

J'entends le Moulin - Emily Crocker

Ahrirang - Ruth Elaine Schram

Siyahamba - Arr. Henry Leck

### ***New Mexico School for the Arts Choir***

Director: Kehar Koslowsky

Accompanist: Kathlene Ritch

Music Selections:

Dominus Nobiscum - Jacob Narverud

Habanera Gris - Alfredo Rolando Ruis

Holding the Light - B.E. Boykin

### ***Public Academy for Performing Arts Mixed Choir***

Director: Edmund Torrez

Accompanist: Emily Christopher

Music Selections:

Snowfall Ruth and Claude Thornhill – Arr. Emerson

Gradual (Locust iste) - Anton Bruckner

An Irish Blessing - Michael Nuss

### ***Choral Arts Society of St. Michael's High School Honors Chamber Choir***

Director: Devin DeVargas

Accompanist: Natasha Stojanovska

Music Selections:

Soon-Ah will be done - William L. Dawson

Cecíliada - Marcin Wawruk

My Very Own - Susan LaBarr

## **Class 4A Choirs**

### ***Los Alamos High School Schola Cantorum***

Director: Jason Rutledge

Accompanist: Louisa Singleton

Music Selections:

A Set of Chinese Folk Songs 9. Diu Diu Deng – Arr. Chen Yi

The Seal Lullaby - Eric Whitacre

The Battle of Jericho – Arr. Moses Hogan

### ***Artesia High School Varsity Chorale***

Director: Jhordan Granger

Accompanist: Jennifer Wright

Music Selections:

I will arise – Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Plaudite (Plaudite Omnis Terra) - Victor C. Johnson

I'm On My Way

***Moriarty High School Messengers***

Director: Audrianna Aragon

Accompanist: Nathan Cleveland

Music Selections:

Wade in the Water - Moses Hogan

Nox - Elaine Hagenburg

Sure on this Shining Night - Morten Lauridson

***Lovington High School Concert Choir***

Director: Elijah Estrada

Accompanist: Stephen Helmreich/Jacob Caballero

Music Selections:

Inscription on a Seashell - Z. Randall Stroope

Personent Hodie - Arr. Lara Hoggard

Worthy To Be Praised - Byron J. Smith

***Portales High School Chamber Choir***

Director: Maggie Mendoza

Accompanist: Heather Christensen

Music Selections:

Dicite in Gentibus - Johann Michael Haydn

Earth Song - Frank Ticheli

Hentakan Jiwa - Ken Steven

**Class A-5A Treble Choirs**

***Centennial High School Bella Voce***

Director: Jeonai Batista

Accompanist: Hunter Mabery

Music Selections:

Ubi Caritas - Kim André Arnesen

J'entends le moulin - Arr. Donald Patriquin

Azulao - Jaime Ovalle

***Farmington High School Siren Serenade***

Director: Katie Olivas

Accompanist: Levi Brown

Music Selections:

Exaudi! Laudate! - Beverly A. Patton

Wondrous Love - Betty Bertaux

Sea Fever - Daniel Brinsmead

***Los Alamos High School Bel Canto***

Director: Jason Rutledge

Accompanist: Louisa Singleton

Music Selections:

Will the Circle Be Unbroken - Traditional/Arranged by J. David Moore

Dirait-on - Composed by Morten Lauridsen

1941 - Composed by Andrea Ramsey

***Moriarty High School Advanced Treble Choir***

Director: Audrianna Aragon

Accompanist: Nathan Cleveland

Music Selections:

The Birds Lullaby - Sarah Quartel

Yo le Canto todo el Dia - David L. Brunner

The Reborn Sun - Faith Zimmer

***Rio Rancho High School Bel Canto***

Director: Rebecca Kendall

Accompanist: Anna-Yumi Kang-Walker

Music Selections:

Lineage - Andrea Ramsey

Dirait-On - Morten Lauridsen

Dies Irae - Z. Randall Stroope

***Volcano Vista High School Hawk Harmonies***

Director: Lucian Johnson

Accompanist: Raul Manjarrez

Music Selections:

Day of Fire and Sun - Kate Crellin

Evocation (Mon-nee-joh) - Hye-Young Cho

Lakeside Lullaby - Jacob Narverud

***Clovis High School Women's Select Choir***

Director: Tami Martin

Accompanist: Sarah Sena

Music Selections:

Down in the River to Pray - Traditional - Arr Matthew Culloton

Ave, Regina Coelorum - Larysa Kuzmenko

A Choral Flourish - Linda Spevacek

***Mayfield High School Varsity Treble Choir***

Director: Anton Tan

Accompanist: Hunter Mabery

Music Selections:

Amani - Jim Papoulis

Lunar Lullaby - Jacob Narverud

No Time - Susan Brumfield

***Public Academy for Performing Arts Les Chanteuses***

Director: Edmund Torrez

Accompanist: Edmund Torrez

Music Selections:

Mouth Music - Dolores Keene / John Faulkner

Tota pulchra es - Maurice Duruflé

Good News! - Rosephayne Powell

***Portales High School Women's Choir***

Director: Maggie Mendoza

Accompanist: Heather Christensen

Music Selections:

Warum willst du and're fragen - Clara Schumann/Arr. Nathan Payant

Ikan Kekek - Arr. Yu Hang Tan

By an' By - Arr. Philip E. Silvey

***Carlsbad High School Treble Choir***

Director: Kyle Martin

Accompanist: Nicholas Harvey

Music Selections:

A Girl's Garden - Randall Thompson

La Mia Stella - Ivo Antognini

Hotaru Koi - Arr. Ro Ogura

***V. Sue Cleveland High School Bella Choir***

Director: Jadira Flamm

Accompanist: Fides May Le Roy

Music Selections:

Gaudete - Pia Cantiones Arr. Michael Engelhardt

Per la gloria d'adorarvi - Giovanni Battista Bononcini Arr. Victor C. Johnson

To Sit and Dream - Rosephayne Powell

***Piedra Vista High School Pipettes***

Director: Melissa Mortensen

Accompanist: Robyn Woodard

Music Selections:

Nothin' Gonna Stumble My Feet - Greg Gilpin

Cantate Domino - Heinrich Schutz

The Cloths of Heaven - Eleanor Daley

## **Class 5A Choirs**

### ***Sandia High School Concert Choir***

Director: Alyssa Arruti

Accompanist: Ronda Schripsema

Music Selections:

O Nata Lux – Arr. Michael John Trotta  
In Flanders Fields – Arr. Stephen Rew  
Take Me to the Water - Rollo Dilworth

### ***Clovis High School Chamber Choir***

Director: Tami Martin

Accompanist: Sarah Sena

Music Selections:

Tanzen und Springen Hans Leo Hassler – Arr. John Leavitt  
Ubi Caritas Dan Forrest  
Let Me Fly - Traditional – Arr. Kirby Shaw

### ***Mayfield High School Trojan Singers***

Director: Anton Tan

Accompanist: Hunter Mabery

Music Selections:

O Magnum Mysterium - Evan Ramos  
Omnia Sol - Z. Randall Stroope  
Ad Astra - Jacob Narverud

### ***Hobbs High School A Cappella Choir***

Director: Cameron Colson

Accompanist: Cindy Walker

Music Selections:

The Rose – Ola Gjeilo  
O Nata Lux - Michael J Trotta  
Inkosi Namandla – Michael Barrett

### ***Centennial High School Chamber Choir***

Director: Jeonai Batista

Accompanist: Hunter Mabery

Music Selections:

Esta Tiera - Javier Busto  
Flight Song - Kim André Arnesen  
Ah! si mon moine voulait danser – Arr. Donald Patriqui

### ***La Cueva High School Concert Choir***

Director: Katherine Green

Accompanist: Ronda Schripsema

Music Selections:

Northern Lights - Ola Gjeilo  
Hela Rotan - Ken Stevens  
Swifter Than Flame - Elaine Hagenberg

### ***Carlsbad High School Troubadours***

Director: Kyle Martin

Accompanist: Nicholas Harvey

Music Selections:

Non Nobis, Domine - Rosephanye Powell - Arr. William C. Powell  
The Seal Lullaby - Eric Whitacre - Arr. Emily Crocker  
Go Down, Moses - Arr. Ruth Morris Gray

### ***Rio Rancho High School Concert Choir***

Director: Rebecca Kendall

Accompanist: Anna-Yumi Kang-Walker

Music Selections:

Will The Circle Be Unbroken - Arr. J. David Moore  
Musika - Pärt Uusberg  
Let Their Celestial Concerts All Unite – Handel  
Hlohonolofatsa – Arr. Daniel Jackson

***Farmington High School Mixed Choir***

Director: Katie Olivas

Accompanist: Levi Brown

Music Selections:

Festival Laudate - John Cornish

Like a River in My Soul - Dan Forrest/Tim Osiek

Ceciliada - Marcin Wawruk

***Santa Fe High School Demon Choir***

Director: Caleb Heaton

Accompanist: Debbie Wagner

Music Selections:

Measure Me Sky - Elaine Hagenberg

Sure On This Shining Night - Morten Lauridsen

Balleilakka - Arr. Ethan Sperry

***V. Sue Cleveland High School Concert Choir***

Director: Jadira Flamm

Accompanist: Fides May LeRoy

Music Selections:

Cum Sancto Spiritu - Hyo-Won Woo

Esto Les Digo - Kinley Lange

Nyon Nyon - Jake Runestand

***Piedra Vista High School Chamber Choir***

Director: Melissa Mortensen

Accompanist: Robyn Woodard

Music Selections:

Unclouded Day - Arr. Shawn Kirchner

The Ground - Ola Gjeilo

Sing Unto God - Handel

**State Choir Contest Thank-You's**

The New Mexico Activities Association would like to thank the host of the 2025 State Choir Contest, V. Sue Cleveland High School and Rio Rancho Public Schools. We thank you for your willingness to work with us and to provide a wonderful venue for the State Choir Contest participants in our state. A special thanks to:

Keith Abrahamson, Fine Arts/Theater Tech – Cleveland High School  
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 Dr. Sue Cleveland, Superintendent – Rio Rancho Public Schools  
 Jadira Flamm, Choir Director – Cleveland High School  
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 Neil Swapp, Executive Director of New Mexico Music Educators Association

We would like to thank the Cleveland High School Choir for serving as runners, ensemble escorts and stage crew for the contest. A special thank you to the Rio Rancho Convention and Visitors Bureau for their sponsorship of this event. This event would not be possible without all of you!

**NMAA State Choir Contest Past Champions**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Host</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Champions</b>
2008	Albuquerque Academy	1A-3A	West Las Vegas High School
		4A	Piedra Vista High School
		5A	Manzano High School
2009	Capital High School	MS	Koogler Middle School
		1A-2A	Victory Christian School
		3A	West Las Vegas High School
		4A	Piedra Vista High School
		5A	Hobbs High School
2010	Albuquerque Academy	MS	Ruidoso Middle School
		1A-2A	Victory Christian School
		3A	Sandia Preparatory School
		4A	Piedra Vista High School

2011	Albuquerque Academy	5A MS 1A-2A 3A 4A 5A	Eldorado High School Lynn Middle School Victory Christian School West Las Vegas High School Piedra Vista High School Eldorado High School
2012	Albuquerque Academy	MS 1A-2A 3A 4A 5A	Desert Ridge Middle School & Vista Middle School (tie) Cloudcroft High School Sandia Preparatory School Piedra Vista High School Carlsbad High School
2013	Cleveland High School	MS 1A-2A 3A 4A 5A	Eisenhower Middle School Victory Christian School New Mexico School for the Arts Piedra Vista High School Carlsbad High School
2014	Cleveland High School	MS 1A-2A 3A 4A 5A	Eisenhower Middle School Victory Christian School Lovington High School Piedra Vista High School La Cueva High School
2015	Cleveland High School	MS A-3A 5A 6A	Eisenhower Middle School New Mexico School for the Arts Los Alamos High School La Cueva High School
2016	Cleveland High School	MS A-3A 4A 5A 6A	Eisenhower Middle School New Mexico School for the Arts Portales High School Piedra Vista High School Eldorado High School & Rio Rancho High School (tie)
2017	Cleveland High School	MS A-6A Treble A-3A 4A 5A 6A	Eisenhower Middle School La Cueva High School New Mexico School for the Arts St. Michael's High School Los Alamos High School La Cueva High School
2018	Cleveland High School	MS A-6A Treble A-3A 4A 5A 6A	Lincoln Middle School Farmington High School Capitan High School Portales High School Artesia High School Piedra Vista High School and Rio Rancho High School (tie)
2019	Cleveland High School	MS A-5A Treble A-3A 4A 5A	Lincoln Middle School Clovis High School & Volcano Vista High School (tie) St. Michael's High School Portales High School Piedra Vista High School
<i>2020 &amp; 2021 Canceled due to pandemic</i>			
2022	Cleveland High School	MS A-5A Treble A-3A 4A 5A	Heights Middle School and Los Alamos Middle School (tie) Public Academy for the Performing Arts New Mexico School for the Arts Portales High School Piedra Vista High School
2023	Cleveland High School	MS A-5A Treble A-3A 4A	Heights Middle School Public Academy for the Performing Arts St. Michael's High School Portales High School

5A	Clovis High School
MS	Heights Middle School
A-5A Treble	Piedra Vista High School
A-3A	St. Michael's High School
4A	Portales High School
5A	Piedra Vista High School

## Adjudicators' Biographies



**Amanda Foyil (Oklahoma)** – holds an Oklahoma Teaching Certificate for vocal and instrumental music. She received her Bachelor of Science in Music Education from East Central University. Amanda owns and operates Foyil Music Studio where she loves sharing her passion for music with students of all ages. She travels across the state of Oklahoma serving as a clinician for choirs preparing for concerts and contests. Amanda was named President of the Northeastern Choral Directors Association in 2012. She has served on the state board of the Oklahoma Choral Directors Association as their High School Show Choir Chairman, Men's Choir Chair, and Junior High Choir Chair.

She served on the Southwest Region American Choral Directors Association as the Repertoire and Standards Chair for Junior High Choirs for 4 years. She is currently a member of the Oklahoma Music Adjudicators Association and has had the pleasure of adjudicating District and State choral contests for 15 years. With her background in theater as well, she has also been honored to adjudicate Speech & Debate Competitions for the OSSAA. Amanda taught High School Choir in the public school system for over 15 years where her students received Sweepstakes Accent Awards many times from the OSSAA and local contests. Her choirs were selected multiple times to perform as honor choirs for Oklahoma Music Educator's State Conference. She was honored to be selected as a Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction by the National Society of High School Scholars in 2017.

Many of Amanda's solo performers have received top ratings at State Piano, Vocal, and Instrumental contests. They have also been selected to perform for events such as the Oklahoma City Thunder professional basketball team, professional hockey games, and FC Tulsa professional soccer! She also has experience teaching band in the public school and hybrid schools. Amanda has taught students who are beginners to Nashville recording artists! Her students have performed all over the world including Carnegie Hall multiple times in New York and Disney World! She has several former students who are currently professional performers in Country Music, Musical Theater and Opera!

Amanda's performing experience includes singing the National Anthem at a Chicago White Sox game, the BOK Center, and for professional soccer games! She's toured Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, and performed all over the U.S. She has led worship at Falls Creek (The largest youth encampment in the world) for 4 Summers! She was also the first soloist in the new Tabernacle. Amanda has performed multiple times for the Susan G. Komen Tulsa Race for the Cure, the Oklahoma State Law Enforcement Memorial & the Fraternal Order of Police State Conference. She has been featured in the Tulsa World, Fox News, Channel 6 News, and on Channel 8 News for her performing and teaching successes. Amanda also holds an Oklahoma Real Estate License and loves helping her clients find their dream home! In her free time, Amanda loves leading worship, spending time with her husband, and traveling to the Caribbean!



**Megan Franke (Nevada)** – originally from Fargo, North Dakota, earned her bachelor's degrees in Vocal Performance and Music Education from the University of Mary. She furthered her studies with a master's degree in Vocal Performance from the University of Minnesota Duluth. Her diverse performance experience spans opera, jazz, and musical theatre.

Moving into a new role this fall, Megan is now Director of Development at the Las Vegas Academy of the Arts. Since 2007, Megan has served as the Director of Vocal Activities and Music Conservatory Chairperson at the acclaimed Las Vegas Academy of the Arts, a 12-time Grammy-winning institution. Under her leadership, the Vocal Department has seen significant growth, more than doubling in size and scope. Her ensembles have achieved national recognition, performing alongside renowned artists such as Hugh Jackman, Wayne Newton, Foreigner, Andre Rieu, Kenny Ortega, and the Broadway cast of *Memphis*. They have also appeared on national television during high-profile events like the 2022 NFL Draft, the 2022 Raiders Season home opener, the 2023 NFL Pro-Bowl and Barry Manilow's 2023 NBC Holiday Special, "A Very Barry Christmas". On campus, she has been actively involved as Gala Co-chair in 2017 and has held the role of entertainment chair since 2018. She also contributes to various committees, including the Arts Schools Network Committee, Magnet Schools of America Committee, Branding Committee, and Arts Integration Committee.

Over her 18-year career, Megan was named the Region VIII Magnet Schools of America Teacher of the Year in 2018, a Kiwanis Teacher of the Year Finalist in 2018, a 3-time UNLV Teacher Recognition Award Recipient, and a 5-time finalist for the Heart of Education Awards. Megan also completed her National Board Certification in Secondary Vocal Music Education in 2017 and her Maintenance of Certification in 2021.

Beyond her work at the Academy, Megan has held several significant positions in the choral community over the years. She has served as the Women's Choir Repertoire and Standards Chair for the Nevada chapter of the American Choral Directors Association, the Clark County School District Honor Choir Chairperson, the Nevada All-State Choral Co-Chairperson and Vocal Clinic Coordinator for the Nevada Music Educators Association. Additionally, she was the Secretary of the Western Region of the National Association of Teachers of Singing and Co-Coordinator of the MET in the Schools program for the Clark County School District. Her commitment to music education and her active involvement in various music organizations underscore her dedication to advancing the field and nurturing the next generation of musical talent.



**Brandon Johnson (Michigan)** – Award-winning teacher, scholar, and conductor Dr. Brandon Johnson is the Founder & Artistic Director of BEYOND, a choral ensemble for professional musicians, and the Director of Choral Activities at Eastern Michigan University. He is broadly recognized for his work with high school & collegiate singers and has conducted ensembles and taught masterclasses across Europe, Asia, and the United States.

Choirs under his direction have been invited to perform for multiple state and regional American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) and National Association for Music Education (NAFME) conferences. He has performed in the most prestigious concert halls across the country, including Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, the Kennedy Center, and the renowned Carnegie Hall.

He has conducted choral ensembles in every facet of the profession and takes pride in pursuing excellence in choral art to enrich and affirm musicians of all ages. Past artistic appointments include The Director of Choral Activities at Houghton College, Interim Associate Director of Choirs at the University of Michigan, the Founder and Artistic Director of the semi-professional vocal ensemble of Vox Lumine, Artistic Director of the Detroit Performing Artists, the Conductor of the Symphonic Choir at the University of Arizona, the Director of Choirs at Duluth East High School and Springfield Public Schools, and multiple sacred music appointments.

Dr. Johnson's choral-orchestral training includes study with German conductor Helmuth Rilling and American conductors Neil Varon and Dr. Bruce Chamberlain. In addition to his work with university orchestras at EMU and Houghton, he has received invitations to conduct the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Chorus, Buffalo Choral Artists, Continuo Arts Orchestra of New York, Michigan Sinfonietta, Oregon Bach Festival Chorus and Orchestra, Rochester Oratorio Society, Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Syracuse Symphony, Cordancia, and The Southern Tier Symphony on collaborative projects.

Respected by his faculty colleagues, he has been awarded multiple teaching and artistic awards. At Eastern Michigan University, he was selected to receive the Ronald W. Collins Distinguished Faculty Creative Activity Award, the highest honor the University presents to an individual faculty member. At Houghton College, he was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award and was the first recipient of the first fully endowed chair at Houghton College, the Horne-Blanchard. Scholarly and creative interests include choral composition, twenty-first-century choral program development, and the use of virtual reality technology as a tool for training.