

Harding Academy Spring Chorus Concert

**April 29, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.
O. O. Emmons Auditorium**



Ms. Andrea Campbell, A Cappella Director

Mr. Rob Brannon, Middle School Chorus Director

Mr. Trent Williamson, President

Mrs. Ashley Lipe, Upper School Principal

Mr. Corey Cunningham, Middle School Principal

Mr. Eddy Efaw, Fine Arts Division Leader

Sixth Grade Chamber Singers

Cantate HodieMary Lynn Lightfoot

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us)Sonja Poorman

I Am His Child.....Moses Hogan, arr. Janet Scarcella

Count On MeBruno Mars, Ari Levine, Phillip Lawrence
.....arr. Janet Day, Andy Beck

50 States in Rhyme.....Don Wyrzten, Phil & Lynn Brewer, arr. Paul Jennings

Girl Power.....arr. Mac Huff

Girl On Fire (Inferno Version)..... Alicia Keys, Salaam Remi, Jeff Bhasker,
Nikki Minaj, William Squier

Fight Song.....Rachel Platten, Dave Bassett

Roar.....Katy Perry, Max Martin, Dr. Luke, Bonnie McKee, Henry Walter

Middle SchoolHarding Academy MSC 2023

Benediction(2 Corinthians 13:14).....Rob Brannon

A Cappella Chorus

Zion's Walls.....Aaron Copeland

Traditional SpiritualsMoses Hogan

Deep River

Hear My Prayer

Sacred Texts

Ubi Caritas (Where Charity and Love Are).....Ola Gielo

Whatever is True.....Michael J. Trotta

Fare Ye Wellarr. Jester Hairston
Mr. Jim Chester, vocalist

My God and IAustris A. Wihtol

The Lord Bless You and Keep You.....Peter Lutkin

Musicians

Sixth Grade Chamber Singers

Soprano

Rae Brannon
Abigail English
Brooke Love

Alto

Jordan Butler
Lydia Cloer
Lydia Green
Addie Payne



A Cappella Chorus

Soprano

Victoria Brooks
Bethany Cloer
Francesca Cobb
Leia Harper*
Rhegan Hunter#^+
Madison Harris#
Skylah Johnson
Alexandra Rice
Julia Turner

Alto

Niya Evans
Emily Green^
Olivia Hamm
Londyn Harper
Jillian Heckendorf&#!^
Josie Heckendorf
Emily Hunt
Destiny Johnson
Esther Leyshon
Garner Meredith#^
Aerial Newton*
Elena Parkhurst*&!^

Tenor

Camden Barber&+
Justin Barham
Johnathan Dance*
Jayden Mays
Kaeden Whartenby#^

Bass

Eli Brown
Bruce Cooper
Luke Davis
Donovan Long#
Case Nowlin
Brendan Whartenby*#^

* Senior
& All Southwest Sr. High
Honor Choir
Quad State Honor Choir
! All State Honor Choir
^ A Cappella Chorus
Officer
+ National School Choral
Award Recipient

From the Director's Desks

What an incredible year this has been! I am amazed at the growth and development of each and every student who participated. Our performance schedule has been incredibly busy, and these students were performed with professionalism and a spirit of excellence all year long. With each performance, I watched students mature not only in their singing but also in their understanding of the texts and willingness to make an emotional connection. The progress that these students made was showcased at Choral Performance Assessment, where students earned a Sweepstakes Award for superior ratings in both performance and sight reading. I couldn't be more proud of them. The future of this program is bright, as we are on track to grow next year! I am excited to continue this "heart" work with these students.

Thank you to all of this year's A Cappella Chorus for your willingness to challenge yourselves, reflect, and come together to glorify the Lord with your gifts. Thank you for laying the foundation and setting the standard for what we desire A Cappella Chorus to look like and how we desire to honor God in this place. You all took a chance on me in allowed me to lead you this year, and you will always hold a special place in my heart for being such a remarkable first choir to work with.

To this year's choir officers, you all helped make this transition much smoother in assisting me with the ends and outs of chorus. I'm so thankful for you all.

Thank you to our seniors who led with humility, integrity and grace. I thank God for you every time I think of you all and pray that the Lord will continue to order your steps as you embark on this next chapter of your life.

Thank you to every parent, caretaker, and loved one of these students for trusting me with your most treasured gifts- these students. They have blessed my life in an abundance of ways. From chaperoning our Universal trip to organizing our end of the year, your support has been instrumental to our program.

Thank you to our incredible middle and upper school administrative team. Mr. Trent Williamson, Mrs. Ashley Lipe, and Mr. Corey Cunningham have been vital in the such success and growth of this year's choir. I am so thankful for each and every one of you.

Thank you to my friends and colleagues in the Fine Arts Department- Mr. Eddy Efaw, Mr. Colby Canterbury, Mr. Rob Brannon, and Mrs. Dawn Gilreath. You all have supported me from the moment I started, and I'm eternally grateful for EVERYTHING you all have done to make this year a success.

Thank you to our A/V team- Dr. Scott Frizzell and Mrs. Jamie Barber. The show doesn't go on without you two. Thank you so much for all that you do behind the scenes to be a blessing to our program.

To my colleague and friend Sheronda Holmes, thank you so much for being a source of wisdom and support all year long. Your friendship is truly a blessing.

To my collegiate choral director and friend, Dr. Bradley Almquist, thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to travel all the way to pour into my students and myself.

To my vocal performance mentor and friend Dr. Dena Vaughan, thank you for taking me under your wing and championing me to serve well. I'm so blessed to have you in my corner.

To Sonja Jones, thank you for seeing the Lord's plan in my life from the time I was an elementary student in your general music class. I wouldn't be here without you.

To my godmother Chandra Smothers, thank you for the consistent reminder to always remember Jesus. I love you.

To my Mom and Dad, thank you for instilling in me the importance of trusting and obeying the Lord in all things. Your example of obedience still serves as a guiding post in my life. I love you.

To my grandmother, thank you for the prayers you spoke over me years ago. It is an honor to carry your legacy of faith, family, and love. I love and miss you endlessly.

It has been an absolute honor and privilege to serve at Harding Academy this year. My hope and prayer for this program is the same prayer I shared with A Cappella when we first met. I pray that every piece sung, every word spoken, and every moment experienced is a pure worship unto God- "a rehearsal of the the New Creation."

May it be so.

Andréa Campbell ('16)

Director K-12 Vocal Performance | A Cappella Chorus Director

Andréa Campbell ('16) is the director of A Cappella Chorus, SK-3rd Grade Performing Arts and Director of Vocal Performance at Harding Academy in Memphis, TN. She is a 2020 graduate of Murray State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Music with an emphasis in Vocal and Music Education. She has served as music teacher and choir director for Shelby County Schools and as music teacher and fine arts director for New Hope Christian Academy. As Director of Vocal Performance, Andréa leads the development of our entire vocal music program. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Andréa helps students prepare for All West and assists with musicals. This is Andréa's first year teaching at Harding Academy, and she's extremely grateful for the support of her friends and family throughout this year.

What a year it's been! Things haven't always gone as planned—or as expected—but we've come out much better for standing up to each and every challenge thrown our way. Still, we rose to every trial, every frustration, and we emerged victorious! I could not be prouder of these girls and their tenacity and determination to be the best they could be for God's glory.

To the parents: thank you for entrusting me with your precious children. They have been a joy to work, worship, celebrate, and struggle with. You're doing a phenomenal job of raising them; keep up the great work!

To the Harding faculty, staff, and administration: thank you for entrusting me with these outstanding musicians. It's an immense honor to be part of such a wonderful educational family. "Memphis Harding School's our treasure..."

To my invaluable friend Mrs. Delphime Huddleston: thank you for taking the time out of your schedule, trekking across Memphis, and pouring into these young professionals...and me! Tonight's excellence doesn't happen without you.

To my colleague and brother Colby Canterbury: you're the best! Thanks for everything! All of it!

To my friend and colleague Andrea Campbell: congrats on a great first year! I look forward to witnessing your success for years to come. Keep making incredible music to the glory of God!

To my family—Stephanie, Gabby, Dakota, Lillian, Rae, Vada, Una, and Juju: Thank you for being on this amazing adventure with me. I love you all more than you'll ever know!

And most importantly: "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be praise and honor and glory and power forever and ever!" - Revelation 5:13

For the King and His kingdom. Cheers!
Rob "Mr. B." Brannon

Rob Brannon is director of the Middle School Chorus and the 4th and 5th grade music teacher at Harding Academy in Memphis, TN. He is a 2003 graduate of West Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Music Performance, Percussion degree and a 2012 graduate of Trevecca Nazarene University with a Masters of Arts in Teaching. From 2005 to 2011 he performed worldwide as a member of the award-winning, *Christian Music Hall of Fame* ensemble, Acappella. He taught bands and percussion ensembles in Texas, Oklahoma, and Tennessee before becoming a worship minister in Tennessee, Arkansas, and Texas. In addition to his teaching duties at Harding Academy, he is the worship and technology minister at White Station Church of Christ. He is also in the late stages of creating a musical about the life of David...using soul music. Rob and his wife Stephanie have four daughters: Gabby (and her husband Dakota and their daughter Lillian), Raven, Vada, and Una, and one son: Juju. This is their third year at Harding Academy.

Concert Etiquette

We sincerely appreciate your attendance to tonight's Chorus Concert. In order to show respect for the performers and your fellow patrons, we ask that everyone:

- Please arrive on time. If you are late, enter during the applause and sit in the nearest available seat.
- Please turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices.
- Please enjoy the performance silently, without texting or speaking to others
- Please refrain from flash photography during the performance, as flashes can be distracting.

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O.O. Emmons Auditorium

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