

Harding Academy Christmas Chorus Concert

December 9, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.
O. O. Emmons Auditorium



Ms. Andréa 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

Program

Middle School Chorus
Mr. Rob Brannon, Director

- Rounds for Christmas**.....Gerard Jaffe & Morton Siegel
1. Merry Christmas
2. Pastoral
- The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon**Traditional/Johann Pachelbel
arr. Michael Clawson
- A La Nanita Nana**.....Ruth Elaine Schram
- In the Bleak Midwinter**Christina Rosetti
arr. Ruth Morris Gray
- Theme from "Elf"**John Debney
arr. Daniel Grassi



Chamber Chorus

Ms. Andréa Campbell, Director

Light in the Hallwaywords and music by Audra Mae, Scott Hoying,
and Mitch Grassi, arr. Jacob Narverud

A Cappella Chorus

Ms. Andréa Campbell, Director

Word Was God.....Rosephanye Powell

Ding-A-DingGreg Gilpin

Carol of the BellsUkrainian Carol
music by M. Leontovich, arr. Peter J. Wilhousky

Thixo Onothandoarr. Michael Barrett
Camden Barber, Emily Green, Garner Meredith, Josie Heckendorf,
Destiny Johnson, Donovan Long, Jasmine Watkins - soloists
Luke Davis - percussionist

In Dat Great Gettin' Up Mornin'arr. Jester Hairston
Mr. Jim Chester, tenor

My God and I.....Austris A. Wihtol

The Lord Bless You and Keep You.....Peter C. Lurkin



Musicians

Middle School Chorus

Soprano

Myah Arthur
Lila Baughman
Rae Brannon#
Abigail English*
Mindi Logan#
Brooke Love (*)
Samantha Melanson
Kensie Wood

Alto

Princess Jones
Marion Kizzee
Olivia Ervin#
Ruby Midyett
Zori Parrett
Aliyah Pineda#
Eden Redd

Tenor

Evan Andrews
Maison Braden*
Ethan Bui
Santi Meza
Jacob Ware*

* All West Honor Choir Member
(*) All West Honor Choir Alternate
All West Honor Choir Auditioner

A Cappella Chorus

Soprano

Victoria Brooks*
Bethany Cloer
Francesca Cobb*
Brean Douglas
Rhet Faris
Madison Harris@#
Rhegan Hunter*#@#
Skylah Johnson
Kali Johnston
Makayla Nelms*
Julia Turner
Tori Wooten*

Alto

Ana Adkins
Niya Evans*
Emily Green@
Olivia Hamm
Londyn Harper
Josie Heckendorf#
Emily Hunt#
Destiny Johnson*
Naomi Lomax
Garner Meredith@#
Sophia Ray*
Madison Wilson

Tenor

Camden Barber@&#+
Justin Barham
Jayden Mays
Zeke Robertson

Bass

Eli Brown*#@#
Bruce Cooper
Jordan Fisher
Donovan Long*#@#
Case Nowlin
James Thompson

* Senior
* @ Section Leader
& All Southwest Sr. High
Honor Choir
Quad State Honor Choir
+ All State Honor Choir
Alternate

Chamber Chorus

Soprano

Rhegan Hunter*#@#
Makayla Nelms*

Alto

Niya Evans*
Emily Green@
Garner Meredith@#

Tenor

Camden Barber@&#+
Eli Brown*#@#

Bass

Donovan Long*#@#
Case Nowlin

Greetings and Merry Christmas to you all!

To think that we are one student shy of tripling our numbers from last year is astounding! It's been an absolute joy to work with the year's MSC and I can't wait to see what we do in the spring. We have had a few memorable performances already - from the worship concert at White Station to the Redbirds game to the All-West auditions and concert— and we're far from finished! I look forward to attacking the spring semester with a fresh fire and passion.

To the students: thank you for trusting me enough to do all the things I ask of you. Excellence is your standard and it shows. Great things are in store for our future. Let's go get it!

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 friend and colleague Andrea Campbell: this year is turning out to be even better than last year! I look forward to witnessing your success in the spring. Keep making incredible music to the glory of God!

To my colleagues and brothers Colby Canterbury, Eddy Efaw, and Matthew Floyd: thanks for all of your encouragement, support, and love! When I say you're the best, I super mean it!

To my friends and colleagues Jamie Barber and Dr. Scott Frizzell: thanks for helping us sound and look great on stage! Y'all are awesome!

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 fourth year at Harding Academy.



Good evening!

Thank you all so much for joining us for this evening's concert. What an amazing start to the school year we have had. **We have grown to 36 members of the A Cappella Chorus and expanded our vocal department by introducing the A Cappella Chamber Chorus, an auditioned small ensemble who will be making their debut performance tonight.**

We kicked off the year with a performance at the White Station Worship Night. October was filled with preparation for All Southwest Sr. High and Quad State Honor Choir auditions. **I am so proud of all the students who prepared and auditioned as well as the 8 students who were accepted into their respective honor choirs.** A Cappella branched out and represented Harding well through their performances at New Hope Christian Academy, The Memphis Redbirds' Game, Veteran's Day, and Alumni Chapel. To close out the semester, we have begun preparations for our winter musical **Big Fish**. This cast is talented, motivated, and excited to bring some of our favorite childhood book characters to life. I encourage you all to join us February 20-21, 2025 to experience this amazing show full of fun, laughter, and life-long lessons on never being too old to dream big. I am looking forward to the spring semester, as we dive deeper in preparations for The Choral Performance Adjudication Festival (CPA) as well as our Spring Tour to Chicago, IL!

To my students: thank you for the joy, love and laughter you bring to the choir room as well as my life each and every day. It is an honor and privilege to serve you all.

To the ACP Student Leadership Team: thank you for serving your peers with humility, grace, and commitment. There's no way we can do any of this without the sacrifices you all make to go above and beyond. I appreciate you all so much!

To the parents and loved ones of these amazing students: thank you so much for your unwavering support of our program. Thank you for getting here early and staying up late. Thank you for trusting us with your most treasured gifts.

To our Head of School, Mr. Trent Williamson: thank you for your servant leadership, your encouragement, and support of me and this department. We love you.

To our Upper School Principal, Mrs. Ashley Lipe: thank you for championing the arts and affirming the gifts that the Lord has placed in our students. It's an honor to serve alongside you.

To our incredible Fine Arts Department, Mr. Eddy Efaw, Mrs. Lisa Jo Perdue, Mr. Matthew Floyd, Mr. Colby Canterbury, and Mr. Rob Brannon: I can't think of a better group of people to dream, create, and perform alongside each and every day. I'm so thankful for the support and inspiration you all give me each day.

To my parents: thank you for always being in my corner and cheering on your "choir grandbabies" everywhere we go. I love you.

My hope and prayer for this evening is my same prayer that I shared with A Cappella at the beginning of the school year. 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 | Chamber Chorus Director | SK-2nd Performing Arts

Andréa Campbell is the Director of Vocal Performance at Harding Academy in Memphis, TN. A 2016 alumna of Harding Academy, Andréa earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree with a vocal emphasis from Murray State University in May 2020. Andréa has served as music teacher and choir director for Memphis Shelby County Schools as well as music teacher and fine arts director for New Hope Christian Academy. This is Andréa's fifth year of teaching and second year at Harding Academy.



Upcoming Fine Arts Events

Pottery Sale

Main Lobby

December 14, 2024 | 4:00-6:00 PM

Band Concert

O.O. Emmons Auditorium

December 14, 2024 | 6:30 PM

Harding Academy Talent Show

O.O. Emmons Auditorium

January 16, 2025 | 9:30-10:00 AM

Celebration of Learning

January 30, 2025 | 6:00-8:00 PM

Big Fish

O.O. Emmons Auditorium

February 21-22, 2025

Jazz Lites

Highland Church of Christ

February 1, 2025 | 6:30 PM

Taste & Tunes

April 5, 2025

Spring Chorus Concert

O.O. Emmons Auditorium

April 14, 2025

Spring Band Concert

O.O. Emmons Auditorium

May 3, 2025

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