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- 1999-2000**
Spring High School Chamber Choir · Kingwood High School Madrigals · St. John's Kantorei
- 2000-2001**
The Parker Elementary School Chorus · The High School for the Performing and Visual Arts Madrigal Singers · The James E. Taylor High School Chorale Women
- 2001-2002**
The Jersey Village Chamber Singers · The Parker Elementary School Chorus · The Humble Madrigal Singers
- 2002-2003**
The Mayde Creek Junior High School Concert Choir · The Katy ISD Elementary Honor Choir · The Mayde Creek High School Kantorei
- 2003-2004**
South Houston High School Chamber Choir · Roth Elementary Singers · Cy-Fair Singers
- 2004-2005**
Pearl Hall Elementary School Fifth Grade Choir · Twin Creeks Middle School Concert Girls, Boys, and Mixed Choirs · Clear Brook High School Symphonic Chorale
- 2005-2006**
The Rice School Honors Choir · Memorial Middle School Mixed Choir · The Woodlands High School Chamber Choir
- 2006-2007**
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- 2007-2008**
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- 2008-2009**
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- 2009-2010**
The Parker Elementary School Chorus · St. John's School Les Chanteuses · Cinco Ranch High School Chorale
- 2010-2011**
The Rice School Honors Choir · Spring Oaks Middle School Choir · Bellaire High School Concert Chorale
- 2011-2012**
Houston ISD Elementary Honor Choir · Kahla Middle School Treble Varsity Choir · Spring High School Chamber Choir
- 2012-2013**
Spring Branch Girls Choir · Knox Boys Choir and Knox Chamber Choir · Cypress Falls A Cappella Choir
- 2013-2014**
St. Theresa Catholic School Flos Cantuum · McCullough Junior High School Chamber Choir · Langham Creek High School Chamber Choir
- 2014-2015**
St. John's Singers · Arnold Middle School Varsity Mixed Chorus · Klein Oak High School Chorale
- 2015-2016**
The Parker Elementary School Chorus · The Rusk School Choir · Encore Varsity Men of Nolan Ryan Junior High School · Cypress Ranch Chorale
- 2016-2017**
Hubenak Elementary School Choir · Deer Park Junior High School Choir · Glenda Dawson High School Encore Choir
- 2017-2018**
Aldine Children's Honor Choir · Fort Settlement Middle School Honor Choir · Benjamin O. Davis High School Davis Singers
- 2018-2019**
North Shore Senior High School Chorale · Tompkins High School Chorale · Kinder HSPVA Chorale
- 2019-2020**
The Parker Elementary School Advanced Chorus · Salyards Varsity Treble Chorale · Clements High School Concert Chorale
- 2021-2022**
The Parker Elementary School Advanced Chorus · North Shore Middle School Choir · Cy-Fair High School Chorale
- 2022-2023**
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HOUSTON
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24TH ANNUAL INVITATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL

BAY AREA YOUTH SINGERS

COOK MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVANCED TREBLE CHOIR

BRIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL CHORALE

HOUSTON CHAMBER CHOIR

Robert Simpson, *Founder & Artistic Director*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024 · 4:00 PM
SOUTH MAIN BAPTIST CHURCH, HOUSTON

It is a special pleasure to welcome you to the 24th annual Houston Chamber Choir Hear the Future Festival. This concert is always a highlight of our season as we experience the artistry of three of our region's finest school choirs under the direction of their gifted conductors.



I wish to thank all those whose hard work has made this festival possible, especially Houston Chamber Choir Educational Consultants Sally Schott and Eddie Quaid. Their leadership, expertise and dedication have been vital to the growth and success of Hear the Future. I also thank Pastor Steve Wells; Adam Cogliano, Minister for Music and Worship; Brenda Brundrett, Administrative Assistant for Music and Membership; and the entire South Main Baptist Church community for their continued warm hospitality and support.

Robert Simpson

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Houston Chamber Choir, Founder & Artistic Director
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SALLY SCHOTT taught secondary school choir from 1965-2004 and has 20 years of service as a student teaching supervisor for UH and SHSU. She is an educational consultant for multiple school districts and coordinates festivals and performance tours for American Classic Tours and Music Festivals. Professional service includes President, ACDA's Southwestern Division; TMEA Vocal Vice President and President; and TCDA Vice President. Conference performances include national ACDA and MENC, three ACDA Southwestern Divisions, and six TMEA conventions. Awards include PISD HS Teacher of the Year (1979); USAO Alumni Hall of Fame (1996); TCDA Choral Excellence Award (2008); Houston Symphony School Bell Award for Lifetime Achievement (2013); SHHS Faculty Hall of Honor (2013); 17th recipient, TCDA Texas Chormaster Award (est. 1978) for excellence in choral performance and musicianship (2017). Collaborative publishing projects include DVDs featuring Weston Noble, Paul Salamunovich, Sandra Snow, Charlene Archibeque; two textbooks; six books in the "SMART," "Keys to Sight Reading Success" and "Insight Singing" series.



EDDIE QUAID taught for a total of thirty-five years as a choral director in Oklahoma and Texas and now maintains an active schedule as conductor and clinician for Jr. and Sr. High choirs. He was choral director and Fine Arts Chair at Cy-Fair High School for twenty-two years and after retirement was director of the Choral Scholars, an advanced and salaried choir of high school age singers, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. He received a Bachelor of Music in Music Education and a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from the University of Oklahoma and was also awarded a scholarship to the Aspen Music Festival Choral Institute. Eddie is a founding member and Vice-President of publications for Alliance Music Publications. He was awarded the Texas Choral Directors Association Choral Excellence Award in 2019 and is committed to his work as co-Educational Consultant for the Houston Chamber Choir.



FRANCO BASILI originally from Tandil, Argentina, is a second-year DMA student in Choral Conducting at the University of Houston under the instruction of Dr. Betsy Cook Weber and Mr. Alexander Kopple. Before moving to the United States, Franco worked as Artistic Director of the Chamber Choir of the National University of Mar del Plata, Director of Laprida's Children Choir, and Conductor Assistant of the Coro Estable de Tandil. He also taught Choral Singing, Music History, and Choral Literature at the Conservatorio de Música "Isaías Orbe" in Tandil. Franco completed his Master's of Music in Choral Pedagogy at Carthage College under the tutelage of Rick Bjella and Dr. Eduardo García-Novelli, and his Bachelor's degrees in Choral Conducting and Piano Pedagogy at the Conservatorio de Música "Isaías Orbe" (Tandil, Argentina) under the tutelage of Pablo Banchi and Miguel Ángel Pesce. He is currently the Director of the University Chorus at the University of Houston, Director of the Chancel Choir at Grace Presbyterian Church in Houston, Choral Intern at the Grammy-awarded Houston Chamber Choir, and member of the multi-award-winning University of Houston Concert Chorale.



DR. YURI MCCOY, organist at South Main Baptist Church, is a recent graduate of the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University in Houston, Texas, where he studied with organist Ken Cowan. Hailed by *Gramophone* magazine as an organist possessing "rare virtuosity," McCoy has made his mark on the organ world through bracingly original programming and a strong desire to shed a spotlight on less traversed areas of organ literature. Whether it is Ligeti's *Etudes* on piano, or his daring transcription of Varese's massive orchestral work, *Amériques*, for organ, percussion, and assistant, Yuri enjoys the opportunity to share new sounds with audiences. During the summer of 2019, Yuri performed a transcription of Lutoslawski's piano concerto alongside pianist Yvonne Chen at the Spoleto Music Festival. He also supports the music of living composers, and in 2006 premiered *Voices of the Invisible Blue Butterflies* by Vach Sharafyan at the SoundSCAPE music festival in Cortona, Italy.

Welcome by **Sally Schott** and **Eddie Quaid**,
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BAY AREA YOUTH SINGERS

Nicole Daniel, *Artistic Director* • Lara Fulcher, *Collaborative Pianist*
Rachel Williams, *Children's Choir Director* • Kristen Dickson, *Prelude Choir Director*

Sanctus Jacbus Clemens non Papa (1510-1556); arr. Jim Leininger

Niño Lindo Traditional Venezuelan Carol; arr. Alejandro Rivas

Goliath Joseph M. Martin

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COOK MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVANCED TREBLE CHOIR

True Hernandez, *Head Director* • Katie Arnoldy, *Associate Director*
Matthew Lawless, *Accompanist*

A Festive Gloria Patti Drennan

Make Space for Life to Live Michael John Trotta (b. 1978)

Storm James M. Desjardins
Katie Arnoldy, *percussion*

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Prelude in G Major, BWV 541 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Yuri McCoy, *organ*

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BRIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL CHORALE

Christopher Fiorini, *Head Director* • Dolores Noel, *Associate Director*
Aubrey Erickson, *Associate Director* • John Markert, *Accompanist/Organist*

Gloria from Missa Ad Praesepe George Malcolm (1917-1997)
Olivia Nelson, Manasvia Jonna and Cailean Hayden, *soloists*

The Great Clear Twilight Austin Shend

The Times They Are A-Changin' Bob Dylan (b. 1941); arr. Adam Podd
Olivia Nelson, *soloist*

Nothing Is Gonna Stop Me PinkZebra
Ken Labonski, *guitar* • Joel McAda, *percussion* • Clay Stephens, *bass*

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Every Time I Feel the Spirit arr. Iain Farrington (b. 1977)
Yuri McCoy, *organ*

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HOUSTON CHAMBER CHOIR

Robert Simpson, *Artistic Director* • Franco Basili, *Choral Conducting Intern*

Psalm 43: Richt mich, Gott Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The Gift Rob Dietz (b. 1987)

Cum Sancto Spiritu (Movement 3 from Gloria) Hyo-Won Woo (b. 1974)

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COMBINED CHOIRS

America the Beautiful Words: Katherine Lee Bates
Music: Samuel Ward

BAY AREA YOUTH SINGERS



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Shrinidhi Balaji	Emma Ingalls*	Maxwell Mizma
Samantha Bibby*	Stephanie Jauregui	Emi Newswander
Noah Daniel	Holly Liu	Abby Schloesser
Teh-En Eng	Amelie Medina	Danna Sophia Vega-Lociel*
Yandi Fan*	Huck Merritt	Aurora Mae Washington
Audrey Gan	Lincoln Mizma*	*5th Grade Chimes Ensemble
Kate Gibbs		

CONCERT CHOIR

Zora Beckford	Emma Emig	Madeline Mark
Auri Bolton	Teh-Yueh Eng	Edward Mizma
Brynn Bolton	Molly Gibbs	Aliana Newswander
Ellie Bolton	Isabella Gonzalez	Susan Parker
Rebecca Brain	Easton Goodman	Lyra Phillips
Chloe Chopcinski-Matthys	Avery Haas	Talia Summey
Emma Drewry	Gianna Hernandez	

Carol Barwick, *Executive Director*

The Bay Area Youth Singers is a non-profit community chorus serving children in grades 2-12 in the greater Clear Lake community. Eighteen years ago, BAYS was founded by retired choral directors, Carol Barwick, Sally Schott, and Deborah Tidwell and chorister parents, Kathy Hamilton and Mary Carmen Hines Lee. The choir's mission is to provide a high-quality vocal music education by nurturing self-discipline and a strong work ethic, exposing young singers to a wide variety of choral music, and developing healthy singing voices. In addition to a school year choral music program, BAYS sponsors a summer music camp serving students throughout the community and giving leadership opportunities to high school and college music students. BAYS was selected to present the featured community children's chorus concert at the 2021 TCDA convention, has sponsored more than 40 young singers selected for the TCDA, ACDA, SWACDA honor choirs and the TMEA region and area choirs. BAYS sponsors the Brenda Varvoutis Memorial Scholarship for future music educators. Ms. Varvoutis was the Artistic Director of BAYS for 13 years.



NICOLE DANIEL is in her sixth year with the Bay Area Youth Singers. She was named Artistic Director in 2022 and led the choir in its performance as the featured community children's chorus in 2021. She is also the choral director at Victory Lakes Intermediate School in the Clear Creek ISD, leading the varsity treble and varsity TB choirs to a sweepstakes in the 2023 UIL Concert and Sightreading competition. She is a member of T.M.E.A. and T.C.D.A. While teaching at Renner Middle School in Plano ISD she was named Teacher of the Year (2015-16) as well as leading her choirs to Sweepstakes ratings in the UIL contest. Mrs. Daniel is also the proud wife to Aaron and mom to four children, Aaron, Sadie, Ella, and Asher.

COOK MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVANCED TREBLE CHOIR



Brianna Aguilar	Allison Harrell	Adamarie Olivo
Patricia Bennett	Esmeralda Hernandez	Erin Perez
Teigan Bingham	Kimberlyn Osorio	Martha Pershall
Madison Castano	Hernandez	Adrianna Ramos
Luisa Coreas	Abigail Hunter	Jenna Robinson
Aryaa Dhungana	Mar'Kayla Jackson	Azulsofia Rodriguez
Gentry Espinoza	Juliette Jenkins	Michaela Saldivar
Leah Etchison	Laila Kennard	Eliza Kallie Santos
Glory Falana	Andrea Lopez	Emma Saucedo
Savannah Frias	Kimberley Marroquin	Ivy Troung
Emma Griffin	Romina Mora	Lilly Wells
Gabriela Harder	Jasmine Muhamed	

The Cook Middle School Choral Department is home to 250 6th, 7th, and 8th grade choir students. Cook MS has 5 choirs: 6th Grade Treble, 6th Grade Tenor, Tenor/Bass, Intermediate Treble, and Advanced Treble. Cook MS Choir consistently earns superior ratings at UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Evaluation and the CFISD Solo and Ensemble Contest. The choirs also routinely take home "Outstanding in Class" ratings in a variety of festivals and contests. Additionally, several students have been selected for the Region XXVII Region Choir, the TCDAMS/JH All-State Choir, and Honor Performance Series, with performances at Carnegie Hall in New York City. The Cook MS Advanced Treble Choir is made up of approximately 30 singers, all involved in a variety of campus and community activities, including National Junior Honor Society, Student Council, HOLA, campus athletics, church activities, and many more. Most recent accolades of this group include: 2022 Mark of Excellence National Choral Honors National Winner, 1st Runner Up in the MS division of 2022 Kemah Choir Days, and Best in Festival in the 2023 AmericanClassic Bayou City Classic at Iowa Colony HS in Alvin, TX.



TRUE HERNANDEZ is in her 7th year of teaching and 5th year as head director at Cook Middle School. During her time at Cook MS, the choir program has earned numerous first division ratings at UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Evaluation, as well Outstanding/Best in Class and superior ratings at various contests and festivals under her direction. Most recently, her Varsity Treble choir was named a 2022 Mark of Excellence National Winner. Ms. Hernandez earned a Bachelor of Music degree with an emphasis on All-Level Choral Education from Sam Houston State University in 2016. In 2021, she earned her Master's of Music Education degree from Texas Tech University. Ms. Hernandez currently serves as the Region XXVII MS/JH Secretary. She was nominated for the Texas Choral Directors Association (TCDA) Young Director of Distinction Award in 2022.



KATIE ARNOLDY is in her 5th year of teaching, all of which have been at Cook Middle School. Mrs. Arnoldy grew up in Waco, Texas and began her choral music experience in middle school under the direction of Tammy Benton. She continued into high school choir under the direction of Jeff and Jannifer Rice. Mrs. Arnoldy received a Bachelor of Music degree from Texas Tech University (wreck'em!), under the music education studies of Dr. Carolyn Cruse. Mrs. Arnoldy was a student teacher at Cook Middle School under the direction of Stefanie Stephens, before becoming the Assistant Choir Director at Cook MS. Under her direction, the Cook MS Non-Varsity Treble Choir has earned first division ratings at UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Evaluation, as well as superior ratings at various contests and festivals. Mrs. Arnoldy is a member of the Casulana Women's Choir of Houston under the direction of Janwin Overstreet-Goode and Neena Taylor.

BRIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL CHORALE



Anastasia Acosta	Alex Gilford	Jonah Moore	Gurshaan Sandhu
Simone Agbedo	Blake Gottardy	Sydney Morgan	Brady Seeber
Ariel Austin	Anaiah Green	Autumn Mosley	Grayson Shelton
Osebe Bogonko	Addyson Griffin	Olivia Nelson	Sage Shook
Haven Bohn	Aidan Hall	Ashley Nnanna	Riley Skinner
Gabby Borman	Cailean Hayden	Parker O'Meara	Jaidyn Stallworth
Jayden Cannon	Annie Hayes	Ella Oberle	Hannah Stephens
Walter Carmack	Hannah Heinrich	Luke Oviedo	Chiara Su
Tyler Carroll	Jayvyn Henderson	Olivia Paul	Matia Sutton
Breanna Collier	Blake Hudson	Nicole Potter	Amyr Tan
Carson Cryer	Nick Inberg	Harish	Dylan Tietjen
Nora Davis	Tyler Jarvis	Purushothaman	Isaac Trevino
Donovan Duarte	Jamar Jenkins	Adela Qju	Ivan Trevino
Jordan Esparza	Manasvia Jonna	Colton Reed	Frida Hernandez
Alex Eshelman	Kaitlyn Knutson	Crosstyn Rice	Villareal
Dean Fantasia	Braylen Leger	Walter Rodriguez	Malik Wilkins
Olivia Fiedler	Hima Manapragada	Vanessa Salas	Kate Wilson
Ashley Fritzsching	Remi Mimouni	Colby Salinas	Chidi Wogu-Agada
Sophie Gaston	Arya Mohammed		

Located in Northwest Houston, Bridgeland HS, established in 2017, is the newest high school in Cy Fair ISD. The choir program is made up of 7 ensembles and AP Music Theory and has roughly 230 students walk through the door on a daily basis to learn. Choirs at BHS routinely earn Sweepstakes at UIL Concert and Sight-reading Evaluation and consistently place students in Texas All State Choirs. The BHS Choir department has been named a National Winner in the Mark of Excellence, placed at the American Classics Madrigal Festival, been a semifinalist for the American Prize and will be the 2024 Honor Choir for the Celebration of Excellence Festival in Houston. The BHS Varsity Tenor Bass Choir also will be singing at the 2024 TMEA Convention in San Antonio as an invited choir.



CHRISTOPHER FIORINI is in his 16th year of teaching, and is the head choir director for Bridgeland High School in Cy Fair ISD. The BHS Chorale was a National Winner in the 2022 Mark of Excellence Award from the Foundation for Music Excellence. Choirs under Mr. Fiorini's direction have been asked to sing at invitational concerts at the University of Houston, Sam Houston State University, University of Texas Arlington, and Baylor University. In 2016 Mr. Fiorini's A Cappella Choir sang as an invited choir at the TMEA annual convention and in the Fall of 2017 they were invited to sing with the Houston Symphony Orchestra. Originally from the small town of Palacios, TX, Fiorini has been a lifelong choral musician. He attended the University of Houston where he was a member of the Concert Chorale under the direction of Dr. Betsy Cook Weber. He was also an alumni choir that traveled to Wales to perform in the Choir of the World Competition in Llangollen at the prestigious Eisteddfod. Mr. Fiorini remains active as a conductor, clinician, and adjudicator across the state as well as nationally. He regularly judges UIL Contests and also gets invited to clinic choirs both at area schools and as a clinician for TMEA at the All-Region level for high schools and middle schools. Mr. Fiorini has also served as the Region 27 Chair for the Vocal Division and is currently the TMEA Chair for Area F.



DOLORES NOEL is proud to be in her 4th year of teaching at Bridgeland HS. Mrs. Noel has taught both privately and publicly in the Houston and Austin areas for over 17 years. Mrs. Noel is an active professional performer and sings with Cypress Methodist Church. She graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX. While at SU she earned acceptance into Omicron Delta Kappa and Pi Kappa Lambda honor fraternities and sang with Austin Opera and The University Chorale. As a graduate of Jersey Village HS, Mrs. Noel is happy to return back to her roots here in CFISD. Mrs. Noel shares the stage with her husband and Kahla MS head choir director, Bradley Acree. They have two adorable sons, Teddy (5) and Tristan (1). She is thrilled to be able to make music with such wonderful, hard-working students every day!



AUBREY ERICKSON is in her second year as Assistant Choir Director at Bridgeland High School, where she teaches Concert Treble Choir and AP Music Theory. Before coming to BHS, she served as Assistant Choir Director at Cypress Woods High School for 3 years. She started her college career as a flute performance major, but joined her school's University Choir for fun, and discovered a passion for choral music that ultimately led her to change her concentration to voice and pursue a career as a choir director. She received her Master of Music in Choral Conducting from Louisiana State University, and her Bachelor of Music in Theory/Composition with Vocal Performance Certificate from University of South Carolina. She loves running, hiking, and biking, and has run three half marathons and several 5Ks and 10Ks. She lives in the city of Houston with her 2 orange cats, Norah and Dandelion.