

Riverside Jr. High Choral Department Presents:



ISSMA Contest Preview Concert



Featuring the choral music sounds of:

Maroon Men

Riverside Sensation

Riverside Sound

Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 – 7:00pm
Riverside Jr. High - Hawk Hall

William Rogers, Director
Li Wen Weng, Accompanist

**Please take a moment to silence your devices to avoid interruptions during our performance*

ISSMA Contest CONCERT PROGRAM:

Marron Men

"Fillimiooriay" – *Paddy Works on the Railway, an Irish-American Folk Song arr. by Stuart P. O'Niel*

"Poor Wayfaring Stranger" – *traditional Spiritual, arranged by Christi Jones*

"Set Me As a Seal Upon Your Heart" – *Words adapted from Song of Solomon 8:6-7, music by Laura Farnell*

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"Un Poquito Cantas" – *(A Little Singing), Spanish Folk Song arranged by Dave and Jean Perry*

"On Justice, Truth, and Peace" – *Hebrew Text: "Hine Ma Tov" by Amy F. Bernon*

"I Will Sing you the Stars" – *Words and music by Mark Burrows*

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"All the Way Home" – *reflection of the motto "Friendship through singing" words and music by Sarah Quartel*

"Now is the Month of Maying" – *Written by Thomas Morley (1557-1603) Arr. by Russell Robinson*

"Clap Yo' Hands" – *Music by George Gershwin, arranged by Pete King*

RJH CHOIR MEMBERS:

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C. NATHANIA ABAIGAE	KATIE FERGUSON	AUDREY MCELROY	KENLEY SLAGLE
J'DA ALLEN	SCARLETT GORDON	LUCY MCGRATH	ELEANOR SMALLWOOD
DARCY BORNEMAN	MAKENZIE HALEY	ZOE MEZZETTA	AVA SNYDER
GABRIELLA BROWN	KYLIE HARRISON	IRRIS MOORE	MALI THOMAS
SIMARA BROWN	GRACE HEDEEN	AMY MORRIS	ISABELLA TODD
LANEY CHRISTENSEN	ELLIANNA HERRING	EVELYN PALMER	EMERSON TROMBLEY
HALLE DANIELS	ADDISON HOLTSCRAW	TORI QUALLS	ABIGAIL VARGO
ADELLE DAVIES	TRINITY JIMPSON	AVA ROBINSON	ELIZABETH WILKINS
BELLA DENNEY	RORY KOLDUS	ISABELLA SALINAS	LYDIA WILSON
NORALEE EDMONDSON	ADELINE LEE	KAYLIN SCHULTHEIS	LAYLA WITNEY-
ADELINE EINHORN	CARLEE LONG	AMELIA SHIELDS	MARSHALL

Riverside's Maroon Men

DAVID ANDERSON	LUCAS GRANT	JOSHUA RITTER
MASON ASKEW	BLY HODA	COOPER RIVERA
DAVID BARRETT	RISHI KADAKIA	ZAYD SCHUCK
LOGAN BLAKE	OLIVER PAUL	ALEXANDER SURRA
HECTOR CUETO	NICHOLAS PETTY	

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LILLIAN BALLENGER	KELSEY HAWKINS	MIA MILLER	MIYA TANKSLEY
VALERIE CARBAGAL	ANNE MARIE	KEYLIANA MOORE	SELOME TEKLE
CYNTHIA CORREAL-	HEINZMANN	MARY MURPHY	ZOE THOMSON
ROSALES	ISABELLA HOWARD-	ADDISON POWELL	ALEXIS VANSELOW
ELLA DAHL	BROOKS	JULIA PRATER	MIA WAIN
JULIA DAY	HAILEY IRWIN	SHAYLEE PRATER	MADISON WALKER
ALISIA DELUNA	EMILY KELSEY	ZOE REARICK	DAEJAH WARNER
DAPHNE DEMOSS	ELIZABETH LEWIS	DAVEYAH ROSS	LILLIAN WEIDNER
LEAH DWARAM	CLAIRE LORY	MARISSA SARACINO	ASHLEY WITMEIER
EMMIE FERGUSON	KELSI MCCLAIN	JOSIE SMALLWOOD	PAYTON WOLF
ALEXANDRA GRAY	AVA MCGRAW	ELLEIGH SMITH	MONICA WORDEN
ELEANOR HAMPSHIRE	MADILYNN MELTON	MADELINE SMITH	GENEVIEVE ZIINO

ISSMA DETAILS:

ISSMA Contest: Saturday, March 11th

Elwood Jr./Sr. High School
1137 North 19th Street
Elwood, IN 46036

NOTES:

- If you're attending, **please arrive early!**
- Parents are encouraged to attend and applaud vigorously for students at the end of performances!

SCHEDULE

- Arrive to Riverside Jr. High: 8:15am
- Bus Leaving for Carmel: 8:30am
- Bus Arriving to Carmel: 8:45am
- Setup in Homeroom: 9:00am

Choir	Transit to Warm-up	Warm-up	Transit to Performance	Performance
Boys Choir	9:20	9:25	9:40	9:45
Treble Choir 1	10:00	10:05	10:25	10:30
Treble Choir 2	11:30	11:35	11:50	11:55

- Bus Leaving Carmel: 12:45pm
- Bus Arriving to Riverside Jr. High: 1:00pm

MISSION OF RJH CHOIR:

1. The primary mission for Riverside Jr. High School Music is to nurture student musical ability through:

Thoughtful rehearsals

Positive and productive teaching

Providing valuable musical experiences

2. While there are many secondary objectives that will also play a vital role in developing well-rounded students and that will connect them with the vision of Riverside Jr. High - using sound as a means to communicate the sentiments embodied in musical works will always be the ultimate focus.
3. Music as an art has a uniquely transformative power over societies worldwide and is often referred to as the world's only common language. We believe that Jr. High students are not too young to begin understanding the meaning of music as art and its place in world culture and history. It is our mission to nurture this understanding through teaching students how to develop their performance abilities and by teaching appreciation of music in diverse cultures and periods.
4. In order for them to develop their abilities, students will be taught how to demonstrate dedication and maturity in regard to their musical development. Dedication because the skills needed to recreate music are both numerous and complex. Maturity because once the musical technical skills are learned, students must possess an open mind in order to understand them and to communicate the meaning of the composer's work.
5. Riverside Jr. High Music Department teachers believe that literacy plays a vital role in the success of musicians. To become a true musician, one must be able to speak, write, and read about music and to obtain musical knowledge and appreciation. Students will engage in activities that encourage them to read, write, and speak about music - enhancing their literacy and content area skills.

Riverside Choir Website: www.RiversideChoir.weebly.com

ABOUT YOUR TEACHERS:

Will Rogers, Director



Will Rogers is a Jr. high teacher specializing in adolescent development and choral techniques. He graduated Indiana Wesleyan University with a degree in music education with concentration in choral studies and vocal music. During this time, Mr. Rogers served as the president for the collegiate chapter of the National Association for Music Education and was an active performer with the colleges' choirs and opera theater. Additionally, Mr. Rogers has completed graduate work in conducting and a master's degree in education administration from Butler University. Professionally, he has studied alongside numerous accomplished teachers and conductors as well as served on leadership committees for school projects throughout the state. Mr. Rogers began his career in Hamilton Southeastern Schools and is currently the choir teacher at Riverside Jr. High where he was named teacher of the year in 2019. In addition to his role in the classroom, he is an active judge and clinician, directs music-theater students, volunteers for FAIR education, and has organized the American Teacher project. Mr. Rogers is passionate about promoting the value of the arts in student development, sharing with students the joys and versatility of vocal music, as well as developing new and meaningful ways to teach and assess the adolescent singer.

Li-Wen Weng, Accompanist



Pianist Li-Wen Weng is an active soloist and collaborative pianist. Originally from Taipei, Taiwan, she graduated from National Taiwan Normal University with a double major in Piano Performance and English. After graduation, she attended Indiana University as a scholarship student and graduated with a master's degree in Piano Performance. She then continued her musical journey by obtaining her Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance and Literature from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Her past awards include 2nd Prize Winner of the Alexander & Buono International Piano Competition, the 2nd Prize Winner of the Grand Prize Virtuoso International Music Competition, and the 1st prize winner of the Yamaha Piano Competition. Her music has taken her nationally and internationally including invited performances in Australia, Japan, and Singapore. In addition, she has performed at prestigious venues including Carnegie Weill Recital Hall, Krannert Center, National Concert Hall in Taipei. Her mentors included world renowned masters Evelyn Brancart, William Heiles, Chia-Wei, Chung, Susanne Gruetzmann, Andrzej Jasinski.

Her past teaching positions include an instructor in the Illinois Piano Laboratory program and also the faculty member of the of the online conservatory - Discover Melody. She currently serves as an adjunct instructor of keyboard skills and collaborative pianist at Butler University. She also runs her own private studio in East Carmel with students ranging from age 5-75 years old. For more information, please visit her website at: <https://onlyonecruise.wixsite.com/pianoforsmile>

ABOUT TONIGHT'S ADJUDICATORS:

Cindy Baney



Cynthia Ensign Baney is in her 35th year of teaching, and currently serving as the choral music teacher at Fishers Junior High. A published author and composer, Baney's awards include Semi-finalist in the 2011 Indiana Teacher of the Year program, Carmel Clay Schools Teacher of the Year 2010, Richard Saucedo Distinguished Alumni Award, the City of Carmel's Rangeline Pioneer Award, the Planet Orange Award, the Centra Literacy Award, and IPALCO's Golden Apple Award. Baney is a three-time recipient of the Olin Davis Award for Excellence for her original musicals, and a two-time recipient of the Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship.

As an amateur grant writer, Baney has written a career total of \$200,000 worth of grants. In 2017, Mrs. Baney joined her husband to also teach at Fishers Junior High so they could realize their dream of owning a regenerative farm. Remedy Farm is their sustainable agriculture project where they raise cows, sheep, pigs, chickens, and ducks. Their three children have flown the coop and are adulting well.

Cindy Johnson



This year marks Cindy's twenty-sixth year as a Music Educator. She is currently the choral director at Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate Junior High in Fishers. In 2011 she was named Indiana Music Educators Association Middle School Educator of the Year as well as her school's Teacher of the Year in 2021. Cindy has also served as a Regional Director for the Indianapolis Children's Choir as well as having adjudicated for the IMEA Circle the State with Song Clinics and IMEA Non-Competitive Festivals. Outside of the school day she is an active participant in the Indianapolis arts community performing and directing for several local theatres and singing with groups like the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir and her local church. She has a small studio of private voice students and loves to watch young musicians grow in their knowledge and abilities. She loves to spend her free time with her two children and family.

Dylan Lewis



Dylan Lewis is a Music Educator from Butler University. Based in central Indiana, he has worked with a diverse range of students from elementary to high school in many different settings. From teaching piano to beginning players, teaching Hip-Hop dance to elementary schoolers, or teaching vocal technique to beginning and advanced singers; Dylan has pursued his passion for teaching young people to create and perform music artistically. Most recently he worked with Elizabeth Morrison at North Central Highschool teaching both ends of the vocal ability spectrum. Currently, he is working alongside Cindy Johnson at Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate and Junior High School. Dylan is excited by the opportunity to support young musicians in their love for making beautiful music and art!

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SPECIAL THANKS TO STAFF & PARENT VOLUNTEERS FOR ISSMA CONTEST...

School events like this one can only occur successfully when there is sufficient investment from our community and parents! Thank you to all who give of their time, – for this event and events in the past – you enrich our choir program and improve the experience for everyone!

Anna Ballenger

Kyle Grant

Beth Hampshire

Jessie McGrath

Lindie McElroy

There's room for more!!