

LOUISIANA

AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION



2018

ALL-STATE

HONOR CHOIRS

YOUTH TREBLE

YOUTH MIXED

Gretchen Harrison

conductor

Jonathan Szymanski

accompanist

Philip Keirstead

conductor

Michelle Strain

accompanist

Saturday, November 3, 2018

Youth Treble All-State Honor Choir concert 2:15pm

Youth Mixed All-State Honor Choir concert 2:45pm

First Baptist Church
5290 Canal Blvd.
New Orleans, Louisiana

HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

In February 1959, a group of 35 choral conductors from around the United States met in Kansas City, Missouri during the Music Teachers National Association's (MTNA) biennial conference. This group created the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) and approved its original ten purposes which still stand largely unmodified today.

The Purposes of ACDA

- To foster and promote choral singing which will provide artistic, cultural, and spiritual experiences for the participants.
- To foster and promote the finest types of choral music to make these experiences possible.
- To foster and encourage rehearsal procedures conducive to attaining the highest possible level of musicianship and artistic performance.
- To foster and promote the organization and development of choral groups of all types in schools and colleges.
- To foster and promote the development of choral music in the church and synagogue.
- To foster and promote the development of choral societies in cities and communities.
- To foster and promote understanding of choral music as an important medium of contemporary artistic expression.
- To foster and promote significant research in the field of choral music.
- To foster and encourage choral composition of superior quality.
- To cooperate with all organizations dedicated to the development of musical culture in America

(The last two purposes were added in the 1975 Constitution and By-laws revision.)

- To foster and promote international exchange programs involving performing groups, conductors, and composers.
- To disseminate professional news and information about choral music.

The Association evolved over its first decade to include divisions modeled after those of the National Association for Music Education (MENC) and state chapters. ACDA was founded to serve the professional needs of all choir directors and as a result, membership grew steadily from the initial 35 choral directors who attended that meeting to the 111 charter members. By 1970, membership had grown to include 4,000 choral conductors, conducting all varieties of choirs. By 1978, that number had reached 10,000. In 2003, membership reached an all-time high of 21,000. And while ACDA's numbers may have increased exponentially, the Association has always remained true to its purposes.

From its origin, ACDA has promoted excellence in choral music through its workshops, symposia, choral program exchanges, international efforts and especially through its conventions. Early conferences were held in conjunction with MENC conventions. Like present day conferences, they offered reading sessions, interest sessions, panel discussions and concert sessions. In 1960, at the first conference held in conjunction with MENC, five choirs performed. By 1971, the Association had matured to the point where it could offer its own independent convention. That conference took place in Kansas City, Missouri, at the Muehlebach Hotel, just as the organizational meeting did. The first international choirs performed at the 1973 convention, also held in Kansas City, Missouri and by 1977, convention attendance had grown to the point where dual track interest sessions were added. The 1980s saw a refinement of the convention system. Performance halls were used instead of ballrooms beginning in 1981. Honor choirs began singing at ACDA conferences in 1983. Again, by the 1990s, conference attendance had grown to a point where dual and triple tracks became necessary. Dual tracks were offered beginning in 1993 and the first triple track conference followed in 1999. The most elaborate track system was offered in 2005 where conference attendees followed six tracks. In its history, the conferences have been expanded and refined but always with the commitment to improving the experience of choral music excellence and education. (Above, John Haberlen conducts the Georgia State University Choir.)

Throughout its history, ACDA has honored both its members for their contributions to the choral art and quality choral composition through its competitions and commissions. From the Schmitt and Pepper Awards for Choral Composition in 1962 to the Raymond W. Brock Student Composition Competition, ACDA has worked to recognize and reward superior choral music, research in the choral art, excellence in conducting and teaching, quality newsletters, superb student organizations, and promise for the future of choral conducting.

Over the course of ACDA's 50 year history, its leadership has helped it remain true to its purposes. Its Executive Directors have wisely guided it to its current status as the preeminent professional organization for American choral conductors. Its Executive Committees and National Boards have shaped the education and caliber of choral conductors for fifty years through national, division, and state conventions, workshops and clinics, repertoire, and commissioned pieces. The organization that decided 50 years ago to promote excellence in choral music through performance, composition, publication, research, teaching and advocacy has maintained and evolved those goals into the organization that exists today. These ideals will continue to holdfast yet advance as ACDA enters its next fifty years and beyond.

PROGRAM

Gretchen Harrison, *conductor*

Jonathan Szymanski, *accompanist*

(program may not be performed in listed order)

“Paper Cranes”

J. Reese Norris

SSA

MusicSpoke

“Breakable”

Jenni Brandon

Graphite Publishing B013

SA

“Bedu Pako Baramasa”

Meghan Quinlan

National Music Pub. NM1023

SA, divisi and percussion

Travis Henthorn, *percussion*

“Shady Grove”

Appalachian Folk Song

arr. Robert Hugh

Hal Leonard 10441912

SSA, piano

Steven Kennedy, *mandolin*

Travis Henthorn & Brian Martinez, *percussion*

“Seligkeit”

Franz Schubert

Many thanks to

Holly Grefe, *Youth Treble Honor Choir Co-coordinator*

Victoria Qualls Atkins, *Youth Treble Honor Choir Co-coordinator*

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SOPRANO

Blaeklynn Austin, *DeQuincy MS*
Gabrielle Barnes, *DeQuincy MS*
Lauren Bascle, *Vandebilt Catholic HS*
Cate Brien, *Episcopal School of Baton Rouge*
Avery Burgoyne, *Shields Studios*
Molly Bush, *LSU Lab School*
Angeliah Calais, *North Vermilion HS*
Chloe Cardinale, *Covenant Christian Academy*
Elise Danos, *Kim Champagne Private Studio*
Lily DeLancey, *Good Hope MS*
Mary Dismer, *Avoyelles Public Charter School*
Mary Clare Eastland, *Eastland Academy*
Maillie Falgout, *Lafayette HS*
Jordan Folse, *Hahnville High School*
Eileen Garrett, *North Vermilion HS*
Caitlin Hager, *Central MS*
Elle Harris, *Southside Jr. HS*
Sydney Hayes, *Lafayette HS*
Makenzie Holderbein, *L.J. Alleman Fine Arts Magnet Academy*
Alexandra Hulse, *Our Lady of Mercy*
Jenna Jackson, *W.W. Lewis MS*
Hannah Jefferson, *DeQuincy MS*
Hannah Johnson, *Livingston Parish Chorale*
Mia Johnston, *North Vermilion MS*
Mariah Johnson, *LPSB Talented Music Southeast*
Kathryn Jones, *L.J. Alleman Fine Arts Magnet Academy*
Neely Khan, *Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School*
Grace Kimble, *Northwestern MS*
Maggie Lai, *Lafayette HS*
Caroline LeBlanc, *West Ridge MS*
Valerie Manuel, *Sulphur HS*
Trace-Marie Martin, *West Monroe HS*
Acadia McCoy Benjamin Franklin HS
Kamrin Miguez, *North Vermilion MS*
Anna-Kate Miller, *West Monroe HS*
Isabella Murphy, *Benton HS*
Olivia Plunk, *Woodlawn Jr. HS*
Sarah Roberts, *West Monroe HS*
Alivia Robertson, *DeQuincy MS*
Ivy Russell, *Dutchtown MS*
Cameron Saulsbury, *Avoyelles Public Charter School*
Gabrielle Semien, *Sulphur HS*
Navika Simon, *North Vermilion HS*
Abby Sims, *West Ridge MS*
Athena Smith, *Walker Talented Music*
Kathryn Starner, *Madisonville Jr. HS*
Caroline Steffins, *Nugent Vocal Studio*
Emmie Stevens, *The Dunham School*
Belle Tassin, *Madisonville Jr. HS*
Katie Tober, *Louise S. McGehee*
Londan Townsend, *West Ridge MS*
Eliana Vargas, *Northwestern MS*
Audrey Williams, *West Monroe HS*

ALTO

Kailan Barr, *Avoyelles Public Charter School*
Bella Bossier, *Central MS*
Hannah Branscum, *Kim Champagne Private Studio*
Amaya Cage, *Sherwood Middle Magnet School*
Lilly Cambas, *Fontainebleau HS*
Emma Castleberry, *Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School*
Kandice Chester, *Hahnville HS*
Callie Dolese, *Benton HS*
Brooke Doucet, *Northwestern MS*
Arden Dubret, *Loranger MS*
Kaylie Elledge, *L.J. Alleman Fine Arts Magnet Academy*
Madison Fasske, *DeQuincy MS*
Paris Fields, *Northwestern MS*
Kathryn Flanagan, *Isidore Newman School*
CeAnna Flatau, *Our Lady of Mercy*
Andie Flint, *Caldwell Parish HS*
Merrit Foster, *Chorale des Amis*
Riley Gary, *W.W. Lewis MS*
Jenna Gates, *West Monroe HS*
Jaci Gross, *Hahnville HS*
Randa Hall, *DeQuincy MS*
Emily Hamilton, *Buckeye HS*
Laura Hamilton, *Vandebilt Catholic HS*
Molly Harris, *Louise S. McGehee*
Evan Johnson, *J.B. Martin MS*
Melody Johnston, *LPSB Talented Music Southeast*
Kyler Keys, *W.W. Lewis MS*
Katherine Lemoine, *Avoyelles Public Charter School*
Kennedi Lenard, *Calhoun MS*
Naomi Logan, *West Ridge MS*
Lindsey McKee, *Lee Jr. HS*
Mia Moreno, *W.W. Lewis MS*
Nona Nielsen, *Good Hope MS*
Alyssa Nix, *West Ridge MS*
Jillian Norman, *West Ridge MS*
Monika Reddy, *Isidore Newman School*
Simone Riley, *The Dunham School*
Briahna Rippy, *DeQuincy MS*
Elliott Shoaf, *Northwestern MS*
Kelsey Sparks, *Covenant Christian Academy*
Madeline Stock, *Franklinton Jr. HS*
Jacie Turner, *Calhoun MS*
Ella Wainwright, *Madisonville Jr. HS*
Kinsey Waits, *North Vermilion MS*
Ashton Warren, *W.W. Lewis MS*
Jasmyn West, *Belle City HS*
Adyson White, *Northwestern MS*
Maddie White, *LPSB Talented Music Southeast*
MaKayla Williams, *West Ridge MS*
Hillery Wynn, *Isidore Newman School*
Julianna Yee, *Woodlawn Jr. HS*
Aly Youngblood, *West Ridge MS*
Audrey Wiggins, *Buckeye HS*

PROGRAM

Phillip Keirstead, *conductor*

Michelle Strain, *accompanist*

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“Nine Hundred Miles”

Philip E. Silvey
Santa Barbara Music Publishing
SBMP545
SAB, accompanied

“The Pasture”

Z. Randall Stroope
Colla Voce Music, Inc. 45-21102
SATB, accompanied

“Ritmo”

Dan Davison
Walton Music WW1437
SAB, accompanied

Meg Frazier, *additional accompanist*

“He’ll Make a Way”

Byron J. Smith
Onyx Choral Music Publishing,
BJS0001
SATB, accompanied

“Gloria”
from **Gloria**

Antonio Vivaldi
arr. Philip Keirstead
SATB, accompanied

“Lydia, the Tattooed Lady”

arr. by Jay Althouse
Alfred Music Publishing 27130
TTBB, accompanied

“Truth”

Andrea Ramsey
MusicSpoke
SSAA, accompanied

Many thanks to

Ashley Lemmler, *Youth Mixed Honor Choir Coordinator*

Trey Miller, *Youth Mixed Honor Assistant Coordinator*

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SOPRANO

Joyce Alegria-Bernhard, *Albert Cammon MS*
Sage Bell, *Lee Jr. HS*
Isabella Ceaser, *DeQuincy HS*
Noelle Chutz, *Denham Springs Jr. HS*
Clara Cobb, *Good Hope MS*
Olivia Daigle, *Walker Talented Music*
Chloe Dykes, *Good Hope MS*
AnnaKate Gillespie, *Harvest Time Christian Academy*
Lauren Grant, *West Monroe HS*
Grace Hammond, *Isidore Newman School*
Croix Hill, *Isidore Newman School*
Joy Jackson, *Avoyelles Public Charter School*
Katie Kelone, *Parkview Baptist School*
Emily Lash, *Good Hope MS*
Jolie LeBlanc, *Lafayette HS*
Emma Lockeby, *East Ouachita MS*
Alyssa Manuel, *L.J. Alleman Fine Arts Magnet Academy*
Grace Marquess, *Denham Springs Jr. HS*
Kyndall McCarthy, *Good Hope MS*
Teresa Meehan, *Lusher Charter School*
Addison Mitchell, *Pineville HS*
Amaia Ottley, *Isidore Newman School*
Anna Owens, *Destrehan HS*
Teagan Parker, *West Monroe HS*
Hayli Pattan, *St. Joseph's Academy*
Emma Pearson, *Caldwell Parish HS*
Alexandra Purdy, *Success uSING Music*
Alexis Rabalais, *Avoyelles Public Charter School*
Jentri Grace Richardson, *West Ridge MS*
Annelis Rios-Gonzalez, *Central Lafourche HS*
Cassie Robbins, *The LSU Laboratory School*
Grace Romano, *Shields Studios*
Celeste Rosteet, *L.J. Alleman Fine Arts Magnet Academy*
Julia Royer, *DeQuincy HS*
Liyan Saucier, *Avoyelles Public Charter School*
Skyler Scheible, *Caldwell Parish HS*
Olivia Shofstahl, *Shields Studios*
Stella Simolke, *Airline HS*
Addison Smith, *W. W. Lewis MS*
Mallory Smith, *West Monroe HS*
Madison Staton, *Lusher Charter School*
Cassie Steudlein, *Central MS*
Elise Strain, *Fontainebleau HS*
Amelia Kate Thompson, *Christ Episcopal School*
Kennedy Thompson, *DeQuincy MS*
Hannah Jane Thompson, *Zachary HS*
Kelsey Tyson, *Woodlawn Jr. HS*
Lily Westbrook, *Caldwell Parish HS*
Abigail Williams, *St. Scholastica Academy*
Terrolyn Woodridge, *Northwestern MS*
Natalie Young, *West Monroe HS*

ALTO

Madisyn Blakeney, *Woodlawn Jr. HS*
Anna Brickman, *Isidore Newman School*
Lauren Capello, *Northwestern MS*
Elanor Cate, *West Ridge MS*
Georgia Charlet, *Zachary HS*
Makayla Chase, *Walker Talented Music*
Hannah Chatham, *Hahnville HS*
Rylie Comeaux, *Lafayette HS*
Rylee Comeaux, *North Vermilion HS*
Kassidi Craig, *West Ridge MS*

ALTO (continued)

Katy Domingue, *L.J. Alleman Fine Arts Magnet Academy*
Piper Duplantis, *W. W. Lewis MS*
Andi Jo Dyer, *A. M. Barbe HS*
Arlene Foret, *Hahnville HS*
Annie Fornaris, *Fontainebleau HS*
Savannah Fouchi, *Louise S. McGehee School*
Londyn Godley, *The Dunham School*
Lydia Guichard, *Albert Cammon MS*
Rheanna Holden, *North Vermilion HS*
Chloe Hoychick, *Vandebilt Catholic HS*
Abby Humphries, *Buckeye HS*
Mary Laura Hunt, *A. E. Phillips Lab School*
Thomsyn Kamm, *West Ridge MS*
Nikki Kanagala, *Shields Studios*
Isabella Lancaster, *Isidore Newman School*
Emma Littleton, *St. Joseph's Academy*
Connor Lyons, *Central Lafourche HS*
Maura Malone, *Calhoun MS*
Loni McCoy, *Huntington HS*
Kathrine McCullars, *Ouachita Parish HS*
Cora McIntyre, *Fontainebleau HS*
Ava Moore, *Parkview Baptist School*
Elizabeth Nunez, *W. W. Lewis MS*
Joleigh Oliver, *W. W. Lewis MS*
Alejandra Padron-Rio, *Lafayette HS*
Julian Peshoff, *Sulphur HS*
Cahil Picou, *Covenant Christian Academy*
Kristen Richard, *Central Lafourche HS*
Mallory Robinson, *Pineville HS*
Eliana Rogers, *Woodlawn Jr. HS*
Katherine Schroeder, *Benton HS*
Amber Seal, *Shields Studios*
Lucy Shields, *Shields Studios*
Isabella Siddon, *Vandebilt Catholic HS*
Emma St. Cyr, *Slidell Jr. HS*
Sadie Stelly, *North Vermilion HS*
Andrea Stephens, *Stephens Vocal Studio*
Rivers Strong, *Caldwell Parish HS*
Layne Tassin, *The Dunham School*
Rosie Tate, *St. Joseph's Academy*
Sarah Wilkinson, *Walker Talented Music*
Ava Williams, *West Ridge MS*
Kendall Williams, *Louise S. McGehee School*

TENOR

Luc Arceneaux, *Ponchatoula Jr. HS*
Giovani Arenas, *Isidore Newman School*
Tafari Beard, *Northwestern MS*
Beau Block, *Good Hope MS*
Joshua Burdeaux, *Woodlawn Jr. HS*
Noah Castaneda, *Berwick HS*
Jeremy Seth Cormier, *Lafayette HS*
Andrew Curtis, *Ascension Episcopal School*
Saxon d'Augereau, *Harvest Time Christian Academy*
Andrew Dickinson, *Ouachita Parish HS*
Andrew Duhon, *DeQuincy HS*
Tate Eisworth, *Central HS*
Jacob Etheredge, *Buckeye HS*
Reilly Fastring, *Boyet Jr. HS*
Jalyn Gottschalk, *Lusher Charter School*
Samuel Haber, *Isidore Newman School*
Albert Henderson, *Hahnville HS*
Nick Howell, *LPSB Talented Music Southeast*
Frank Johnson, Jr., *L.J. Alleman Fine Arts Magnet Academy*

TENOR (continued)

Jace Judice, *L. J. Alleman Fine Arts Magnet Academy*
Jackson Kenney, *Berwick HS*
Aidan Landry, *Harvest Time Christian Academy*
Brayden Lee, *Avoyelles Public Charter School*
Jackson Lemoine, *Good Hope MS*
Coy Lyles, *Woodlawn Jr. HS*
Ronjacob Merto, *Sherwood Middle Academic Magnet*
Riley Moegle, *A. E. Phillips Lab School*
Cooper Olsen, *W. W. Lewis MS*
Brendan O'Toole, *West Ridge MS*
Carter Ptak, *Isidore Newman School*
Timothy Reed, *Central MS*
Zachary Semien, *Northwestern MS*
Andrew Smith, *A. M. Barbe HS*
Hayden Stewart, *West Ridge MS*
Austin Stroder, *W. W. Lewis MS*
Brady Swanner, *Good Hope MS*
Andrew Thomas, *Parkview Baptist School*
Jacob Tullier, *Central MS*
Nathan Ughovwa, *Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School*
Sebastian Walsler, *Holy Cross School*

BASS

Kourtney Anderson-Davidson, *Covington HS*
John Austin Bergeron, *Walker Talented Music*
Eli Bradford, *Lusher Charter School*
Zachary Broussard, *Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School*
Matthew Calhoun, *West Monroe HS*
Eduar Castro, *William Pitcher Jr. HS*
Kenny Collins, *Northwestern MS*
Christopher Dean, *West Monroe HS*
Delvin Declouet, *L.J. Alleman Fine Arts Magnet Academy*
Caleb Dixon, *Avoyelles Public Charter School*
Jacob Duncan, *Avoyelles Public Charter School*
Ethan Dupre', *Covenant Christian Academy*
Bryce Folmar, *West Ridge MS*
Nathan Gulde, *West Ridge MS*
Louis Hebert, *L.J. Alleman Fine Arts Magnet Academy*
Henry Herbert, *Holy Cross School*
Jaaken Jackson, *DeQuincy MS*
Trae James, *W. W. Lewis MS*
Steven Jones, *Franklinton HS*
William Kielwasser, *West Monroe HS*
Lex Landreneau, *The Dunham School*
Cullen Lee, *Isidore Newman School*
Ethan Marque, *Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School*
Diesel Martin, *West Monroe HS*
Isaac McClanahan, *Caldwell Parish HS*
Aidan McIlwain, *Caldwell Parish HS*
Cameron Miller, *DeQuincy HS*
Richard Nixon, *Walker Talented Music*
Kolbe Peters, *Brother Martin HS*
Ryan Phillips, *West Ridge MS*
Christian Powell, *Northwestern MS*
Jackson Sanchez, *Northwestern MS*
Jon Paul Shaw, *Caldwell Parish HS*
Gabriel Sion, *L.J. Alleman Fine Arts Magnet Academy*
Caleb Smith, *DeQuincy HS*
Peyton Strickland, *Woodlawn Jr. HS*
Samuel Theriot, *L.J. Alleman Fine Arts Magnet Academy*
John Davis Vessel, *Ruston HS*
Blake Williams, *Covenant Christian Academy*
Nicholas Wolf, *A. M. Barbe High School*



Gretchen Harrison, *Youth Treble All-State Honor Choir Clinician*

Gretchen Harrison is in her 30th year of teaching choral music. After teaching in Blue Valley for 15 years, she is currently the choir director at Frontier Middle School in the Olathe KS school district. The choirs at FTMS routinely earn highest ratings at contests and festivals. Two of her choirs performed at the 2017 KMEA In-Service and Workshop, in Wichita, KS. Harrison has been part of the artistic staff of Allegro Choirs of Kansas City since 2005. She directs one of the choirs in that program (Vivo) and assists with two additional choirs (Moto and Brio). Harrison earned a Bachelors' in Music Education from Wichita State University and a Masters' in Music Education from University of Missouri-Kansas City. She has completed her Level III endorsement in CME (Choral Music Experience). After serving in various district and state-level leadership positions, she is the past National Chairperson for Junior High and Middle School Repertoire and Standards for American Choral Directors Association and is currently the National ACDA Repertoire and Resources Chairperson for Youth Services. She was recognized in 2003, 2009, 2015 and 2016 as "Outstanding Middle Level Choral Educator" for Northeast Kansas Music Educators Association. The Olathe Education Foundation honored her in 2015 with their "Outstanding Educator" designation. Harrison also enjoys serving the profession as a guest presenter and clinician and has served in Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Tennessee, Mississippi, Illinois, North Carolina State Treble Honor Choir and the Georgia All-State 6th Grade choir. Harrison is on staff with VanderCook University (Chicago) as MS Choral Music Education teacher. Harrison is active in ACDA, KCDA and NAFME and KMEA. Her musical family includes band director (retired) Kim Harrison and two children, Kellyn, a first-year middle school choral music educator, and Cole, a recent grad with a Music Technology degree major and a Spanish minor from Fort Hays State University.

Jonathan Szymanski, *Youth Treble All-State Honor Choir Accompanist*

Jonathan Szymanski started his artistic journey as a pianist at age 7, and began accompanying for various choirs, churches, and theatrical productions by age 12. After attending Loyola University New Orleans for a Bachelor's degree in piano performance, Mr. Szymanski has worked with various choral ensembles throughout the greater New Orleans area, including St. Louis Cathedral Choir, New Orleans Children's Chorus, and various local high schools.

He is currently a staff accompanist at Loyola University New Orleans, where he accompanies both vocal and instrumental recitals, concerts, and masterclasses.

Noted for his improvisational ability, Mr. Szymanski is a pianist for the dance department at Tulane University, where he provides music for beginner to advanced ballet class.

In addition to his work in local area schools, Mr. Szymanski is organist at Holy Name of Jesus Church.



Philip Keirstead, *Youth Mixed All-State Honor Choir Clinician*

Philip Keirstead is one of two choral directors at Marsteller Middle School in Prince William County, Virginia. There he directs the 7th Grade Men's Chorus, 8th Grade Advanced Men's Chorus, and co-directs the 6th Grade Mixed Choir with Julie Phelan.

Philip attended James Madison University where he was a founding member and treasurer of its first collegiate chapter of the American Choral Director's Association. He served as student conductor of the University Chorus and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in music education. Philip completed his Master of Choral Music Education Degree at Florida State University in 2015.

Philip began his teaching career at Hylton High School in Woodbridge, VA, serving as assistant choral director and musical director. He has served the Virginia Music Educators Association as District IX Choral Representative and as the VCDA Secretary. Philip is also very active in the American Choral Directors Association, having served as the Middle School Repertoire and Standards Chair and organizing the All-Virginia Middle School Honor Choir and auditions.

Guest conducting engagements include several district and county choir events in and around Virginia. In 2011, Mr. Keirstead and his 8th Grade Men's Select Choir were invited to give a presentation entitled "Get Guys Singing" which focused on repertoire that attracts young men to chorus. This presentation was reprised at the ACDA Southern Division Conference in Jacksonville, FL in 2014 and most recently at the Eastern Division Conference in Boston, MA in 2016. Philip was named Prince William County's Middle School Teacher of the Year for the 2011-2012 school year and was a runner-up for the Washington Post Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award.



Michelle Strain, *Youth Mixed All-State Honor Choir Accompanist*

Michelle Strain is a graduate of Loyola University. She maintains a private piano studio in Slidell, LA and is certified on both the state and national levels as a piano instructor. She is an active member of the Louisiana Music Teachers Association where she serves as the Vice-President of Certification. She is an active accompanist, and has worked with the Northlake Performing Arts Society, the Northshore Children's Choir, and the District IX Senior High Honor Choir. She is currently serving as the accompanist for the choirs at Northshore High School as well as other ensembles in the St. Tammany Parish School System. She is also the organist/piano accompanist at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Slidell, LA where she resides with her husband and three children.

ACDA All-State Youth Treble Honor Choir List of Participating Directors and Schools

Victoria Qualls Atkins, *L. J. Alleman Fine Arts Magnet Academy*

Kim Champagne, *Kim Champagne Private Studio*

Karlie Chandler, *West Ridge Middle School*

Melonee Copper, *DeQuincy Middle School*

Sydney Davis, *Calhoun Middle School*

Heidi DeCou, *Covenant Christian Academy*

Emily Defoe, *Sherwood Middle Magnet School*

Cassi Doherty, *Northwestern Middle School*

Sharyn Dolese, *Benton High School*

Jennifer Eastland, *Eastland Academy*

Cassandra Flumer, *Southside Jr. High School*

Vickie Freeman, *West Monroe High School*

Elayne Gabbert, *Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School*

Allison Gill, *Buckeye High School*

Miranda Gonzales, *Lee Junior High School*

Holly Grefe, *Lafayette High School/Chorale des Amis*

Lisa Johnson, *Good Hope Middle School*

Kyle Jones, *Franklinton Junior High School*

Molly Jones, *Sulphur High School*

Mary Kannenburg, *Episcopal School of Baton Rouge*

Jennifer King, *Louise S. McGehee*

Louise LaBruyère, *Benjamin Franklin High School*

Ashley Lemmler, *Fontainebleau High School*

Stephanie Littleton, *Our Lady of Mercy*

Dana Lux, *LSU Lab School*

Allison Marino, *Belle City High School*

Joshua Martin, *J.B. Martin Middle School*

Craig Matherne, *Hahnville High School*

Rebecca McClain, *Madisonville Jr. High School*

Cathy McManus, *Walker Talented Music*

Kylee McPherson, *Dutchtown Middle School*

Trey Miller, *Central Middle School*

Marisa Nugent, *Nugent Vocal Studio*

Keri Beth Powell, *Caldwell Parish High School*

Tim Richardson, *LPSB Talented Music Southeast*

Lacey Sanderson, *Woodlawn Junior High School*

Anthony Sears, *Isidore Newman School*

Katie Shields, *Shields Studios*

Jonah Slason, *North Vermilion Middle and High School*

Brittany Spencer, *The Dunham School*

Jordy Stanley, *W.W. Lewis Middle School*

Sarah Todd, *Vandebilt Catholic High School*

Barbara Walker, *Livingston Parish Chorale*

Janice Yantis, *Avoyelles Public Charter School*

Bridget Zeringue, *Loranger Middle School*

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Victoria Qualls Atkins, *L.J. Alleman Fine Arts Magnet Academy*

Randall Boyd, *A. E. Phillips Laboratory*

Arnese Brass, *Huntington High School*

Cedric Bridges, *Covington High School*

Joy Broussard, *Harvest Time Christian Academy*

Kevin Caparotta, *Brother Martin High School*

Karlie Chandler, *West Ridge Middle School*

Melonee Cooper, *DeQuincy High School*

Kathy Cordova, *Ouachita Parish High School*

Sydney Davis, *Calhoun Middle School*

Heidi DeCou, *Covenant Christian Academy*

Emily DeFoe, *Sherwood Middle Academic Magnet*

Cassi Doherty, *Northwestern Middle School*

Sharyn Dolese, *Benton High School*

Vickie Freeman, *West Monroe High School*

Cassandra Fulmer, *Denham Springs Junior High*

Elayne Gabbert, *Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School*

Stephen Galliano, *St. Joseph's Academy*

Allison Gill, *Buckeye High School*

Miranda Gonzales, *Lee Jr. High School*

Brent Goodrich, *St. Scholastica Academy*

Holly Grefe, *Lafayette High School*

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