

Decatur City Schools
Department of Choral Music
Presents

DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN'S CHORUS

Dr. Carl B. Davis
Mrs. Ginny Matherly
Directors

Alabama Music Educator's Association
Winter In-Service Conference
Montgomery Performing Arts Center
Montgomery, AL

Thursday, January 20, 2011
4:45 p.m.



Wana Baraka

arr. Shawn Kirchner

Tevin Adkins, Kyle Jefferson, William Orman, Garret Teague, percussionists

(Santa Barbara Music Publishing SBMP 554)

Gate Gate

Brian Tate

(Earthsongs W50)

*For him who is gone to the other shore, who is completely gone to the other shore,
there is an awakening, hail!*

Esto Les Digo

Kinley Lange

(Alliance Music Publications AMP 0568)

*This I tell you, if two or more of you on earth ask for anything,
My Father in Heaven will give it to you.
Where two or three are gathered in My Name,
There will I be also.*

Bryn Higdon, soloist

Cuncti Simus

ed. Richard Soto

(Santa Barbara Music Publishing SBMP 306)

*Let us all sing: Hail, Mary!
The virgin was alone
When the angel appeared
He was called Gabriel
And was sent from Heaven.*

*With radiant face He declared,
You shall conceive, Mary!
Hail, Mary!*

*You will bear a son
And shall call Him Jesus Christ
Hail, Mary!*

Laura Carbajal, Rachel McDaniel, Andrea Miller, Shavonne Cater, McKenzie Cranston, Kayla Tierce, Sarah Grace Mitchell, Rachael Riley, Kathleen O'Hara, Amanda Woodson, Tara Givens, Carrie Hill, Destiny Garrett, Kristen Whited, Bryn Higdon, Sara Bedsole, Lauren Gist, soloists

Savannah Gross, Maggie Whitley, Tevin Adkins, Kyle Jefferson, William Orman, instrumentalists

Arise My Love

Joan Szymko

(Santa Barbara Music Publishing SBMP 552)

Yo Le Canto

David Brunner

(Hal Leonard 48004679)

*So I am moving with my heart,
So I am leaving with a drum,
I sing to you all day long with affection and joy,
So I am leaving with a drum with affection and emotion.*

DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL

Decatur High School is a four-year comprehensive high school for students in grades 9-12. Located in Southeast Decatur, the school will celebrate its 60th anniversary this year at its current location. With a current enrollment of approximately 1000 students, Decatur High School ranks 58th of 62 6A high schools. With certified faculty of 84, Decatur High School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Of the 84 faculty more than half hold a Master's Degree or higher with 41 having more than 15 years experience. Approximately 50% of all graduating seniors attend a four-year institution. Decatur City Schools is the only school system in Alabama to offer the International Baccalaureate program in grades K-12.



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To the Members of the Alabama Music Educator's Conference,

Decatur High School and the members of our community take great pride in the comprehensive educational programs offered to our students. Our academic and co-curricular programs are viewed as critical to ensure development of our students.

The vocal music program at Decatur High School is one of the most visible and successful programs in our school. The administration and faculty of Decatur High School are proud that the Decatur High School Women's Chorus has been chosen to perform for your state music teachers meeting. Thank you for the opportunity that you have extended to our students. I know they will represent our school system well.

Sincerely,

Mike Ward
Principal

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To the Members of the Alabama Music Educators Conference,

Greetings from the faculty, staff, and students of Decatur City Schools. Our school system is honored to have received your invitation for the Decatur High School Women's Chorus to perform at your winter in-service.

The City of Decatur is committed to education, and our system ranks very high in the state for local funding to our schools. The Decatur City Schools Foundation has a balance in excess of \$1 million, and the interest from this money is used to enhance our system, including the performing arts.

Music plays a major role in the total education and development of our students. The Decatur City School System provides violin lessons to all third grade students. In addition, the All-City Music Festival, held in November, is a highlight of the school year. We are proud of our school system and the opportunities it offers students. Decatur is the only school system in Alabama to offer the International Baccalaureate Program grades K-12, and music is an integral part of the program.

This choral group, under the direction of Dr. Carl B. Davis, provides exceptional musical opportunities for our school and surrounding community. We thank you for your recognition of the Decatur High School Women's Chorus, and we are proud to share them with you.

Sincerely,

Sam L. Houston
Superintendent

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DECATUR CITY SCHOOLS:

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Mrs. Mary Hillis
Assistant Principal

WOMEN'S CHORUS

Alicia Acosta	Peyton Hewitt	Angie Reeves
Holly Adams	Lindsay Hicks	Julia Riehl
Ashley Archer	Bryn Higdon	Brittany Riley
Katherine Baker	Bekah Hill	Rachael Riley
Bedsole	Carrie Hill	Rachel Rogers
Raquel Beltran	Paige Holloway	Madison Rush
Alyssa Birdsong	Victoria Holloway	Savannah Russell
Caroline Bishop	Haley Hummer	Shanise Sanders
Haley Blankenship	Kathryn Hurst	Samantha Scheler
Catherine Bolding	Alexandra Jacob	Mollie Schmidt
Blythe Bowman	Emsley Jones	Rainey Schuknecht
Emma Kate Brannon	Claire Koenig	Sabrina Seals
Alexis Brooks	Claire Leavitt	Hanna Shelley
Octavia Brooks	Anna Leeth	Hayden Shelley
Ali Brown	Whitney Lowery	Shannon Silvestri
Kayla Brown	Katelin Lucier	Emily Smith
Sam Burkett	Carly Marks	Tone Swopes
Kymerli Burns	Porcha Matthews	Shiniece Swopes
Katie Cannon	Rachel McDaniel	Adrianna Tapscott
Laura Carbajal	Andrea McKinnon	Sherrhonda Taylor
Shavonne Cater	Bailie McRae	Sofia Thomas
Boston Claborn	Jasmine McVay	Kayla Tierce
Hannah Clemons	Andrea Miller	Ashley Troupe
Marissa Coley	Ginny Mitchell	Treasure Tucker
McKenzie Cranston	Sarah Grace Mitchell	Amber Vinson
Madelyn Denton	Caitlin Moore	Haley Vinson
Kelcie Evans	Jordan Morgan	Mimi Walker
Jelisha Evans	Olivia Morgan	Cierra Wallace
Ellie Fite	Fabiola Munoz-Crisantes	Tierra Wallace
Destiny Garrett	Erin Neil	Janelle Wallace
Tekeisha Garth	Molly Neill	Meredith Ward
Debora Gaspar-Tomas	Justice Neloms	Kira Waugh
Mail Gauthier	ShaQuira Nichols	Katharine White
Lauren Gist	Hattie O'Hara	Mary Katherine White
Tara Givens	Kathleen O'Hara	Bricktanya White
Jalisha Gladney	Quinisha Orr-Carter	Kristen Whited
Suzanna Greer	Lauren Owens	Maggie Whitley
Destinee Griffin	Lindsay Page	Meg Whitten
Kathryn Harris	Kayla Parker	Shekayla Wiggins
Quenisha Harris	Kate Patterson	Elizabeth Wofford
Savannah Hawkins	Julia Phillips	Patricia Woller
Kirsten Hawkins	Anna Pike	Amanda Woodson
Lanier Hennessy	Dhajjah Purvis	

THE DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL DEPARTMENT

The choral department at Decatur High School involves approximately 225 students who are divided into four performing ensembles. Those performance ensembles are divided into six 96 minute rehearsal periods every other school day. The 49 voice Chamber Chorus is comprised of auditioned seniors, juniors, and sophomores. Other DHS ensembles include a 140 voice Concert Chorus, 130 voice Women's Chorus and a 75 voice Men's Chorus. Students perform in three major concerts during the year and various other smaller concert venues. Each year all choirs attend an adjudicated choral festival. DHS choruses have consistently scored superior ratings at Alabama Vocal Association Festivals. Since 2005, Decatur High ensembles have received invitations to perform National Anthem at the Tangerine Bowl and the Atlanta Braves games and to perform on the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Spring Concert. Ensembles have traveled to Chicago, New York, Washington, and participated in two masses in Killarney and Dublin, Ireland. This spring a group of approximately 30 students will be traveling to Italy.

Members involve themselves in many activities within the school. 110 are band members, 28 are band members or cheerleaders. 47% of the student council participates in chorus. Approximately 25% of the student body participates in one of our four choral ensembles. Membership in our organization affords students the ability to learn goal setting, concentrating, taking responsibility, conforming as a group, quick decision making and thriving under pressure.

Any student at Decatur High School who desires to sing is given the opportunity to join a DHS chorus.

THE DIRECTOR

Beginning his 20th year of teaching, Dr. Carl B. Davis has been the choral director at Decatur High School for the past 15 years.

Born in Decatur and educated in Decatur City and Limestone County Schools, he transferred to the University of Mississippi from Calhoun Community College in the fall of 1985 completing the Bachelor of Music Degree in December 1987. He entered Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee, and earned a Master of Music in December 1988. Then, he completed the Doctor of Arts Degree from the University of Mississippi in 1999.

After completing all course work for his doctoral degree, he accepted employment in Natchez Public Schools and Jefferson County Schools from 1991 - 1996, then accepted employment with Decatur City Schools in the summer of 1996.

In the spring of 1999, Mr. Davis completed his dissertation and received the Doctor of Arts degree in Music Education and Vocal Pedagogy. He was chosen as Decatur High School and Decatur City Schools Teacher of the Year for 2000. He, and Beth, his wife, and two children live on a farm in Leggtown.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Ginny Matherly holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Campbellsville College, in Campbellsville, Kentucky and a Master of Music Degree in Music Education from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Mrs. Matherly began her teaching career at Wallace Middle School in Charleston, South Carolina in 1978. Upon completion of her master's degree, she taught high school chorus and elementary school general music in Sale Creek, Tennessee. In 1987 Mrs. Matherly began a private piano studio when she moved to Decatur. In January of 2000 she became the director of the then newly opened School of Fine Arts at First Baptist Church. With a current enrollment of over 300 students, the school offers classes and private lessons in dance, art, acting, Musikgarten, piano, voice, pipe organ, violin, viola, cello, guitar, banjo, flute and alto sax. After volunteering her time at Decatur High School for four years, she was employed as a parttime assistant in fall of 2003.