

PROGRAM

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Sherry Smith

Sing Together Psallite *J.S. Bach/arr. Patrick Liebergen*
The Land of Nod Philip E. Silvey
Tango Ken Berg

Sixth Grade Choir

WELCOME FROM FIRST BAPTIST

Billy Orton

O Praise the Mighty Lord..... George Frederick Handel/arr. Liebergen
Hold Me, Rock Me..... *Brian Tate*
Cantate Domino *Mark Hayes*

Middle School Mixed Choir

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Sherry Smith

Clear Water *Robert I. Hugh*
Hotaru Koi..... *Traditional, arr. Ro Ogura*
I Will Be Earth..... *Gwyneth Walker*
Feel Good..... *Barbara Baker & David Elliott*

Eighth/Ninth Grade SSA Choir

PRESENTATION OF ALL-CITY PARTICIPATION AWARDS

Jenga Imani Yako *Israel Kagaruki/ed. Rogers*
O Sing Joyfully *Adrian Batten*
Gloria from Bluegrass Mass *Carol Barnett*
Twinkle, Twinkle *Daniel Elder*
He'll Make A Way *Byron Smith*

High School SATB Choir

PRESENTATION OF OUTSTANDING CHORAL STUDENT AWARDS

The Battle Hymn of the Republic..... *William Steffe; arr. Peter Wilhousky*
Combined Middle and High School Choirs

CLINICIANS

Dr. Tucker Biddlecombe



Dr. Tucker Biddlecombe is Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities of the Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt University. He directs the Vanderbilt Chorale and Symphonic Choir, and serves as program coordinator for Blair's five-year bachelor of music/teacher education program offered in conjunction with Peabody School of Education at Vanderbilt.

The Vanderbilt Chorale, under Dr. Biddlecombe's direction, serves as the core of the Vanderbilt Symphonic Choir and is made up of two-thirds Blair music majors, and one-third non-music majors from various schools at Vanderbilt. The chorale performed concerts in Tallahassee, Orlando, and Lakeland and participated in collaborative choral workshops with significant high school choral programs in the state.

Dr. Biddlecombe, served as conductor for the Florida All-State men's chorus in 2014. He has also been engaged to conduct two all-state choruses in 2016, the Arkansas All-State Male Chorus and the New York All-State Mixed Chorus.

Mary Biddlecombe



Mary Biddlecombe serves as Artistic Director of the Blair Children's Chorus at Vanderbilt University. She conducts each of the six graded choirs of the program, including the Concert Choir (high school girls), Young Men's Chorus (changed men's voices), Choristers (middle school girls), Boychoir (unchanged boys), Training Choir, and the select treble ensemble Chorale.

Biddlecombe has taught music at every grade level. Choirs under her direction have been invited to perform for conventions of the American Choral Directors Association, as well as symphonic works with significant orchestras. Recent projects have included Benjamin Britten's War Requiem, Roger Waters' Ça Ira, and Gustav Mahler's Eighth Symphony with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra, and John Rutter's Mass of the Children with the Vanderbilt Symphony Orchestra and Symphonic Choir. Upcoming engagements include John Adams' On the Transmigration of Souls, Mahler's Third Symphony, and Leonard Bernstein's Mass.

Biddlecombe is in demand as an adjudicator and clinician, and has presented interest sessions at conferences all over the Southeast. She has been engaged to conduct the Florida All-State Middle School Treble Choir in 2017. A native of Syracuse, N.Y., she holds a Master of Music in Conducting from Florida State University and a Bachelors of Music Education from the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam. Biddlecombe makes her home in Nashville with her husband Tucker Biddlecombe, Director of Choral Activities at Vanderbilt, and their dog, Bernice.

Huntsville City Schools Choral Directors' Association

The Huntsville Choral Directors' Association was founded in 1969. Its members are affiliated with the Alabama Vocal Association (AVA) and the National Association for Music Education (NAfME). Its purpose is to promote growth and higher standards in music education throughout the city, to provide a program of musical experiences for students of vocal music in the public schools, and to exchange professional ideas and methods for the mutual benefit of its members.

ACCOMPANISTS

Mrs. Aleta Hunt – Sixth Grade Choir, 8th & 9th Grade Girls Choir
Dr. Christopher-Joel Carter IV – Middle School Mixed, High School SATB Choir



Dr. Christopher-Joel Carter is a pianist of most exquisite versatility and a master of genres. His virtuosic and diverse playing has taken him around the world and has made him a favorite among locals and celebrities alike. From composing choral music that has been premiered in Carnegie Hall, and the Bass Performance Hall, to performing for royalty, Christopher's joyous and happy disposition is reflected in his compositions and performances.

In 2008 Christopher-Joel won first place in the Liberace Piano Competition Showmanship division, and is the reigning champion. He is a regular in the Las Vegas music scene and has performed there as the headlining pianist at the M Resort from April 2009-August 2009. In Las Vegas he has shared the billboard with Natalie Cole, Alan Jackson, Wang Chung, Cutting Crew, and ABC. He has also performed at The Paris Hotel and Casino and The Liberace Museum. Most recently, Christopher-Joel was the featured pianist and entertainer for the weeklong celebration of Liberace's 91st birthday at the Liberace Museum and Foundation. To cap off the celebration, Christopher was chosen to be the Master of Ceremonies and guest pianist during the Celebration Finale Concert. During this concert, he accompanied Liberace protégé and Foreigner band member, Domenick Allen, Broadway singer, comedienne, and cabaret star Phyllis Bell, and violin virtuoso Valeri Glava.

Christopher is in demand as a concert pianist, accompanist, composer, and organist. Professionally, Christopher-Joel is active as the accompanist for the Florence Camerata, and also is a professional organist. Christopher has debuted at Carnegie Hall in New York, The W.C. Handy Music Festival, The University of Nebraska, The University of Alabama, The University of Jordan in Amman, Tel Aviv University, Middle Tennessee State University, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, and Auburn University.

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Amy Seltzer (Flute)
Jacqui Lawson (Flute)

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 for helping with the festival arrangements and to
 First Baptist Church for hosting this event.*

OFFICERS

Karen Anderson, President Huntsville Junior High School
 Bess Jernigan-Desta, President-Elect Grissom High School
 Emily Rushton, Secretary Academy for Academics and Arts
 James Kendrick, Treasurer/Webmaster Columbia High School

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AAA Emily Stoddard
 ASFL Jonathan Snodgrass
 Blossomwood Elementary Michele York
 Challenger Middle School Laurie Thompson
 Chapman Middle School Ashley Daniel
 Columbia High School James Kendrick
 Dawson Elementary Julia Barnes
 Grissom High School Bess Jernigan-Desta
 Hampton Cove Middle School Joe Whitaker
 Highlands Elementary Julia Barnes
 Huntsville Junior High School Karen Anderson
 Jones Valley Elementary Michele York
 Johnson High School DaVonia Galbraith
 Lakewood Elementary Julia Barnes
 Lee High School Barry Petty
 McNair Middle School DaVonia Galbraith
 Mountain Gap Middle School Caitlin Torrence
 Monte Sano Elementary Michele York
 Rolling Hills Elementary Julia Barnes
 Westlawn Middle School Phil Lee
 Whitesburg Middle School Alicia Mulloy
 Williams Middle School Daniel King

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49th Annual All-City Choral Festival Concert

**Tuesday, October 27, 2015
7:00 p.m.
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