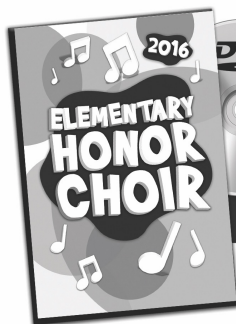


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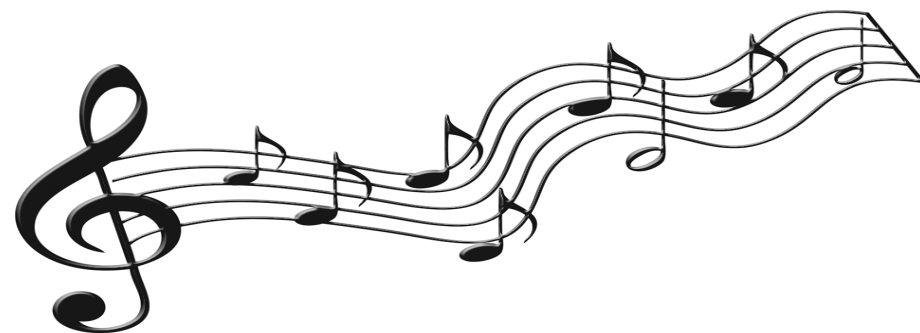
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2016 South Dakota Elementary Honor Choir

Presented by the

South Dakota Music
Education Association



Sioux Falls Convention Center
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

October 29th, 2016

3:30 pm

Kimberley Ahrens, Guest Conductor

19th Annual Elementary Honor Choir Program

Kimberley Ahrens, Guest Conductor
Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas

Christopher Larson, Accompanist

Rise, Rise, Thou Merry Lark

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

You'll Never Guess What I Saw

Ruth Watson Henderson

from Three Dominican Folk Songs

1. Brinca La Tablita
2. Duermete mi Nino

arr. Francisco Nunez

Al Shlosa D'varim

Naplan

This Old Man

James Fulleylove

Ching-A Ring Chaw

Aaron Copland

A special thank you to each and every person involved in planning this event and participating in it. There are many volunteers that work year round to provide a memorable experience for the students that are selected. Your support and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Elementary Committee Members:
Gina Mees and Kari Owens – Chairpersons

Kim Bruguier, Melissa Fikse, Lisa Zahn, Hillary Hill, Katie Opp

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Elementary Honor Choir

The Elementary Honor Choir is in its 19th year. It is comprised of about 155 fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students that are selected by recorded audition. Only teachers who are SDMEA members may audition their students for this select choir. This event is being held in conjunction with All State Chorus and Orchestra and the SDMEA Conference this year. Gina Mees is in her first year chairing the event with Kari Owens as Chair-Elect. Auditions for next year's EHC are due in April. The choir roster is released online and via e-mail in mid-May. The students receive their music in late August and spend the next two months preparing for this memorable event.



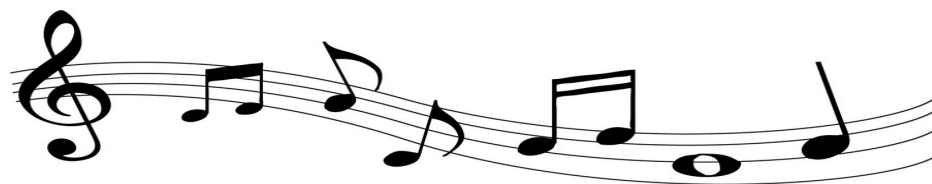
SDMEA Festival Choir

To provide more music opportunities for SD elementary students and their teachers, SDMEA is hosting regional festival choruses throughout the state. This year will be the 8th year and will take place on Monday, March 6th, 2017, as a kick off for Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM). Mobridge, Gregory, Sturgis, Harrisburg, Mitchell, and Beresford have offered to host these events and their respective directors, Lisa Zahn, Katie Opp, Hillary Hill, Melissa Fikse, Kim Bruguier, and Gina Mees have agreed to help organize these memorable events. Directors that are SDMEA members are encouraged to select 20 per grade of their top 4th, 5th, and/or 6th graders and bring them to the nearest host city for a day long rehearsal with guest conductors from around the Midwest. There will be a concert that will be open to the public in the afternoon for parents, teachers, friends, and family members to enjoy the accomplishments of the choir and join in the singing. The deadline to register students for FC is December 20th. Please see the SDMEA website for more information and the registration form. Do not miss out on being part of the 8th annual SDMEA Festival Choir!



Kimberley Ahrens is in her twelfth year as Director of Choral Activities at Robinson Middle School in Plano, Texas, where she runs a highly successful middle school choral program, conducting over 300 students in a total of nine performing ensembles. Choirs under her direction have consistently received Sweepstakes awards at UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest and have also been very successful at various other competitions. In 2009, 2013, and 2015 the Varsity Treble Choir from Robinson was named the National Winner of the

Director's Choice Mark of Excellence National Choral Honors Project, and in 2013 the Varsity Mixed Choir also earned this honor. The Robinson Middle School Varsity Treble Choir was selected to perform at the 2013 Texas Music Educators Association Convention, and the Varsity Mixed Choir was selected to perform at the 2014 MS/JH National Choral Conference. In 2009, Kimberley received the Texas Choral Directors Association "Distinguished Young Director Award," and she was named Teacher of the Year at Robinson Middle School in 2013. In addition to her fulltime teaching duties, she has served as conductor for the Apprentice Chorus of The Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas since 2013, the Assistant Director of the Texas Christian University All-State Choir Camp since 2009, and as Director of Children's Choirs at Transfiguration Episcopal Church in Dallas since 2008. She also is an active clinician and adjudicator throughout the state of Texas. She has presented sessions at conventions of the Texas Music Educators Association and the Texas Choral Directors Association. Kimberley earned the Bachelor of Music Education degree with Vocal Emphasis from Texas Christian University, she holds certification in Kodály method from the University of North Texas. Her professional affiliations include the Texas Music Educators Association, American Choral Directors Association, Texas Choral Directors Association, and the Choristers Guild. Kimberley lives in McKinney, TX with her husband, Chris, daughter Katherine, and their two dogs, Jake and Bandit.



Chris Larson is currently the coach accompanist and music director at the University of South Dakota's Department of Theatre. He holds several degrees from that institution as well including a Bachelor of Music Education and Master's Degrees in Choral Conducting and Collaborative Piano. Chris also teaches private piano, voice, organ, sax, clarinet, and flute lessons in Vermillion, is the choir director, director of music, and organist at the Vermillion First United Methodist Church, and enjoys spending time during the summer playing percussion of woodwinds for the Vermillion Community Theatre. In between undergraduate and graduate degrees, he taught 5-12 band and high school choir in Scotland, SD, and high school band in Sioux Center, IA. In his free time, he freelances as a pianist, vocalist, clinician, and judge for regional music events.

2016 Elementary Honor Choir Members

*Denotes Music Teacher

+Denotes 3 Year Member

Beresford Elementary

Haleigh Stene
Haidyn Lounsbury+
Mya Bak
Shae Jones+
Maria Reaves
Anna Soderborg
Elena Andrews
Kayla Jensen
Bethany Latendresse
Keely Merrigan
Mason Heiberger
Tessa Henderson
Haley Huot
Olivia Fry
Landon Schurch
Ellie Nothdurft
Derek Maas
Maiya Muller
Jayden Carlson
Larissa Tiedeman+
Emilee Wolf
Madison Erickson
Gaval Valder
Lillian Traxler
Larissa Lyle
Gina Mees*

Colman-Eagan

Jenna Olson
Paisley Rentschler
Ronda Palmlund-Olson*

Custer Elementary

Abigail Studt
Ella Allen
Emma Arp
Sadie Moore
Megan Snyder
Kendra Hiltunen
Julionna Wilson
Peyton Helfer
Rachel Miklos
Jody Tennyson*

Dakota Valley

Peyton Machan+
Abby Pinkerman+
Silja Gunderson
Emily Jumper+
Kenadi Kamradt
Mia Pinkerman
Sophia Schauuff
Emma Wiese
Peyton Carlson
Maggie Steele
Brynn Van Diemen
Eliana Vondracek
Lexi Squier
Stella Carlson
Caden Smith
Emily Carlson
Aiden Keenan
Madison Bell
Reagan Granstrom
Ashley Neeser
Preston Carlson
Karlee Hughes
Lewis Pick
Valerie Norby
Rachael Knecht
Lainee Evans
Byrgin Gunderson
Sean Benz*

Deubrook Area

Jada Colemer
Madalyn Bauman
Jackson Timmons
Tammy Ruhd*

Herreid

Pausha Meidinger
Julie Borr*

Ipswich

Alanna Wiedrich
Sam Grabowska
Graciella Lange
Charlene Blondo*

Jones Co. School

Emmy Newsam
Hannah Brost
Jolie Dugan
Sage Waldron
Tristen Host
Jadyn Jensen
Nicole Barnes*
Rose Comp*

LB Williams Elem.

Madilyn Bruguier
Cella Nath
Abbey Grajkowske
Levi Loken
Alexis Christenson
Kimberly Bruguier*

Madison Christian

Kelsie Miller
Melissa Miller*

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Mattisyn McDonnell
Tera McDonnell*

Mitchell Area Children's Choir

Ellie Palm
Ella Cody
Kimberly Bruguier*

Mitchell Christian

Keira Hofer+
Kathleen Liesinger*

Mobridge-Pollock

Elsy Larsen
Grace Overland
Lily LeFebre
Logan Vetch
Elizabeth Krause
Gretchen Olson
Sophia Overland
Alexis Lipp
Charley Henderson
Lisa Zahn*

Mount Vernon

Katelynn Laufman
Sheridan Hansen
Alexis Washburn-Garry*

Parkston Elementary

Reese Reichert+
Kiauna Hargens+
Shelly Finck*

Piedmont Valley Elem.

Marilyn Staab
Avery Fogelman
Brooklyn Brant
Braydon Spear
Abigail Gaeta
Natalie Alsup
Anyia Brady
Emilee Fallon
Annie Henderson
Ciara Romey
Paige Gorczewski
Gretchen Henry
Bricelyn Jenner
Hannah Killinger
Gabriel Reeve
Audrey Scott
Rebecca Fischer*

Sturgis Elementary

Addisyn Jolley
Grace Bestgen
Kylee Phillips
Rachel Martin
Aiden Lalicker
Presley Johnson
Morgan Jost
Marty Jones
Rebekah Hyman
Aidan Wood
Samantha Teigen
Zabree Bush
Leah Johnson-Landoll
Emma Matthew
Kashton Ford
Jessica Teigen
Hillary Hill*

Sturgis Williams Mid.

Kathrine Sulzbach+
Ella Ward+
Haylee O'Connor
Carlie Johnson+
Mya Jordan
Jackson Ford+
Haley Snow+
Gabrielle Weiss
Connie Feekes*

Viborg-Hurley

Bailey Weegar
Giahna Miller
Sharee Van Voorst*

Vermillion

Grace Chaussee
Ella Simmons
Trisha Fisher*

Whitewood Elem.

Ireland Nacey
Amelia Knutson
Rhese Balster+
Tava Sexton
Virgil Brown
Owen Udager
Grace Hill
Gary Nelson*

Wolsey-Wessington

Atara Richmond
Cameron Cutshaw
Rachel Halsey*