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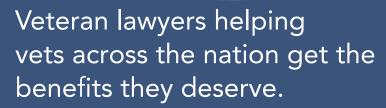
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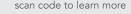
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Welcome! The Palmetto Mastersingers and I are so thrilled that you have joined us for our annual Festival of Choirs. The Palmetto Mastersingers are proud to join forces with these great choirs from the Midlands! We are so happy to be joined by the Dreher High School Chorus, The Midlands Men's Chorus and the Heart of Columbia Chorus. Enjoy tonight's Festival of Choirs!

Meet our Mastersingers Musical Leaders

NATHANIEL WALTER GRAHAM, III

Artistic Director for The Palmetto Mastersingers



r. Graham is in his 2nd year as the Coordinator for Visual and Performing Arts for Richland One School District. Previously, he served as the Director of Choral Activities at Dreher High School (9 years) and Crayton Middle School (5 years). He was also the music teacher at Nursery Road Elementary School (6 years) and Hopkins Elementary School (2 years).

Mr. Graham has served as the Lead Choral Teacher for Richland School District One for five years. In 2013, Mr. Graham was instrumental in establishing and implementing audition standards for Richland One School District Honor Choir participants. The honor choir experience was enhanced from student nominations to an audition process that rated student abilities in solfege, sight-singing, and vocal technique.

Under Mr. Graham's direction, the Dreher Concert Choir was featured at the 2018 SCMEA Conference. Additionally, his choirs have performed with the South Carolina Philharmonic Orchestra, the University of South Carolina Symphony, the Palmetto Mastersingers, the Sandlapper Singers, the Fort Jackson Army Band, Ethan Bortnick (prodigy pianist), and Damian McGintey (from the television shows Glee and The Glee Project). In recent years, his concert choir was featured in the SC Governor's Carolighting and at other community programs throughout South Carolina.

Mr. Graham was named the Teacher of the Year for 2020-2021 at Dreher High School. In 2015, Mr. Graham was the first recipient of the Marjorie Stands Music Educator Award by the Symphony League of the South Carolina Philharmonic Orchestra. The mission of the Symphony League is to foster, promote, and increase musical knowledge and appreciation of the performing arts in the Philharmonic. Later that year, he was nominated and selected in the 2016 class of The State Top 20 under 40 for his professional and community achievements.

Mr. Graham received his bachelor's degree in Choral Music education (1999) and a Master's degree in Choral Conducting (2015) from the University of South Carolina. Since 2011, he has held National Board Certification in Music/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood and currently serves on the SCMEA High School Choral Performance Assessment committee since 2016.

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ALLISON HUDSON HILBISH

Accompanist for The Palmetto Mastersingers



Allison received her Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the University of South Carolina, after obtaining an Associate of Arts degree from Anderson Junior College.

She was the 1988 regional piano performance winner of the Music Teachers National Association competition, and has performed with the University of South Carolina Symphony Orchestra.

Allison is currently the pianist for Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church.

FRANK TURNER-

Assistant Director for The Palmetto Mastersingers



A native of Jackson, Mississippi, he received his BA from Mississippi College in Vocal Performance. At MS College, Frank performed many roles in the Musical Theater and Opera Programs. In May 2016, he completed the Master of Arts in Teaching -Music Education degree from the University of South Carolina. While attending USC, Frank was a Choral Graduate Assistant within the School of Music. As part of his graduate assistantship, Frank was a part of the USC Concert Choir, Men's Chorus, and Graduate Vocal Ensemble.

Mr. Turner is currently employed by Lexington-Richland School District 5 serving as the Choral Director at Irmo High School. At IHS, Frank directs several choral ensembles, teaches group piano and serves as the vocal coach for musical productions.

ARPAD DARAZS 1922 – 1986



A rpad Darazs was a native of Hungary. From 1941 to 1947, he earned three degrees from the Royal Franz Liszt Music Conservatory in Budapest. He was conductor of the Hungarian State Radio Network. He emigrated to the United States and was a music instructor at Malloy College and Columbia University before coming to the University of South Carolina in 1966 as professor of music and director of choral activities. He earned a Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1972.

Dr. Darazs was a protégé of renowned Hungarian composer Zoltan Kodaly and was an authority on the Kodaly method of choral instruction. While at USC, Darazs founded the Concert Choir and was conductor of the Columbia Philharmonic Orchestra. He organized the Palmetto Mastersingers in 1981 to promote the male choral repertoire beyond the college walls. In 1985, he was awarded the Elizabeth O'Neill Verner award for his contributions and achievement in and to the arts in South Carolina.

In recognition of this heritage, our concerts from time to time will feature compositions by Kodaly and arrangements by Darazs.

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THE PALMETTO MASTERSINGERS

Brothers, Sing Onarr. Howard D. McKinney
There's A Meeting Here Tonightarr. Cantus

DREHER HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

Hannah B. McKenzie, Director Camille Jones, Accompanist

MIDLANDS MEN'S CHORUS

Kevin Crowe, Director
Olivia Colomaio, Accompanist

I Cain't Say No	arr. John Leavitt
I Shall Miss Loving You	Kris Anthony
One Voice	Joseph M. Martin

HEART OF COLUMBIA CHORUS

Jamy Claire Archer, Director

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun	arr. C. Schmidt and L. Kahn
Where Everybody Knows Your Name	arr. L. Rochefort
Oh! Look at Me Now	arr. A. Dale
Beyond the Sea	arr. E. Gain

THE PALMETTO MASTERSINGERS

The Way You Look Tonight	arr. Dick Godwinr
Soloist: Rick Calhoun	
When I Fall in Love	arr. James Mulhollandi
Will the Circle Re Unbroken	arr J David Moore

COMBINED CHOIRS

The Battle Hymn of the Republic.....arr. Peter J. Wilhousky

Additional Performances by:



THE MIDLANDS MEN'S CHORUS, is a performance-oriented group with the goal of providing the members and audiences with musically rewarding and enjoyable experiences. We strive to provide members with the opportunity to explore and expand individual talents, musicianship and associated performance skills while working to advance the acceptance of and advocacy for the LGBTQIA and ally community - through music. Our musical selections run the gamut from sacred to show tunes; varied and diverse as is our membership.



KEVIN CROWE is a graduate student pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting at the University of South Carolina. He received both his Master of Music and Bachelor of Music Education degrees from the University of Tennessee, where he conducted the Women's Chorale. After graduating, Kevin taught K-12 choral, instrumental, and general music in Denver, Colorado. While teaching, he discovered a passion for working with community choirs and older singers. He was Assistant Artistic Director of the Denver Gay Men's Chorus, Artistic Director of Sine Nomine (a mixed voice chamber chorus). Artistic Director of the Northland

Chorale (an adult show choir) and founding Artistic Director of the Sage Singers (a 50-voice chorus for elders and seniors in the LGBTQ+ community). In addition to school and community music, Kevin has served as music director for both Presbyterian and Catholic congregations and maintained a private voice studio, currently serving as Music Director at Kathwood Baptist Church. He lives in Columbia, South Carolina with his husband Eric Reagan.





HEART OF COLUMBIA CHORUS Heart of Columbia Chorus is a women's four-part harmony, a cappella show chorus; we are a chapter of Sweet Adelines International. We sing in the barbershop style building musicianship through musical/vocal education, enhancing leadership skills, promoting self-esteem, building relationships, and serving the community. Heart of Columbia is passionate about singing and learning together. We are a diverse and inclusive group of women from all backgrounds spanning six decades of life! We come together to create our unique harmonies while we fostering a strong sense of teamwork, building lasting bonds of friendship, and having a whole lot of fun! Music is our common bond and, while our love of music brings us together, our love for one another binds us together. The goal of Heart of Columbia Chorus is to empower singers one voice at a time.



JAMY CLAIRE ARCHER is a Speech-Language Pathologist and Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of South Carolina specializing in voice disorders and hearing impairment as an internationally certified Auditory Verbal Therapist. In May 2015, she stepped off the risers to take on the role of directing Heart of Columbia Chorus, drawing upon her professional training in speech-language therapy as well as her experience as an instrumental and vocal musician. She is a Sweet Adelines International Certified Director, a member of the Regional Faculty, and recently earned the designation

of Harmony 500 Director after leading Heart of Columbia Chorus to our highest score of 524 at Regional Competition in March 2019!





DREHER HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

The Dreher High School Concert Choir is an award-winning high school ensemble in the heart of Columbia in

Richland School District One. Over half of the seventy-member Concert Choir is involved in at least one additional performing arts area at Dreher. So far this school year, nearly thirty Concert Choir members were involved with the school musical, twenty-eight of the students were accepted into the Richland One District Honor Choir, six students received high enough audition scores to be selected to sing in the South Carolina Music Educators Association All-State Chorus, and for the second year in a row they have another student travelling to participate in a national high school honor choir in New York City. As the 2022-2023 school year concludes, students in the choir will participate in the South Carolina Music Educators Association Choral Concert Performance Assessment in March, sing in a joint concert with another high school in the Midlands, present a Senior Showcase performance, and wrap up the year in May with their Spring concert entitled "Encore!". For information on how you can support the Dreher High School Chorus Booster Club or for ticket information for upcoming performances, please visit the school website and follow Dreher Choirs on Instagram!



MRS. HANNAH B. MCKENZIE began teaching at Dreher High School in May of 2021, following the Palmetto Mastersingers' current director Mr. Walter Graham. A music educator and vocalist, Mrs. McKenzie earned two Bachelor of Music degrees in music education and vocal performance from the University of Tennessee, as well a Master of Music in choral conducting from the University of South Carolina under the direction of Dr. Alicia Walker. In addition to directing the Dreher High School Concert Choir and Show Choir, she also serves the Dreher Drama and Band departments as a vocal

coach. She has taught middle school chorus, rehearsed and performed collegiate ensembles, worked with middle and high school choruses across TN and SC, and served as the middle school clinician for the 2019 SCISA Middle School Honor Choir. Additionally, she is a soloist in her church Adult Choir where she also directs a children's choir, she began her own music studio and taught private voice lessons for over seven years, and took students to the SC All-State Honor Choir last year as a first-year teacher here at Dreher. Mrs. McKenzie has competed and placed in state and regional vocal competitions, including regional and national rounds of the National Association of Teachers of Singing competition. She is an active member of the American Choral Directors Association and the National Association for Music Educators, sings in the Columbia-based chamber choir Limited Time Only, and regularly attends FacetsTM, a leadership retreat for female conductors.



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Songs of Note

Valentine's Day is next week and tonight the Mastersingers have a couple of songs to help you get close to your main squeeze.

Doris Day had the first hit of "When I Fall in Love" in 1952. Since then it's been recorded by Nat King Cole, Johnny Mathis, The Lettermen, and many others. And yes, Natalie Cole famously sang a duet with her late father via audiotape. The song was featured in the 1993 movie, Sleepless in Seattle, sung by Celine Dion.

Dick Goodwin arranged "The Way You Look Tonight" for the Mastersingers and we recorded it with Dick's band for our "One More for the Road" CD in 2008. That album featured songs by the infamous "Rat Pack." Charter member

Frank Sinatra recorded this one in 1964.

From romance to Gospel. A.P. Carter, patriarch of country music's legendary Carter Family, wrote "Will the Circle Be Unbroken" in 1935. The song experienced a popular renaissance when released by The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band in 1972. Maybe A.P.'s words were just too maudlin ("...when I saw that hearse come rolling, for to carry my mother away"), so the revision we sing tonight is more uplifting.

Gospel music is an American tradition that's ever evolving. "There's A Meeting Here Tonight" is patterned after one of those old songs, evoking the spirit of the tent revival.



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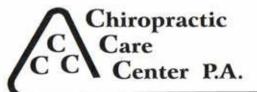
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