

Carson City Schools

Presents



10th Annual CHOIRPALOOZA

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Program:

Elementary School Choirs

Peace Round—Old English Canon, Words by Jean Ritchie, Adapted from Psalm 133:1

Directed by: Alan Catron—Bordewich-Bray Elementary School

Kye Kye Kule—West African Fold Song, arr. Greg Gilpin

Leaders/Solo are Christina Bourne—Mark Twain Elementary School, Nicole Witkowski—Fritsch Elementary School, Mary Jolly—Freemont Elementary School

Zum Gali Gali—Israeli Folk Song, arr. Greg Gilpin

Directed by: Dominick Van Orman—Seeliger Elementary School

Middle School Choirs

Piano Accompaniment: Sue Kinney

Riversong—Roger Emerson

Directed By: Jon Brill – Eagle Valley Middle School

Elijah Rock—Roger Emerson

Directed By: Briana Valley – Carson Middle School

High School Choirs

Directed By: Andy Sonnemaker

Choir I / II Combined

Tyger—Elaine Hagenberg

Chamber Choir

Cantemus! –Bardos Lajos

Concert Choir

Hlohonolofatsa—Arranged by Daniel Jackson

Cassidy Leatham, soloist

High School Combined Choirs/Musical Theatre

Directed By: Andy Sonnemaker and Darby Beckwith

“You Can’t Stop the Beat” from Hairspray

Combined Middle School/High School Musical Theatre

“Born to Hand Jive” (from Grease) by Warren Casey and Jim Jacobs Arr. by Kirby Shaw

Combined School Choirs

Happiness— Clark Gesner, arr. Greg Gilpin

Directed By: Andy Sonnemaker – Carson High School

Piano: Sue Kinney

Please be courteous by turning off all electronic devices so that they will not disrupt the performance. Please show respect for the performers by not talking whistling or yelling during or after each group performs.

Meet the Directors:

Alan Catron – Bordewich-Bray Elementary School

Alan Catron is the Music Specialist at Bordewich-Bray Elementary School, where he was Educator of the Year in 2014. He received his Bachelor of Music from the University of Nevada-Reno and his Master's degree from Lesley University. This is Mr. Catron's 19th year in the Carson City School District. Prior to this position he taught Elementary through Secondary bands in Idaho for 15 years. Mr. Catron is the Music Director for Wild Horse Children's Theater and is an active trumpet player and singer in the community, performing in groups such as The Carson City Symphony, the Capital City Community Band and the Carson Chamber Singers.

Dominick Van Orman—Seeliger Elementary School

Dominick Van Orman is the Elementary Music Specialist at Seeliger Elementary School. He graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno with a Bachelor's of Music in Music Education in 2017 and will graduate from Colorado State University, Fort Collins with Master's in Music Education with Kodály certification in December 2023. He also has completed Level I of Orff-Schulwerk as well as Levels I and II of the Kodály method. Dominick also plays in local jazz bands; he is 2nd trombone for the Mile High Jazz Band and often performs with Rosebud's Dance Band. He is in his 5th year of teaching at Seeliger and is happy to call Seeliger his home!

Nicole Witkowski—Fritsch Elementary School

Nicole Witkowski is the Music Teacher at Fritsch Elementary School. She received her Bachelors of Music in Music Education at Duquesne University, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 2017, and her Masters of Education in Educational Administration at Grand Canyon University in 2020. Upon completing her undergrad, she moved to Carson City to begin her career at Fritsch, where she has been for the past six years. Away from school, Nicole enjoys spending time with her fiancé, Dave, and nearly two-year-old son, Hank.

Mary Jolly—Fremont Elementary School

Mrs. Jolly received a B.A. in Music Education in 1977 from the University of Nevada, Reno. She was hired that fall to teach music for the Carson City School District at Bordewich Elementary. Except for a brief 3-year absence to teach music in Southern California, she was the music specialist at Bordewich-Bray from 1977-1994. After receiving her master's degree in Elementary education in 1993, Mrs. Jolly began teaching 2nd and 3rd grade until her retirement in 2015. She is very excited to be teaching music again at Fremont Elementary School and loves seeing the students grow in musicianship and experience the joy of learning music.

Cassidy Robinson– Empire Elementary School

Cassidy Robinson is thrilled to be doing her first ever Choirpalooza! She is a graduate of UNR that now teaches at Empire Elementary School, where she went as a student many years ago. This year, she started the brand-new mariachi club at Carson High School. For the second year in a row, Cassidy is also helping organize a musical production at Empire Elementary alongside Wildhorse Children's Theater. Cassidy is very passionate about playing trumpet, student and teacher leadership, and all things food-related. Most importantly, she is beyond proud of her nephew, who is singing tonight in his first ever Choirpalooza!.

Christina Bourne -- Mark Twain Elementary School

Christina Bourne, Music Educator at Mark Twain Elementary School was born and raised in Carson City, NV. She graduated with honors from Carson High School in 1997. She received her Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Nevada in 2001, obtained her Masters in Music Education in 2007, and has her National Board Certification. Christina has been teaching general music, band, and choir for the Carson City School District for 19 years. She was a Finalist for the Nevada State Teacher of the Year in 2021, was Carson City School District Teacher of the Year for 2009, and Mark Twain's teacher of the year for 2017. Christina enjoys volunteering her time for various community organizations, spending time with her family, and singing professionally in her free time.

Briana Valley – Carson Middle

Miss. Briana Valley grew up in Carson City participating in local Theatre programs at the Brewery Arts Center and Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company. She then moved to Reno to obtain her Bachelors of Music Education from UNR. While at UNR, she enjoyed being a part of the University of Nevada Chamber choir and other music ensembles. While in Nevada Chamber Singers, she was excited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City, New York, and at the National MENC convention in Milwaukee. She recently graduated with her Masters in Music Education through Kent State University. Miss. Valley is happy to be back at Carson Middle School (her own middle school) teaching musical theatre and choir. While back in Carson She has been working as the Musical Director for Youth Theatre Carson City, where they have provided high level youth theatre performances for over 10 years. At YTCC, she has been involved in the production of shows such as; "Annie Jr.", "Cinderella", "Shrek the Musical" and "The Little Mermaid Jr". Miss. Valley also started performing again with local performing arts groups such as the Western Nevada Musical Theater Company associated with the Western Nevada College. She was last seen performing in their musical review "Home Again", "Mamma Mia" and "Mary Poppins." She has also performed in shows like "Les Miserable" and "The Pajama Game". This is her 12th year teaching Choir and Musical Theater at Carson Middle School.

Jon Brill – Eagle Valley Middle School

Jon Brill, has been a central figure in the Music department at Eagle Valley Middle School since August 2001. A Reno Nevada native, he earned his Bachelors of Music in Music Education from the University of Nevada – Reno in 1999 and a Masters Degree in Music Composition 2017. Mr. Brill has composed a variety of works for Band, Orchestra, Choir, Percussion Ensembles, and for an assortment of smaller chamber groups. Several of his compositions are currently published through GPG music publications. His composition "In the Dark Shadows of the Moon," was featured at the 2016 new music reading session at the prestigious Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago Illinois. As a percussionist, Mr. Brill frequently performs with the Reno Wind Symphony. Mr. Brill holds membership in ASCAP, Percussive Arts Society, the National Association for Music Education, Phi Mu Alpha, Phi Kappa Phi, and the Golden Key Honour society. In his free time, he enjoys the outdoors, loves to run and hike, is an avid San Francisco Giants Baseball fan, and enjoys playing fetch with his two amazing black labs, Thor and Roscoe.

Andy Sonnemaker -- Carson High School

Andy Sonnemaker holds a BA in Music from Earlham College and an MM in Choral Conducting from the University of Oklahoma. As a music educator, he has taught at the elementary, middle school, high school and university levels in Indiana, Oklahoma and Nevada. Currently, he teaches Choir I, Choir II, Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, Musical Theatre, and Music Appreciation at Carson High School. This year Mr. Sonnemaker is enjoying being able to have participate once again in live concerts, festivals, honor choirs, and travel as unmasked performers! Andy also conducts the Chancel Choir and is Music Director at Reno First United Methodist Church.

Darby Beckwith—Carson High School

Darby Beckwith is a native Nevadan who holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre from Ohio Northern University. She is so excited to be back in Carson City and working as the Theatre Arts teacher at Carson High School, sharing her passion for the arts with the next generation. When she is not teaching, she still enjoys performing with local theatre companies. She was most recently seen as Cinderella in SSPA's production of Into the Woods, and you can see her as Katherine in Newsies with WNMTC in May!

Sue Kinney—Piano Accompanist Sue started accompanying the choirs at Carson High School shortly after moving to Nevada from the Chicago suburbs 13 years ago. She accompanies various choirs in northern Nevada, including the Northern Nevada Honor Choir. She was the most recent conductor of the Tahoe Community Choir, which unfortunately disbanded during the pandemic. She is also the organist at St. John's in the Wilderness Episcopal Church in Glenbrook, NV. Sue's other passion is musical theater. She is the principal keyboard player for the Western Nevada Musical Theater Company, and has played in and music directed many productions in the area, most recently "The Spitfire Grill" for Black Ice Theater Co in South Lake Tahoe. You can visit her in the pit for "Newsies", which opens at the Carson Community Center this spring.

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Concert Etiquette

What Is Good Concert Etiquette?

It is the behavior that is considered appropriate and polite, while enjoying or performing a live musical performance. Good concert etiquette shows respect for the conductor, performers, other audience members, and the music that is being performed.

What Should I Do As An Audience Member?

- 1.** Sit quietly and wait for the concert to begin. You may talk softly while you are waiting. Do not talk or make noises during the performance. It can be very distracting to the performers.
- 2.** Applaud after each full piece of music has been completed.
- 3.** Sit quietly during the performance. When a performing organization presents a concert, they are putting forth their best effort; and they should expect the same from those in the audience.
- 4.** Keep concert programs quiet during the performance.
- 5.** If you must get up to leave during a concert, do so only at the end of a group's performance or between pieces. It is best if you stay for the entire concert.
- 6.** Cell phones should be turned off or to mute. Using electronic devices for texting or playing games during the performance is impolite to the performers and those around you.
- 7.** Please use discretion in taking photos. Flash photos during a performance are extremely distracting for all.
- 8.** Parents should keep small children seated with them and not allow them to move around during the concert. If very young children become restless and disrupt others' ability to listen, please take them from the performance area until they are quiet.
- 9.** Be polite even if it is not your child performing.



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The Every Student Succeeds Act offers many opportunities to support a sequential, comprehensive music education in our nation's schools through:

- Specific and stand-alone mention of music as an important component of a well-rounded education
- New and expanded funding opportunities to support access to music education

Visit bit.ly/EverythingESSA for more information.

Take Action! – Advocate for Your School's Music Program

Become an advocate at the state and local level through the Civic Action Field Guide: bit.ly/NAfMECivicActionFieldGuide

- Know an administrator or lawmaker? Invite school board members, county/district supervisors, state and national lawmakers to a school music performance.
- Increase involvement in school music programs by sponsoring school music clubs or talent shows to generate interest and enthusiasm among students not currently enrolled in music classes.
- Work with teachers and administrators to get involved in Title IV Part A planning for your school district. These funds can support a well-rounded education, including music.

To learn about how you can advocate for Title IV Part A funds to be used in your school's music program.

Visit bit.ly/TitleIVAToolkit for a Title IV, Part A Toolkit for ideas.

Visit bit.ly/AdvocacyResourcesNAfME for other advocacy resources.