



CURTIS MIDDLE SCHOOL

7:00 PM THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 6, 2025
ALLEN PERFORMING ARTS
CENTER

10:30 AM FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 14TH, 2025
STARS AT NIGHT BALLROOM
HENRY B GONZALEZ
CONVENTION CENTER
SAN ANTONIO, TX

CANTARE TREBLE CHOIR

DIRECTORS: KAYLEE MARTINEZ & LEONARDO CASTRO
ACCOMPANIST: JANE SCHMIDT



Curtis Middle School
Cantare Treble Choir

CANTARE

TREBLE CHOIR

Abraham, Anika A.
Abraham, Jiya R.
Arguello, Isabella G.
Ayers, Kadence R.
Butler, Elin R.
Byrd, Sakura L.
Calabria, Gina
Calapati, Krishna C.
Castillo, Madison Janie R.
Chiazor, Shalom N.
Chuang, Khloe H.
Darnell, Skyler G.
Delapass, Izabelle K.
Dunlap, Alexandra C.
Erisen, Sema A.
Fallwell, Brynn M.
Foster, Carly F.
Furness, Paige V.

Garcia, Alex S.
Garcia, Katarina J.
Garin, Allyana Marie M.
Glenn Gonzalez, Emilia
Goldman, Victoria I.
Gregory, Olivia N.
Griffis, Riley J.
Gupta, Elizabeth R.
Hall, Rylee L.
Hansen, Brooke V.
Hess, Annette R.
Hill, Charlotte
Hoover, Zoe L.
Hoque, Faria A.
Johri, Suhani
Keehler, Indigo A.
Khan, Alvina S.
Kincaid, Brinley I.

Langweil, Charlotte F.
Le, Jasmine T.
Lee, Tabitha T.
Liang, Cece
Massenberg, Laila E.
Milanes Martinez, Natacha L.
Nalajala, Sarayu S.
Orji, Mary Ann N.
Parker, Sophia I.
Partee, Cameron L.
Partridge, Audrey E.
Patel, Suhani J.
Perez, Angelyz J.
Polavarapu, Sahasra
Rainey, Amelia S.
Ramirez, Eleanor R.
Rawat, Kiara
Rosil, Brielle P.

Seaman, Brooke T.
Smith, Abigail Q.
Soto, Madelynn A.
Stalnaker, Lillian G.
Sun, Shuoqian
Sung, Olivia A.
Thiruvarankan, Sanghavi
Trahan, Adelyn A.
Varghese, Adrianna N.
Walker, Destiny L.
Wang, Charlotte R.
Watson, Amanda L.
Wieder, Saydie M.
Wright, Allison T.
Yang, Maggie
Young, Lux V.

CONCERT PROGRAM

Alleluia Fanfare..... E. Rentz

LYRICS	TRANSLATION	INSTRUMENTALISTS
Alleluia.	Alleluia.	Trumpet: Chris Clark, Glenn Lambert, Daniel Lane (Curtis MS Band Director)
Laudamos te.	We praise you.	Trombone: Art Ruangtip,
Benedicimus te.	We bless you.	Ross Patterson, & Mike Lawson
Adoramus te.	We adore you.	Percussion: Miles Locke & Jesse Vela (Allen HS Percussion Directors);
Glorificamus te.	We glorify you.	Brian McKinney (Former Allen HS Choir Director)
Gloria Deo.	Glory to God.	

The Dreams of the Dreamer..... B. Tipette

LYRICS

The dreams of the dreamer, are lifedrops that pass.
The break in the heart to the soul's hourglass.
The songs of the singer, are tones that repeat.
The cry of the heart,
till it ceases to beat.
Oh, the dreams of the dreamer
oh, the dreams.

CONCERT PROGRAM

Viva!..... W. A. Mozart/ P. Liebergen

LYRICS

Viva!
Viva l'invitto duce!
Viva del Cielo il dono
più caro al nostro cor!

TRANSLATION

Long live!
Long live the invited leader!
Long live the gift from heaven
most dear to our hearts!

Child of My Heart..... J. Narverud

LYRICS

Only you are you.
You are unique in all the world,
in all of space, in all of time.
There is a place in the heart of my heart
that only you can fill.
Remember this truth,
for nothing will ever change it:
Only you are you.

CELLIST

Send Off Performance: Brandon Berens
TMEA Performance: Nathan Sharplin

CONCERT PROGRAM

First Cradle..... K. Pederson

Ms. Martinez would like to dedicate this song to her sons, Christopher and Caden.

LYRICS

My arms are your first home; this muscle, bone, and hope were born to cradle you soft as I can
Holy, holy this child.

The ease of your breathing is a whispering song dearer to me than any I know.
Holy, holy, this breath.

And when you smile, your ancestors sing. All they loved, all they dreamed, is born anew
Holy, holy, this moment.

You will grow and go and these arms will lift this moment into my heart. I will carry it there, gladly gladly all of my days.
Holy, holy, this child.

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Abreme la Puerta..... C. Grases

LYRICS

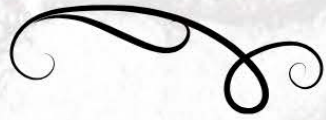
Abreme la puerta que estoy en la calle y dirá la gente que esto es un desaire, A la zarandela, chiquita, de mi corazón. Allá adentro veo un bulito tapao, no sé si será un lechón asao

TRANSLATION

Open the door, I am on the street and people will say this is a slight (a snub), (dancing) to the rhythm (shaking), sweetie, of my heart. Inside I see a covered shape. I don't know if it could be a roasted piglet.

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Percussion: Miles Locke & Jesse Vela (Allen HS Percussion Directors); Brian McKinney (Former Allen HS Choir Director)
Guitar: Leonardo Castro (Curtis MS Assistant Choir Director)



DIRECTORS



KAYLEE MARTINEZ

Kaylee Martinez is in her tenth year of teaching, and eighth year as the Head Director of Choirs at Curtis Middle School in Allen ISD, where her choirs have consistently performed at the highest levels and received Superior ratings at UIL Contest. Kaylee graduated Magna Cum Laude from Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA where she earned her Bachelor of Music Degree with a concentration in Music Education. While at Berklee, she received the Promising Music Educator Award from the Massachusetts Music Educators Association. She is an active member of TMEA and has also served as the MS/JH Vocal Coordinator for Region 25. Kaylee is the proud mom of two handsome boys, Christopher and Caden. When she is not teaching, she enjoys traveling, going to the beach, lake, and pool, shopping, cooking, gardening, and spending time with her friends and family.

LEONARDO CASTRO

Leonardo Castro is the Associate Director of Choirs at Curtis Middle School. This is his second year at Curtis Middle School, and fourth year teaching. Mr. Castro was born in Brazil, and he graduated from Dallas Baptist University Cum Laude. While studying at Dallas Baptist University, Mr. Castro received the TMEA Collegiate Music Educator Award. He has loved his experience in Allen ISD so far, and has experienced some great success with his choirs by consistently receiving superior ratings at UIL contests. Mr. Castro is also very involved in his church, Rio de Vida Church, as the worship leader for over 10 years. Mr. Castro resides in Anna, Texas with his amazing high school sweetheart Jeny, his beautiful daughter Kaia, and his two dogs Shadow and Koda. He and his wife are expecting twins, Judah and Josiah, in June of 2025. Leo's hobbies include playing soccer, disc golfing, and spending time with family.





ACCOMPANIST

JANE SCHMIDT



Jane Schmidt is a highly sought after accompanist throughout North Texas for choral groups, voice studios, soloists and instrumentalists. Ms. Schmidt is the organist at St. James Episcopal Church, Dallas and she maintains a private music studio in her home. She has performed concerts in the U.S., England, Spain and Wales. A native of Illinois, Jane Schmidt earned the Master of Music degree in Organ Performance from Southern Methodist University and Bachelor of Music degrees in Organ Performance and Music Theory/Composition from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville. Ms. Schmidt completed post-graduate study of early Spanish music at the Conservatory of Music in Barcelona, Spain. Ms. Schmidt holds professional membership with the American Guild of Organists and the Texas Music Educators Association.



AISD MS DIRECTORS



SUSY GULLEY

Susy Gulley is director of choirs at Ford Middle School. Previously, she taught in Plano ISD and Richardson ISD, plus served as director of music for Community UU Church of Plano. Her choirs consistently earn superior ratings at competitions. Most recently, her varsity treble choir was awarded a Citation of Excellence award from the Foundation for Music Education in 2022. Mrs. Gulley was inaugural director of the Prelude Chorus of the Children's Chorus of Collin County and she sang Soprano with The Texas Voices chamber choir. She has served as campus team leader, TMEA region secretary, and as an adjudicator and clinician throughout Texas. She is an active member of TMEA, TMAA, and TCDA.



STEPHANIE PETRU

Stephanie Petru is in her fifteenth year of teaching in Allen ISD. She was the director of choirs for nine years at Ford Middle School where she grew and developed that program into consistent honors at festivals as well as Superior ratings at UIL. She is now in her sixth year as the Director of Choirs at Ereckson Middle School where her choirs have continued to earn Superior ratings at UIL Contest. Stephanie has served as Region Treasurer and is an active member of both TMEA and TCDA. Mrs. Petru graduated from Texas State University where she earned her Bachelors of Music Education. She resides in Allen, TX with her husband, Keith, and their two girls, Carlee and Peyton.



LETASHA WEATHERSBEE

Tasha Weathersbee is in her first year of teaching as the Associate Director of Choirs at Ereckson Middle School. She is an Allen ISD alumni that excelled in choir beginning in 6th grade until she graduated from Allen high school. Ms. Weathersbee graduated Cum Laude from Texas Christian University where she received her Bachelor of Music Education degree. After graduating Tasha taught voice lessons in the DFW metroplex for three years. She now continues her studies at Texas Woman's University for a Master's in Music Therapy while enjoying teaching side by side with her former middle school choir director Stephanie Petru. She is an active member of TMEA and resides in her hometown Allen, TX.

AHS / LFC DIRECTORS

TRENTON DAVIS



Trenton Davis is in his fourteenth year of teaching and his first as the Director of Choirs at AHS. Before joining AISD, he taught for nine years in Midland and Odessa. Under his leadership, choirs have toured Croatia, Italy, New York, and Hawaii, consistently earn superior ratings at UIL Evaluations, and annually achieve membership into the Texas All-State Choirs. Davis frequently adjudicates for UIL and serves as a guest clinician for choirs and camps across the state. Davis has been recognized as the LFC 2023 Teacher of the Year, Midland Magazine “Top 20 under 40 Young Professional”, and is a two-time recipient of the “Teacher in Excellence Award for Fine Arts.” Davis holds degrees from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and Texas Tech University.

CASEY LEVIE



Casey LeVie is in her sixth year of teaching and first year as Associate Choral Director at Allen High School where she directs the Varsity Treble Choirs, Non-Varsity Treble Choir, and Sub-Non-Varsity Mixed Choir. Ms. LeVie began her teaching career as the Assistant Choral Director at Duncanville High School and most recently taught as an Associate Choral Director at Keller Central High School. Ms. LeVie received her Bachelor of Music Education in Choral Music from Baylor University where she studied with Dr. Lynne Gackle and Dr. Michele Henry and served as the soprano section leader for Baylor Bella Voce and the Baylor A Cappella Choir.

KAITLIN DAVIS

Kaitlin Davis is in her eighth year of teaching and currently serves as Director of Choirs at Lowery Freshman Center. A Magna Cum Laude graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Music Education and Vocal Performance, Mrs. Davis previously served as Head Choir Director at Shepton High School in Plano, TX in 2022-2023. She has also directed choirs in Odessa and Midland, TX from 2014-2020. Under her leadership, choirs have earned multiple awards at music festivals and consistent UIL Sweepstakes Ratings. Davis has taught private voice to students across several districts, helping many succeed in All-State Choir and UIL competitions. She resides in Allen with her husband, Trenton, and their daughters, Clara and Eleanor.



SPENCER TRIPP

Spencer Tripp is in his fourth year of teaching and first year as Assistant Choir Director at Allen High School and Lowery Freshman Center. Previously, he taught at Montgomery High School and DeSoto High School, where he directed choirs and taught piano. Under his leadership, choirs have consistently earned superior ratings at UIL Evaluations. In 2024, Tripp made his debut as a collaborative pianist at the Texas Music Educators Association Convention, accompanying the DeSoto High School A Cappella Choir. Tripp holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas Tech University and is an active member of Pi Kappa Alpha, TMEA, TCDA, and ACDA. He is excited to continue the rich tradition of Allen Eagle Choir.



THANK YOU

*To the former **MS** Choir members that shared their passion of music in class, we thank you for helping us achieve this accomplishment!*

2022-2024

Jada Acquaye	Annalise Kistler
Charlotte Anderson	Jaeda Lindstrom
Sofia Atkinson	Alexis Mackey
Ellie Benitez	Magdalena Malakhvei
Krishna Bhatnagar	Cai Miller
Alina Charania	Camilla Norris
Sophie Clarke	Marilynn Rohr
Kendall Coughlin	Eshita Saha
Piper Covington	Nadia Sherman
Annie Dang	Grace Silvers
Madison Edgerley	Alex Tieu
Mila Ekstrom	Sophia Fernandez
Kendall Griffis	Haley Ware
Sarah Henderson	Olivia Weimer
Claire Hinton	Melissa Zhou
Abigail Hodges	



Curtis Middle School Cantare Treble Choir

The students and directors of the Curtis Middle School Cantare Choir are honored by the invitation to perform at the 2025 TMEA Clinic & Convention.

Led by Kaylee Martinez and Leo Castro, Cantare represents a 7th/8th grade campus of over 1,400 students and is celebrating 30 years of excellence. Cantare is made up of 70 extremely energetic, auditioned, diverse group of young ladies.

They are a committed group of talented students who rehearse after school weekly, and they have received consistent Superior ratings at contests and festivals. This is the first middle school choir in Allen ISD history to be an invited TMEA Choir. Cantare is one of 7 choirs at Curtis MS, with over 300 total students in the program. Cantare members are active in the Curtis MS campus life, in other areas of our Fine Arts Department, as well as in other departments.

Allen Independent School District Music Program

Allen ISD is a diverse educational community of more than 21,000 students, K-12, who attend classes on 23 campuses just north of Dallas. Comprehensive music instruction in AISD begins in grades K-5 with certified elementary music teachers using a TEKS aligned sequential curriculum to develop basic music literacy skills. Sixth grade students, still on their elementary campus, are required to select band, choir, or orchestra to continue the development of these skills.

More than 3,900 secondary students, representing 39% of the total 7th-12th grade population, participate in some musical ensemble. Band, Choir, and Orchestra is daily in middle school (grades 7-8). High school adds experiences for students in show choir, jazz band, music theory, AP music theory, and IB music.

Allen has been recognized among the "Best Communities for Music Education in America" by NAMM and its partner organizations. Allen ISD groups performing at TMEA include Allen HS Varsity Mixed Choir (2012), Lowery Freshman Center Women's Choir (2017), Ereckson Middle School Symphony Orchestra (2018), Curtis Middle School Symphony Orchestra (2020), Allen High School Symphony Orchestra (2021), Allen High School Varsity Women's Choir (2023), Curtis Middle School Symphony Orchestra (2023), and Curtis Middle School Cantare Treble Choir (2025).

Allen Independent School District Choral Program

Music instruction in Allen ISD begins in the elementary grades, where certified elementary music teachers teach fundamentals of music using Kodaly methodology and a TEKS based sequential curriculum. Specialized instruction in vocal and instrumental music is offered twice a week beginning in the sixth grade at the elementary schools in which every sixth grader must take band, choir, or orchestra.

Intermediate and Advanced Middle School choir classes meet five days per week. These students participate in the Allen ISD Solo and Ensemble Festival, the Allen High School Choir Extravaganza Concert, UIL Region 25 Concert and Sight-reading Evaluation, TMEA Region 25 events, Campus Musical as well as numerous school and community concerts.

Ninth grade students continue their music instruction in choir classes that meet every other day on a modified block schedule. There are four choir classes at the Lowery Freshman Center that perform as part of the Allen High School Choir program. Freshman students perform in treble, tenor/bass, and mixed choirs. Additionally, they can participate in a mixed gender show choir as well as a women's show choir.

Allen High School serves grades 10-12 and offers a wide variety of academic and career major studies. The Allen High campus has an enrollment of 5,100. The music curricula of this school include six orchestra classes, two symphony orchestras, seven concert bands, jazz band, percussion ensemble, six concert choirs, a show choir, on level Music Theory, AP Music Theory, and IB Music. Honors credit (4.5 and 5.0) is also available in all concert performance organizations. Allen High School is also on a modified block schedule with most classes meeting every other day. The AISD choral program serves 1400 students. These students are in sixteen elementary schools (6th grade), Ereckson Middle School, Curtis Middle School, Ford Middle School, Lowery Freshman Center, and Allen High School.

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Michael Bryson
Mike Lawson
Miles Locke
Nathan Sharplin
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Stephanie Petru
Susy Gulley
Trenton & Kaitlin Davis
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**“A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination,
and instill a love of learning.”**

**Thank you to every teacher and professor who had an impact in our
lives and helped shape us into the music educators we are today.**

-Ms. Martinez & Mr. Castro

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Wayne Ward



It is with great pride that I congratulate our Curtis Middle School Cantare Treble Choir and their directors, Head Choir Director, Kaylee Martinez, and Assistant Director Leo Castro for being selected to perform at the Texas Music Educators Association 2025 Convention. This is the first ever Allen ISD choir to receive this honor and we could not be more proud of our students. This opportunity is a direct result of hours of dedication and hard work on the part of our students and our staff. The amount of discipline it takes to hone skills in order to perform at this level is admirable. I am continuously impressed and awed by the talents and commitment of our students, their teachers and their parents.

Our teaching staff in Allen ISD begins their work with our first year fine arts students as 6th graders at our feeder campuses and works diligently with each student to build confidence, skill and a desire to continuously challenge themselves to improve individually and as an ensemble. For Curtis Middle School these teachers work with students from 6 feeder campuses in conjunction with the music teachers before they get to Curtis Middle School. The students have worked hours outside of the school day and during the school day on their music to not only learn notes and rhythms, but musical style and singing with others to create a wonderful balanced ensemble. It is important to note the dedication of our parents who have supported their students by attending concerts, bringing students to rehearsals, scheduling around sports and other commitments and providing the encouragement and partnership with our teachers to help their children grow. Our choir program has grown considerably over the last 5 years and we are proud that we can provide a high quality program for so many students.

The support of our district leadership of our fine arts programs is critical to our schools' ability to be at the highest level of success. We are thankful for the community support of our fine arts programs and the partnerships we have between our district and our community to make this level of excellence a reality for Curtis Middle School.

We would like to give a sincere thank you to The Foundation for Music Education for the grant that has helped support us being able to bring our students to San Antonio to perform for you today.

The recognition of the Curtis Middle School choir program at the TMEA 2025 Convention is truly an honor for the fine arts programs in Allen ISD and the Allen community. Thank you for this opportunity to perform for the convention and we hope you enjoy the performance by our dedicated musicians and directors.

Sincerely,

Sonya Pitcock, Principal, Curtis Middle School



RECOGNITION



To the Texas Music Educators Association:

On behalf of the Allen ISD community, thank you for selecting the Curtis Middle School Cantare Treble Choir to perform at the 2025 TMEA Convention. These talented choral students have demonstrated remarkable dedication and commitment to their musical growth, and we are incredibly proud of this achievement. This historic honor marks the first time an Allen ISD middle school choir has been invited to perform at TMEA, and our students are thrilled to be part of this distinguished event.

I would like to recognize the outstanding educators and leaders who have guided and supported our students. Curtis Middle School Choir Directors, Kaylee Martinez and Leo Castro, have provided exceptional leadership and inspiration for their students. Thank you to Jeff Turner, Director of Fine Arts, and Jennifer Wilhelm, Assistant Superintendent for Learner Services, for their unwavering support of the arts in education. I also want to acknowledge our Board of Trustees, as well as our parents and community members, whose encouragement has been instrumental in the support of our students.

Thank you for attending the performance by the Curtis Middle School Cantare Treble Choir. I wish the best of luck to all the schools participating in this week's convention, and I extend my appreciation to TMEA for its continued support of music education.

Sincerely,

Robin Bullock

Robin Bullock, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Allen Independent School District



ALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 24, 2025

To the Texas Music Educators Association:

Outstanding choral ensembles are an integral component of the complete music education students in the Allen Independent School District receive at every level. The Curtis Middle School Varsity Treble Choir is a superb example of the outstanding choral experiences available to students at the secondary level. Allen ISD provides a sequential, developmental music curriculum designed to allow each student the opportunity to build musical skill and understanding through a wide variety of quality musical experiences from the elementary school through the high school.

Today's performance is a demonstration of the dedication to excellence of directors Kaylee Martinez and Leo Castro, a testament to the commitment of these very talented singers, and the support of wonderful parents and campus administrators. We are proud that TMEA has recognized the outstanding musicianship of this group through an invitation to participate in the 2025 TMEA conference.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable and successful 2025 Texas Music Educators Association Conference. Performance opportunities like these remind us of the transformative power of music and the importance of programs like yours in our society. May your musical workshops continue to ignite the passion for music in countless hearts, fostering a love for music in generations to come.

Sincerely,

Jeff Turner

Jeff Turner
Director of Fine Arts



Cantare,

You are an inspiration to every middle school musician, teacher, parent, and especially to your directors. Thank you for ALL of your hard work and dedication these last six months. These will be memories we cherish and remember forever. While we have done everything we can as teachers to educate you and be your role models, little do you know how you have done the same for us.

“And one day she discovered that she was fierce, strong, and full of fire and that nothing could hold herself back because her passion burned brighter than her fears.”

We love you all and are so proud of you!

Musically yours,
Ms. Martinez & Mr. Castro

