

Texas Music Educators Association

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The Gentlemen of Bush Middle School

Dianna L. Jarvis, *Director*

Audrey De La Cruz, *Associate Director*

Leigh Anne Seitter & Eric Thompson, *Accompanists*

February 11–14, 2015 • Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center • San Antonio, Texas

About the Directors

The 2014-2015 school year marks **Dianna L Jarvis'** twenty-ninth year in the teaching profession with the past sixteen years at Barbara Bush Middle School. Ms Jarvis is a graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio where she received both her Bachelors and Masters Degrees. Beginning her career as an elementary music teacher, Dianna taught a Kodalybased curriculum for nine years. Ms. Jarvis was the MS/JH Vice President of the Texas Choral Director's Association from 2009-2011. She has served as the TMEA Region 12 Middle School Chairman, a member of the UIL Music Advisory Board, the UIL Sight-reading committee and on the UIL PML committee. She has presented several workshops for TMEA and TCDA during the last 15 years. Dianna travels throughout the Southwest serving as an adjudicator, choral festival director, a clinician and as a presenter for school districts and various Universities. Ms. Jarvis recently collaborated with other music educators throughout the United States in the development of a new text book series, Voices in Concert for Hal Leonard/McGraw Hill. The 2015 TMEA convention marks the second time Ms. Jarvis and the Bush Choir has been honored with an invitation to appear as an Invited Choir. Dianna's proudest accomplishment is being the mom of Micaela (16) and Madelyn (14) who are both successful musicians in their own right.

Audrey D. De la Cruz is in her fifth year of teaching at Bush Middle School. She was previously a music specialist at Fox Run Elementary in North East ISD. Originally from McAllen, TX, Audrey graduated from James "Nikki" Rowe High School in 2005. She graduated summa cum laude from Texas State University with a Bachelor's in Music Education-Vocal Emphasis and a Minor in English Literature. During her time at Texas State, Audrey was chosen to sing with SWACDA and ACDA choirs. She also performed with the Texas State Chorale for their 2009 TMEA performance. Audrey performs regularly with the First Protestant Church-New Braunfels Sanctuary Choir. Audrey has had the privilege of singing with the San Antonio Chamber Choir in past seasons, including their National ACDA performance in 2013. She is blessed to have been mentored by E.A. Tanner III, Dianna Jarvis, Jo Scurlock-Dillard, Dr. Joey Martin, Dr. Jonathan Babcock, Dr. Lynn Brinckmeyer, Dr. Ken Davis, and Cheryl Parrish. Audrey is happily married to her high school sweetheart, Reagan Choir Director, Christian De la Cruz. They welcomed their first child in December 2014.

About the Accompanists

Leigh Anne Seitter is a graduate of New Mexico State University where she earned a Bachelor of Music Degree and had the privilege to study piano with Dr. William Leland. For over twenty-eight years Mrs. Seitter has served as the Pianist, Organist and Director of Music at MacArthur Park Lutheran Church in San Antonio. Leigh Anne began working with the Bush Middle School Choral program in 1999 when her oldest daughter became a member of the Bush Choir, as were two other daughters who followed; one of whom is now a Middle School Choir Director greatly influenced by the inspiration she received at Bush. In addition to Bush Middle School, Leigh Anne is an accompanist for several other North East Independent School District choir programs and private voice studios. She is a member of TCDA and the American Guild of Organists. Leigh Anne and her husband Rod have three fantastic and musically gifted adult daughters.

Eric Thomson is a native of San Antonio and began his music studies at the age of 7, taking piano lessons with Thelma Gonzalez for several years. At the age of 14, Eric began taking piano lessons with his future UTSA piano professor, Dr. Janice K. Hodges. He completed his Bachelor of Music degree from The University of Texas at San Antonio with Valeri Grokhovski. While working in the San Antonio area as a collaborative and solo pianist, he earned his Master's and Doctoral degrees from The University of Texas at Austin, where he studied with Gregory Allen. He has participated in master classes with such notable musicians as Maurice Hinson, William Doppmann, Alexander Toradze, Philippe Entremont, Jeffrey Swann and the renowned critic and author, Harold Schonberg. Dr. Thompson has appeared as soloist with the San Antonio Symphony, Brazos Valley Symphony, Mid-Texas Symphony, University of Texas Orchestra and Austin Civic Orchestra. He has worked in the San Antonio area as a freelance pianist for more than 20 years. He spent many years as an accompanist for the San Antonio Boys Choir, San Antonio Choral Society and St. Brigid's Catholic Church. Dr. Thompson has been employed as Staff Accompanist at Texas State University since 2006, where his duties include playing for the choirs, the opera theater, and various student degree recitals throughout the year. He is also pianist and director of the Traditional Choir at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Selma, Texas, where he has been employed since 2000. Dr. Eric Thompson currently resides in New Braunfels with his wife, Valerie, and their two daughters.

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Treble

Hayden Barton
Ryan Baird
Jimmy Burk
Daniel Carner
Davis Cole
Cade Cunov
Jagger Edwards
Evan Ginnelly
Benjamin Gracia
AJ Herrera
Christian Loring
James Mack
Andrew Mills
Andrew Phillips
Chase Puricelli
Matthew Puricelli
Noah Ricciardelli
Cameron Robinson
Cole Stringham
Ryan Swetonic
Diego Villarreal
Maxwell Watts
Pryce Yates

Tenor 1

Jacob Blan
Gideon Bowes*
Jacob Halder
Hunter Hedlund*
Riley Heye*
Matthew Hockley*
Max Kincheloe*
Sahil Lalani
Nathan Napoli *
Wesley Price
Rishu Prasad*
Fernando Rivera Fernandez*
Brian Robinson
Brian Tran*

Tenor 2

Charles Appley
Devin Bui
Michael Davidson
Ryan Garza*
Jake Greenman
Braedon House *
Jackson Kiesle
Justin Kulawik *
Cristian Ledesma

Michael Merritt *†
Alejandro Morales Rivera
Witt Mitchum
Zachary True *†

Baritone

Pablo Chacon
Lucas Eatman
Brandon Garcia
Luis Guzman
Brady Hammond
Omar Leal
Raul Passement
Joe Perez †
Tony Salazar
Preston Yates *

** Indicates
membership in the
2014 Region 12
Honor Choir
† Indicates Men's
Choir Officers*



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| 1. The Dawn's Awake | Laura Farnell BLP Choral Music | 3:13 |
| 2. The Lord is my Shepherd (Psalm 23) | Howard Goodall Faber Music Ltd | 3:29 |
| 3. Cangia, Cangia tue Voglie | Giovanni Battista Fasolo/
arr. Tom Shelton Hinshaw Music, Inc | 3:03 |
| 4. Tears in Heaven..... | Eric Clapton & Will Jennings/
arr. Jody Noblett E.C.A. Music Ltd. | 4:36 |
| Commissioned for the Gentlemen of Bush Middle School for the occasion of their 2015 TMEA Performance | | |
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| 5. Seize the Day from <i>Newsies</i> | Alan Menken & Jack Feldman/
arr. Roger Emerson Wonderland Music Company, Inc | 3:01 |

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