



SCHOOL OF MUSIC PRESENTS

2025 TMEA PRE-CONFERENCE CONCERT

featuring the

SMITHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL
VARISTY TENOR-BASS CHOIR

JENNIE CRAWFORD, DIRECTOR
HANNAH FOX, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR



hosted by the

TCU FROG CORPS

5:00PM SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND
VAN CLIBURN CONCERT HALL AT TCU

Star Spangled Banner arr. Russell Mauldin

The Pirate Song Tim Y. Jones

TCU Spirit Set Claude Sammis, arr. Davis

TCU Frog Corps

Christopher Aspaas, *conductor*

Sarah Gould & Debbie Seitter, *assistant conductor*

Huan Yang, *collaborative pianist*

Speak the Truth Jocelyn Hagen

Ubi Caritas Jonathan Reid

Laudate Dominum Dan Davison

The Warrior J. Reese Norris

Jacob Ramirez, *drum* Jim Atilano, *thundersheet*

I'll Be In Your Heart Reginal Wright

Commissioned for the Smithfield Middle School

Varsity Tenor Bass Choir for their 2025 TMEA performance

Thea Brown, *cello*

Johnny Schmoker James Rodde

Smithfield Middle School Varsity Tenor-Bass Choir

Jennie Crawford, *director*

Hannah Fox, *associate director*

Daria Kiseleva, *collaborative pianist*

Smithfield Middle School

Varsity Tenor-Bass Choir

**In concert for the 2025
Texas Music Educators Association
Convention**

Sunday, February 2, 2025 | 5:00 pm
Texas Christian University
Van Cliburn Concert Hall | Fort Worth, Texas

Friday, February 7, 2025 | 7:00 pm
First United Methodist Church of Hurst
Sanctuary | Hurst, Texas

Friday, February 14, 2025 | 10:00 am
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
Stars At Night Ballroom | San Antonio, Texas



Varsity Tenor Bass



Tenor 1



Cody Bural

Cole Nichols

Jayden Carrillo

Landen O'Neal

Brayden Chambers

Miles Ramirez

Rhys Harris

Grayson Reese

Slater Linch

Alex Ulichnie

Grayson Minix

Easton Whittington

Ashton Moreno

Jace Willet

Tenor 2



**Paxton Allison
Nathaniel Belland
Brady Driver
Zackary Duvak
Logan Fuller
Benjamin Harrison
Leo Hendrix
Brooks Howard**

**Jayce Hodges
Grayson Jones
Owen Prange
Chris Pu
Paxton Sheppard
Wesley Stickler
Jaxon Werner
Levi Van Hoose**

Bass



Brandon Alvarez

Daniel Azuelo

Ryland Belloc

Jaxon Benavides

Hagen Crawford

Gunner Degollado

Matheus DeSouza

Levi Donohue

Saul Fortuna

Adam Hastings

Shepherd Maples

Malaki McIntyre

Nolan Perez

Matthew Samuel

Landon Smith

Gavin Tran

Concert Program

Speak the Truth

Jocelyn Hagen

Ubi Caritas

Jonathan Reid

UIL PML Grade III

Laudate Dominum

Dan Davison

UIL PML Grade III

The Warrior

J. Reese Norris

Drum- Jacob Ramirez Thundersheet- Jim Atilano

I'll Be In Your Heart

Reginal Wright

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(available for purchase at Carl Fischer)

Cello- Thea Brown

Johnny Schmoker

James Rodde

Speak the Truth

Jocelyn Hagen

I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother,
but to fight my greatest enemy, myself.

Be brave where bravery is honorable.

Man has responsibility not pow'r.

Speak the truth to all people.

Give me knowledge so I may have
kindness for all.

The more you give, the more good
things come to you.

Be kind to everything that lives.

We will be known forever by the tracks we leave.

I seek strength, speak the truth!



**Ubi Caritas
Jonathan Reid**

**Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deus vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Amen.**

**Where charity and love are,
God is there.
We are gathered as one
in the love of Christ
Let us rejoice and in Him be joyful.
Let us fear and love the living God.
And let us love each other with a
sincere heart.
Amen.**

Laudate Dominum
Dan Davison

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes.
Laudate eum, omnes populi.
Quoniam confirmata est super nos
misericordia eius.
Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.
Alleluia.

O Praise the Lord, all ye nations:
Praise Him, all ye people.
For His merciful kindness
is great toward us.
And the truth of the Lord
endureth forever.
Praise ye the Lord.



The Warrior
J. Reese Norris

Fate whispers to the warrior,
“you cannot withstand
the storm”

And the brave warrior whispers back,
“I am the storm!”

I'll Be In Your Heart
Reginal Wright

Text by Hagen Crawford

Commissioned for the
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Varsity Tenor Bass Choir
for their 2025 TMEA performance

I am not by a grave.

I am in your heart.

I am in the morning glow.

I am in the starlight.

I'll be in your heart.

I am in the blue sky.

I am in the sunlight.

I am the birds that fly.

I'm the quiet in the room.

I live in your life.

Please don't fall and cry.

I did not die.

Johnny Schmoker
James Rodde

**Johnny Schmoker can you sing, can you
play?**

I can play on my Drum.

Rub-a-dub-a-dub, this is my Drum.

I can play on my Flute.

Pil-i-wil-i-wink, this is my Flute

I can play on my Triangle.

Ting, ting, ting, this is my Triangle.

I can play on my Trombone.

Bum, bum, bum, this is my Trombone.

I can play on my Fiddle.

Fee, fee, fee, this is my Fiddle.

I can play on my String Bass.

Zung, zung, zung, this is my String Bass.

I can play on my Bagpipe

oint, oint, oint, this is my Bagpipe.

7th Grade



8th Grade



Jennie Crawford, Director



Jennie Crawford is in her 23rd year as the head director at Smithfield Middle School in Birdville ISD. During her tenure at Smithfield, the SMS choirs have consistently received Sweepstakes awards for superior ratings at UIL Concert and Sightreading evaluations and have been named “Best in class” and “Grand Champion” at various choral festivals. In 2007, Jennie was honored as the first recipient of the Texas Choral Directors Association Distinguished Young Director Award. Jennie has served in office as the Region 5 and Region 31 Middle School Vocal Coordinator. She served on the Texas PML Committee from 2016-2020 and was the committee chair in 2019-2020. She also served on the Texas UIL Sightreading Committee from 2021-2022. Mrs. Crawford is an active adjudicator for contests and serves as a guest clinician/conductor for Region and Honor Choirs throughout the state.

Under her direction, Smithfield has been honored to perform at the Texas Music Educators Association Conference on four previous occasions. The Varsity Treble Choir performed in 2006, 2009, and 2020 and the Varsity Tenor-Bass Choir performed at the 2016 TMEA convention. In 2021 the Smithfield Raider Chorale performed at the National American Choral Directors Association conference.

Jennie holds a Bachelor’s degree in Music Education and a Master’s degree in Education Administration. Her professional affiliations include Texas Music Educators Association, American Choral Directors Association, Texas Choral Directors Association, and the Texas Music Adjudicators Association.

In her spare time, Jennie is a choir, band, football, and softball mom. She resides in North Richland Hills with her husband, Chad, their two children, Hagen (13) and Berkeley (11), and their dog, Stella.

Hannah Fox, Associate Director



Hannah Fox is currently in her second year of teaching at Smithfield Middle School and is truly grateful for the experience. A native Texan, Hannah grew up in Grapevine and attended Texas Tech University. Under the direction of Carolyn Cruse, Hannah graduated with a Bachelor of Music Education as a double major in Music Education and Vocal Performance. Some of Hannah’s achievements include being awarded the Clara Freshour Nelson Music Scholarship from the Texas Association of Music Schools, placing in the West Texas National Association of Texas Singers competition, as well as performing the roles of Monica in Gian Carlo Menotti’s *The Medium* and Pamina in Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s *Die Zauberflöte*. Hannah has a passion for music and educating youth by providing

an accepting and creative space. When she is not teaching, Hannah enjoys listening to music or spending time with her family, friends and her cat George. Hannah would like to thank her parents for being her biggest supporters, her brother for being her best friend and her mentors who have supported her throughout her career.



Daria Kiseleva, Collaborative Pianist

Daria Kiseleva is an internationally acclaimed performer, educator, and collaborator. An award-winning artist, she has earned top prizes at prestigious international piano competitions and has performed at world-renowned venues such as Carnegie Hall in New York and Salle Cortot in Paris.

Currently, Daria serves on the faculty of the Fort Worth Country Day Conservatory and manages a thriving private piano studio in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. She graduated from the Moscow State Gnesin College and the Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory with a Master's degree in Piano Performance. She also holds an Artist Diploma from Texas Christian University (TCU) and is currently a Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) candidate in Piano Performance at TCU.

Passionate about collaboration, Daria actively engages with esteemed organizations such as Cliburn in the Classroom and the IKOF Festival and frequently performs with musicians from the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.



Brooke Reily, Private Voice Instructor

Brooke Reily grew up in North Richland Hills and is a proud Richland High School alumni. During her time in Birdville ISD, she received an amazing music education through choir and voice lessons, and because of her experiences, she decided to pursue music education as a career. She is a Spring 2022 graduate of Tarleton State University, where she received a Bachelor of Music with Summa Cum Laude honors and was the recipient of the Outstanding Vocal Music Education Program Graduate award. Following graduation, she taught middle school choir for two years at Springtown Middle School. This is her first year teaching private lessons full-time, teaching at Smithfield Middle School and Richland Middle School. She loves being back in Birdville ISD and getting to be a part of such amazing programs!



Caitlin Johnson, Private Voice Instructor

Caitlin Johnson has grown up with a love for music and has pursued the field in various capacities. Growing up in North Richland Hills, she received an outstanding music education in Birdville ISD, becoming involved in choir, voice lessons, show choir, musicals, and more. In May 2023 she graduated with a degree in Music Education from Tarleton State University. At Tarleton, she was able to participate in a variety of choirs and hold positions such as student conductor, TCDA Tarleton representative, Performing Arts Outstanding Graduate, and Presidential Honors Scholar. After graduation, she chose to work as an elementary music educator at Fort Worth ISD. This year she has begun working as a voice lesson instructor at Smithfield Middle School, Bear Creek Intermediate, and is teaching children's music classes part-time. She has been so thankful to work with such amazing choral directors and can't wait to see what the future holds.

Elementary Music Specialists

Smithfield Elementary

Isabella Neff

Walker Creek Elementary

Jacob Ramirez

W. A. Porter Elementary

Katie Dupre



Birdville High School Choir

Tara Sikon, Head Director

Derek Fletcher, Associate Director



About Smithfield

Middle School

Smithfield Middle School is located in the DFW metroplex and is one of seven middle schools in the Birdville Independent School District. It is a 2C campus with approximately 800 students. Recognized as an Advanced Learning and College Prep campus, Smithfield Middle School is recognized as the # 68 “Best Middle School” among all 1993 middle schools in the state of Texas and # 3 in Tarrant County by U.S. News and World Report.





Birdville

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 14, 2025

To the Texas Music Educators Association,

Birdville Independent School District is honored to have the Smithfield Middle School Varsity Tenor-Bass Choir perform at the 2025 TMEA Convention in San Antonio. Under the leadership of their director, Jennie Crawford, I know these singers' superior level of talent and preparation will create a memorable concert experience.

Birdville ISD is blessed to serve a community that supports and encourages arts in the education of our students. We are so thankful for organizations like TMEA and their commitment to supporting and nurturing music as a vital component in education. Mrs. Crawford and her Varsity Tenor-Bass Choir continue a line of successful TMEA performances by a Birdville ISD ensemble. This is the fifth time a Smithfield Middle School Choir has had the honor of performing at TMEA.

Birdville ISD's 31 campuses proudly serve Richland Hills and parts of Colleyville, Fort Worth, Haltom City, Hurst, North Richland Hills, and Watauga. Founded in 1975, Smithfield Middle School has a current enrollment of approximately 800 students. Our students not only pursue superior academic achievement but also engage in the fields that match their strengths and interests. Our fine arts programs strive to give students a unique and challenging experience to develop not only in music but also in the skills and attributes of becoming organized, critical thinkers as they enter adulthood.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, and the administration of Birdville ISD, I offer my sincere congratulations to the students, teachers, and parents for this tremendous accomplishment.

Sincerely,

Gayle Stinson, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Birdville Independent School District





February 14, 2025

To all Concert Attendees:

What a pleasure it is to share the Smithfield Middle School Varsity Tenor-Bass Choir with you! This phenomenal group of young singers, under the direction of Jennie Crawford and assisted by Hannah Fox, are going to amaze you. I have no doubt the performance they have prepared for you will move your mind, your emotions, and your spirit in beautiful ways. Our hope is that you are inspired and that your soul is fed with the music these singers will offer you.

Jennie Crawford is an exemplary choral director. She understands and helps her choirs master the myriad of technical details that produce outstanding performances. Even more importantly, Jennie teaches totally with her heart and infuses her students with the passion she has for creating beautiful sounds and meaningful choral experiences. You will see this passion on the faces of these young men and hear it in their voices as they perform for you today.

Birdville ISD is so proud of these young men and their directors! It is a true pleasure to be in a district that so clearly supports and celebrates the arts. The Birdville community has long understood the integral connection of student participation in the arts to the development of the whole mind. You will no doubt witness these benefits as you watch some of the most accomplished, creative, and talented students perform for you.

Thank you for joining us for this concert.

Enjoy!

Danny Detrick
Director of Fine Arts
Birdville Independent School District



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Past TMEA Performances

**1993 Haltom HS 5A Honor Band,
Greg Hull, David Bertman, Cindy Lansford, Directors**

1995 Richland HS Varsity Men's Choir, Brad White, Director

1996 Haltom HS Varsity Men's Choir, Stuart Younse, Director

1997 North Richland MS Varsity Treble Choir, Mona Sinclair, Director

1998 North Oaks MS Varsity Treble Choir, Elaine Lindsey, Director

1999 North Richland MS CC Honor Band, Melodianne Mallow, Director

2000 Haltom HS Varsity Women's Choir, Amy Allibon, Director

2006 Birdville HS Chorale, Robert Stovall, Director

2006 Smithfield MS Varsity Treble Choir, Jennie Crawford, Director

2008 Haltom HS A cappella Choir, Amy Allibon, Director

2009 Smithfield MS Varsity Treble Choir, Jennie Crawford, Director

2010 Richland HS Chorale, Patricia Neighbors, Director

2014 Birdville HS Chorale, Amy Allibon, Director

2016 Smithfield MS Varsity Tenor-Bass Choir, Jennie Crawford, Director

2018 North Richland MS Varsity Treble Choir, Lorelai Taylor, Director

2020 Smithfield MS Varsity Treble Choir, Jennie Crawford, Director



Thank You...

Chris Aspaas Jim Atilano BISD Amanda McDade Seini
Administration BISD Choir Mila Bella Neff Mary Jane
Directors BISD Elementary Music Phillips Jacob Ramirez
Teachers Lynn Belland Thea Brooke Reily Tara Sikon
Brown CC Photograph Mike SMS Administration SMS
Cowan Kristian Gorr-Daniell Faculty and Staff Robert
Danny Detrick Katie Dupre Derek Stovall Texas Christian
Fletcher Brandon and LeAnna University Hannah Wood
Fox Brady Fox FUMC Hurst Reginal Wright Marie Yost
Caitlin Johnson Daria Kiseleva
Mark McGahey

Special Thanks To... Chad, Hagen,
and Berkeley Crawford 2022-2023
Varsity Tenor Bass Choir 2023-2024
Varsity Tenor Bass Choir Varsity
Tenor Bass Choir Parents



To My Boys:

Our journey began when you walked into the choir room as sixth graders. You were nervous and excited to be in middle school. Over the past few years, I have literally watched you grow into the amazing young men that you are and I am so grateful for our time together.

You are a very talented and energetic group of guys and I am so proud of the musicianship that you have developed over the years. You have worked relentlessly to reach new heights and through blood, sweat, and tears, you have persevered. I have pushed you to your limits because I believe in you! No doubt, you have pushed me to my limits a few times too! We have spent many intense hours preparing for this performance and I couldn't be more proud of you. Your loyalty, resilience, and enthusiasm for the music, has gone above and beyond my expectations. Each of you will always hold a special place in my heart. It has been an honor and a privilege to share this experience with you. I have been forever changed.

“Speak the truth to all people, be kind to everything that lives, be brave and honorable, take responsibility.* Continue to search for opportunities to grow and learn. Live in the moment!

With much love and gratitude,
Mrs. Crawford

TCU FROG CORPS

Christopher Aspaas, *conductor*

Sarah Gould and Debbie Seitter, *assistant conductors*

Huan Yang, *collaborative pianist*

Matthew Bailey	Aiden Morris
Kolby Ball	Charlie Nelson
Elliot Banks	Garrett Nelson
Travis Beard	Jerry Olazaran
Ty Buchholz	Tyler Pham
Timothy Chong	Gael Pizana
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Telvin Culberson	Nicholas Richa
Alec Elrod	JJ Ruiz
Hunter Ferguson	Carson Scott
Brennan Fisher	Nick Shea
Junhwi Goo	Nikita Simonenko
Eduardo Guerrero	Dylan Sims
Cade Harrison	Frederic Situmorang
Adrian Hernandez	Elijah Sones
Esteban Hernandez-	Ethan Spudich Davis
Anguiano	Josh Stanczak
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Drew Lehman	Knox Stroman
Lucas Lynn	Luke Tynes
Casey McEvoy	Seth York
Ethan McGregor	



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