



FEBRUARY 15TH & 16TH 2013
AT CENTER GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

25TH ANNUAL **BEST OF THE MIDWEST**

FRIDAY: MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Group	School	Division	Transit	Warm-up	Transit	Perform	Video
Accents	Center Grove	Host		5:30	5:55	6:00	
Showcase	South Dearborn	MS	5:55	6:00	6:25	6:30	7:00
Center Stage	Edgewood	MS	6:25	6:30	6:55	7:00	7:30
Young Originals	Southmont	MS	6:55	7:00	7:25	7:30	8:00
Mini Warehouse	Edgewood	MS	7:25	7:30	7:55	8:00	8:30
Surround Sound	Center Grove	Host		8:00	8:25	8:30	

SATURDAY: SOLO COMPETITION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Group	School	Division	Transit	Warm-up	Transit	Perform
Advanced Woman	Franklin	Solo	8:40	8:45	8:55	9:00
Advanced Woman	Franklin	Solo	8:50	8:55	9:05	9:10
Advanced Woman	Franklin	Solo	9:00	9:05	9:15	9:20
Advanced Mixed	Franklin	Solo	9:10	9:15	9:25	9:30
Advanced Mixed	Franklin	Solo	9:20	9:25	9:35	9:40
Advanced Mixed	Franklin	Solo	9:30	9:35	9:45	9:50
TC Singers	Triton Central	Solo	9:40	9:45	9:55	10:00
Starlight Voices	Brownsburg	Solo	9:50	9:55	10:05	10:10
Starlight Voices	Brownsburg	Solo	10:00	10:05	10:15	10:20
Spotlight Singers & Co.	Brownsburg	Solo	10:10	10:15	10:25	10:30
Spotlight Singers & Co.	Brownsburg	Solo	10:20	10:25	10:35	10:40
Hi-Lites	Warren Central	Solo	10:30	10:35	10:45	10:50
Connection	Warren Central	Solo	10:40	10:45	10:55	11:00
Break						
Sophisticated Ladies	Edgewood	Solo	1:50	1:55	2:05	2:10
Sophisticated Ladies	Edgewood	Solo	2:00	2:05	2:15	2:20
Music Warehouse	Edgewood	Solo	2:15	2:20	2:25	2:30
Music Warehouse	Edgewood	Solo	2:25	2:30	2:35	2:40



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SATURDAY: AUDITORIUM SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Group	School	Division	Transit	Warm-up	Transit	Perform	Video
<i>Sweet Sensations</i>	Lawrence Central	Unisex	7:55	8:00	8:25	8:30	9:00
<i>Hi-Lites</i>	Warren Central	Unisex	8:25	8:30	8:55	9:00	9:30
<i>Choralieers</i>	Kokomo	Unisex	8:55	9:00	9:25	9:30	10:00
Break							
<i>Sudden Impulse</i>	Southmont	Unisex	9:35	9:40	10:05	10:10	10:40
<i>Choralaies</i>	Zionsville	Unisex	10:05	10:10	10:35	10:40	11:10
<i>Sophisticated Ladies</i>	Edgewood	Unisex	10:35	10:40	11:05	11:10	11:40
<i>Starlight Voices</i>	Brownsburg	Unisex	11:05	11:10	11:35	11:40	12:10
<i>Advanced Women</i>	Franklin	Concert	11:45	11:50	12:05	12:10	12:25
<i>Starlite Serenades</i>	Pendleton Heights	Concert	12:00	12:05	12:20	12:25	12:40
<i>Chamber Singers</i>	Warren Central	Concert	12:15	12:20	12:35	12:40	12:55
<i>Advanced Mixed</i>	Franklin	Concert	12:30	12:35	12:50	12:55	1:10
<i>T.C. Singers</i>	Triton Central	Small Mixed	12:45	12:50	1:15	1:20	1:50
<i>Pendletones</i>	Pendleton Heights	Small Mixed	1:15	1:20	1:45	1:50	2:20
<i>Rhythm Masters</i>	Whiteland	Small Mixed	1:45	1:50	2:15	2:20	2:50
<i>Expressions</i>	Warren Central	Small Mixed	2:15	2:20	2:45	2:50	3:20
Break							
<i>New Edition</i>	Edgewood	Small Mixed	2:55	3:00	3:25	3:30	4:00
<i>Panache</i>	Southmont	Small Mixed	3:25	3:30	3:55	4:00	4:30
<i>Synergy</i>	Shelbyville	Small Mixed	3:55	4:00	4:25	4:30	5:00
Dinner						5:00	
<i>Debtone</i> s	CG	Host Choir		5:00	5:25	5:30	
<i>Karisma</i>	Kokomo	Large Mixed	5:25	5:30	5:55	6:00	6:30
<i>Royalaires</i>	Zionsville	Large Mixed	5:55	6:00	6:25	6:30	7:00
<i>Spotlight Singers & Co.</i>	Brownsburg	Large Mixed	6:25	6:30	6:55	7:00	7:30
<i>Connection</i>	Warren Central	Large Mixed	6:55	7:00	7:25	7:30	8:00
<i>Music Warehouse</i>	Edgewood	Large Mixed	7:25	7:30	7:55	8:00	8:30
<i>Central Sound</i>	Lawrence Central	Large Mixed	7:55	8:00	8:25	8:30	9:00
<i>Sound System</i>	CG	Host Choir		8:30	8:55	9:00	
Awards						9:30	

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Breakfast

McDonalds Breakfast Sandwich
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Muffins
Fruit

Lunch/Dinner (as available)

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Texas Roadhouse Chili
Chef Salad
Side Salad
Baked Potato with butter/sour cream
Loaded Baked Potato (chli, cheese, sour cream)
Crazy Bread (2 with sauce)
Cookies (2)
Chips
Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite
Dasani Water

Dinner

Spaghetti with Meatballs Dinner
includes breadstick and side salad

Spaghetti Dinner
No Meatballs

CONCESSIONS MENU

(Hall of Excellence)

Breakfast

Bagel & Cream Cheese
Donut
McDonalds Fruit & Yogurt Parfait
Muffins
Milk/Juice
Fruit

Lunch/Dinner

Pizza Slice
Subway Sandwich-Turkey or Ham
Hot Dog
Hot Dog with Cheese
Nachos
Popcorn
Candy
Chips
Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite
Dasani Water
Fruit

BEST OF THE MIDWEST CONTEST INFORMATION

Solo Division

Soloists will perform Saturday morning and afternoon in the Performing Arts Center between each ensemble. Each soloist is allotted six minutes for his or her performance, and may utilize one live acoustic instrument.

Trophies will be presented to the Grand Champion soloist and first and second runners-up. The winners will be announced in the Performing Arts Center at the conclusion of the competition, approximately 9:00 pm.

Middle School Choir Division

The middle school choirs will perform Friday evening in the Performing Arts Center. Trophies will be presented to the Grand Champion and first and second runners-up. There will be caption awards for Outstanding Costuming, Tech Crew, Vocal Sound and Visual Effect. The winners will be announced in the Performing Arts Center after the C.G. Accents exhibition performance.

Mixed & Women's Division

RDH Adjudication Concepts, an independent organization, is overseeing the adjudication of the mixed and women's choirs. Groups will perform throughout Saturday in the Performing Arts Center.

At the conclusion of the exhibition performance by CG Sound System, the results of the eight judges: 2 adjudicators on Ensemble Music, 2 adjudicators on Ensemble Visual, 2 adjudicators on General Effect Music and 2 adjudicators on General Effect Visual scores will be added up and turned into a final score.

Division awards will be given for Women and Small Mixed. Championship awards - the combination of small and large mixed show choirs - will be based on overall scores. Specialty awards for Outstanding Ensemble Music, Ensemble Visual and General Effect will be handed out.

Choirs will be recognized for placement and participation.



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COMPETITION JUDGES



Jena Adrianson holds a degree in Music Education from the University of Indianapolis and a Master of Arts degree from Ball State University. She has taught choir in Indianapolis at both the middle school and high school level. Jena began her teaching career in her hometown of Marion, Indiana. She has since taught at Decatur Central High School, served as Alumni Director for the University of Indianapolis and retired in June 2012 as the Director of Choral Activities at Lawrence Central High School in Indianapolis where she taught for 21 years. Her show choirs have been named Grand Champion numerous times, earning caption awards for Outstanding Vocals, Outstanding Visuals and Outstanding Soloist.



Dwight Edwards now spends his time running a veterinary hospital, teaching movement to opera students at Mannes School of Music and private coaching. He has performed and directed/choreographed many theater productions and taught master classes in dance styles and audition techniques. He taught choral music at North Central High School in Indianapolis, Indiana after graduating from Ball State University where he was a member of the Ball State Singers. He has choreographed show choirs around the country including the Carmel Ambassadors.



Mr. Lamonte Kuskye is a graduate of Ball State University. With an emphasis in choral conducting, Lamonte has earned a reputation as choral clinician and adjudicator in the Midwest, including choral festivals and ISSMA state convention in Indianapolis. He is currently the director of the Carmel High School Ambassadors in Carmel, Indiana. This group won both the 2007 and 2008 Indiana State School Music Association State Show Choir Championships. His groups have toured around the world at festivals and national competitions. With a love for theatre, Lamonte has received best actor awards for the roles of Will in *The Will Rogers' Follies*, Curly in *Oklahoma*, and Bobby in *Crazy for You* at Indianapolis Civic Theatre. He has is currently the music director at Pendleton First United Methodist Church.



Valerie Lippoldt Mack, music chair and dance instructor at Butler Community College in El Dorado, Kansas has gained experience and recognition as a music educator and professional choreographer throughout the United States. Her choreography has been featured at Carnegie Hall, Disney World, national ACDA conventions and MENC workshops, the Miss America pageant and various national showchoir competitions and festivals around the country. In 2010, the Butler Headliners were one of four finalists in NBC's Today's "Show Choir Showdown" and performed for more than 8.5 million viewers. Valerie's newest resource book, *Putting the SHOW in Choir!* is a great source for teachers, choreographers, administrators and parents.



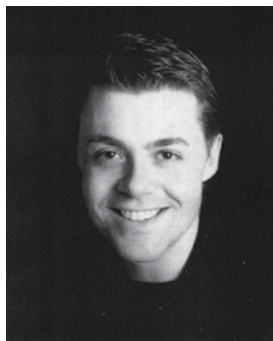
Mrs. Rebecca Noot, who earned the Indianapolis Prelude Awards' Outstanding Arts Educator Award in 1999, recently retired after teaching music for 33 years, including 14 years as Choral at Franklin Central High School. During her tenure, the F.C. Singers began competing, winning many awards as Grand Champions and finalists throughout central Indiana and at various festivals in the eastern United States. She also established the school's first women's choir as well as a chamber choir. In addition to her years at Franklin Central, she has taught general music and choir in elementary, middle, and intermediate school, and currently enjoys presenting choral clinics, critiquing choral rehearsals of contest shows and offering critiques to groups preparing for ISSMA organizational contests, as well as adjudicating choral contests and festivals every year.

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Shawn Porter is a Choral Director at Hamilton Southeastern High, where he directs, co-directs or accompanies five choirs, and teaches piano. Shawn received his bachelor's degree from Anderson (Indiana) University, his Master of Music degree from Ball State University, and a second Master of Science degree in School Counseling from Butler University. Mr. Porter's all-female and mixed shows choirs have consistently been named Grand Champions, and have received many caption awards in numerous contests, including Grand Champion at the Showstoppers National Show Choir Competition. He is an active choral clinician and adjudicator throughout the Midwest, a church choir director/organist, a member of Music Educators National Conference, and an avid traveler.



Christopher D. Pratt is a 1995 graduate of Center Grove High School. He obtained a BS in Music Education (2000) from Ball State University and a MS in Educational Leadership (2011) from Indiana University. With a foundation in choral music and choreography, Mr. Pratt has also worked extensively with choirs around the Midwest as a show consultant/coach. Currently, Mr. Pratt is the Director of Choirs at Grosse Pointe South High in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. At GPS, Mr. Pratt directs four choirs including the highly acclaimed Pointe Singers and Tower Belles, who just completed their seventh year of performing with Detroit's Symphony Orchestra. Most recently, Mr. Pratt was Choral Director at Center Grove High School. At Center Grove he directed five choirs, including the nationally award-winning show choir CG Sound System and chamber choir, CG Singers.



Greg Sanders is an active choral musician in Indianapolis, serving as the Artistic Director of the Indianapolis Men's Chorus, music director at All Souls Unitarian Church. He has performed in concert as pianist and assistant conductor with choruses at Butler University, Franklin College, the Indianapolis Children's Choir and the Purdue Varsity Glee Club. He finished his master's degree in choral conducting in May of 2011. Greg currently serves on the staff of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra pops division for their annual Yuletide Celebration and was the vocal director of Hair-spray in Concert.



Kenny Shepard (AEA, ASCAP) is an On-Camera Choreographer for Broadway Jr., MacMillan/McGraw-Hill, and The Disney Collection of DVDs used in classrooms and theatres worldwide. Kenny is also a co-owner of the live production company, Blue-Eyed Events, developing, casting and choreographing theatrical events starring Grammy, Tony, Emmy, Dove, and CMA award winners, American Idol stars and Olympians. Kenny is on the dance faculty at both Anderson University and his alma mater, Butler University. Locally, Kenny performs with Beef and Boards and Actors Theatre of Indiana and has choreographed for American Cabaret Theatre, The Children's Museum's Lilly Theatre, Indy Fringe, The Pyramid Players, and Circle of Lights.



Misha Thomas is a graduate of Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana with a Bachelor's degree in music education. She began her teaching career at Center Grove Middle School where she taught mixed and unisex choirs and music enrichment classes. She then taught at Center Grove High School where she directed two women's concert choirs, one mixed concert choir, and the Debtone, the competitive women's show choir. Under her direction, the Debtone received many grand champion and caption awards against both unisex and mixed choirs around the midwest. In the summer of 2001, she and her husband Toby moved to Columbus, Ohio where she taught choral music at Grandview Heights High School. Now, Misha is enjoying taking time off from teaching and spending time with her two amazing children. Misha is very excited to be a part of this weekend's competition and is looking forward to a fantastic day of great choral performances!

BEST OF THE MIDWEST HOST CHOIRS



Center Grove Surround Sound

C.G. Surround Sound is a mixed junior-varsity ensemble of 34 singer/dancers from Greenwood, IN. Surround Sound has been named grand champion in the small group division at many competitions over the past few years. Choreographed by Marty DeMott & Jared Norman. Surround Sound is under the direction of Jared Norman and accompanied by Sheila Leachman. CG Surround Sound is proud to represent their school and the city of Greenwood as they work to provide consistently excellent and timeless entertainment to audiences across the country.



Center Grove Accents

The C.G. Accents are in their third year of competition this year. They are a junior varsity women's ensemble comprised of 42 young women in grades 9-12. This year they will be in competition at Lawrence Central performing Born This Way, Let Me Be Your Star, Boogie Shoes, and Boogie Wonderland. The group is choreographed by Andy Marty DeMott and Courtney Landwerlen. They are under the direction of Jennifer Dice and accompanied by Sheila Leachman. The CG Accents is proud to represent their school and the city of Greenwood as they work to provide consistently excellent and timeless entertainment.



Center Grove CG Singers

C.G. Singers is a highly select ensemble of 24 members. The group specializes in variety of choral literature including chamber, concert and madrigal music. The group is under the direction of Jennifer Dice and is accompanied by Sheila Leachman. CG Singers is proud to represent their school and the city of Greenwood as they work to provide consistently excellent and timeless entertainment to audiences across the country.



Center Grove The Debtone

Founded in 1963 by Judith A. Meeks, the Debtone have a reputation as being one of the finest, trend setting, and highest achieving women's ensembles in the country. This group has been named Grand Champion in numerous competitions throughout the Midwest and named National Champions at Showstoppers or FAME consistently for the past 7 years. In 2010, the group earned the title of Grand Champion Unisex Choir at FAME Nationals. The Debtone are directed by Jared Norman, Greg Sanders, Jennifer Dice and Sheila Leachman. They are choreographed by Andy Haines.

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Center Grove CG Sound System

CG Sound System has been in existence for twenty-seven years and in that time has built a reputation of being one of the nation's top show choirs. Since competing for the first time in 1982, the group has been named Grand Champion Show Choir at regional and national competitions numerous times. Included in those, are SHOWSTOPPERS National Show Choir Competition, Chicago 1991, Orlando, 1995, 2004, 2005, 2007, and New York City in 2003 and 2006, FAME Orlando 2008, Chicago 2009, and Branson 2011. In addition, CG Sound System was the Honors Choir for the first-ever Orlando SHOWSTOPPERS. The group is under the direction of Jennifer Dice, Gregory Sanders, Jared Norman, and Shelia Leachman and choreographed by Andy Haines.

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Edgewood Center Stage

Center Stage is celebrating their third year as an all-female choral ensemble; and the newest addition to the Edgewood Junior High music department! This group is made up of 32 performers from the seventh and eighth grades. There is a behind the scenes crew of eight students and a show band of eight instrumentalists. In 2012 Center Stage was privileged to have received 1st Runner-Up honors at three contests, performing in the mixed junior high division! Their contest season this year enjoys stops at Loveland, Center Grove, Franklin Central, and Fairfield high schools. Center Stage wishes the best of luck to every choir performing today!



Edgewood Mini Warehouse

Mini Warehouse has been entertaining audiences for over twenty years as one of the most established junior high show choirs in the Midwest! This group is made up of 42 performers, a crew of 8, and a band of 8 instrumentalists from the seventh and eighth grades. Over recent years, Mini Warehouse has performed on many stages in many states, achieving Grand Champion honors in several contests, including three times in 2012. Last year they were also named runner-up at Show Choir Nationals. They have also been privileged to sing the National Anthem for the Indianapolis Indians. Mini Warehouse wishes the best of luck to every choir performing today!



South Dearborn Showcase

South Dearborn 'Showcase' prides themselves as ambassadors for the South Dearborn Community School Corporation. Showcase is made up of 34 seventh and eighth grade students from South Dearborn Middle School in Aurora, Indiana. The group performs in competitions throughout the Midwest and has gained much recognition and won many Grand Champion honors. They are under the direction of Monte Dole and Leslie Kinnett, and Choreographed by Jason Johnson, Jeff Burton, and Whitney Creemer.



Southmont Young Originals

Young Originals is the exclusive junior high show choir at Southmont. The group consists of 46 7th and 8th graders who are among the top of their class at SJHS. Since the group's inception, they have earned an outstanding reputation in the Montgomery County Community and also throughout the Midwest. They are known for high energy performances and excellence in entertainment. The group is choreographed by Jennifer Toney and Aaron Childress. Young Originals is directed by Aaron Childress, Pam Isenberg and Amy Demlow.

HIGH SCHOOL GROUPS



Brownsburg Spotlight Singers and Co.

Brownsburg High School Spotlight Singers & Company contains 43 singers and dancers, 12 instrumentalists, and 14 stage crew members. All singers are also members of Brownsburg's concert choir, "Madrigal Singers". They are consistent competition finalists and enjoy any opportunity to perform. They have won awards for vocals, choreography, instrumental performance, and stage crew. They hope you enjoy the variety and styles of music presented today. They are excited to perform and cheer for other choirs.



Brownsburg Starlight Voices

Starlight Voices is a select women's ensemble from Brownsburg High School comprised of 52 singers and dancers, 12 instrumentalists, and 14 stage crew members. They have won awards for vocals, choreography, instrumental, and stage crew. This year, they will compete at Pike, Center Grove, and Avon. Selections Good Girl, Around Here, I Know You by Heart, Paris, and Outta My Head. They look forward to performing and supporting other choirs.



Edgewood Music Warehouse

Music Warehouse is celebrating its thirty-seventh spectacular year in 2013. This ensemble has gained national recognition through competing successfully, and gaining Grand Champion status, in various contests throughout the United States. Over these past four decades, they have been privileged to compete in Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, and Orlando. They have also been recognized by the General Assembly of the state of Indiana for excellence in music. In 2013, Music Warehouse will compete at Fishers, Danville, Loveland, Center Grove, and Fairfield. They are comprised of forty-six singers/dancers and a backup band of eleven. They wish the best of luck to all of the choirs competing today!



Edgewood New Edition

New Edition is a novice mixed choral ensemble. This inspired group is comprised of thirty-two, mostly freshman and sophomore, students, and a backup band of eight. Most of the students in New Edition have never participated in show choir before. They are regularly top contenders in the varsity and small mixed divisions. In 2013, New Edition will compete at Fishers, Danville, Loveland, Center Grove, and Fairfield. They wish the best of luck to all choirs performing today!

HIGH SCHOOL GROUPS



Edgewood Sophisticated Ladies

Sophisticated Ladies is celebrating its twenty-seventh exciting year in 2013. As one of the nation's most established unisex ensembles, they have attained Grand Champion status, and captured many captions, in several contests over the years. Over these past two decades, they have been privileged to compete in Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, and Orlando. In 2013, Sophisticated Ladies will compete at Fishers, Danville, Loveland, Center Grove, and Fairfield. They are comprised of thirty eight singers/dancers and a backup band of eleven. They wish the best of luck to all choirs performing today!



Franklin Advanced Women

The Advanced Women's Choir is Franklin's auditioned Women's choir that is open to all students. This ensemble will perform at numerous extracurricular events, and contests throughout the greater Franklin and Indianapolis communities. Students are expected, but not required, to participate in extracurricular activities such as IMEA All-State Choir, ISSMA Solo & Ensemble, and the Heritage Singers show choir. This is the Advanced Women's Choir's first ever performance at L.C. and is honored to be invited.

Franklin Advanced Mixed

The Advanced Mixed Concert Choir is Franklin's premiere auditioned varsity repertoire choir that is open to all students. Prior to enrollment, students must perform an audition/interview to demonstrate proficiency and commitment. This ensemble will perform at numerous extracurricular events, and contests throughout the greater Franklin and Indianapolis communities. Students are expected, but not required, to participate in extracurricular activities such as IMEA All-State Choir, ISSMA Solo & Ensemble, and the Heritage Singers show choir. This is the Advanced Mixed Choir's first ever performance at L.C. and is honored to be invited.

Kokomo Choraliers

Kokomo High School Choraliers is a 24 member Women's Concert/Show Choir grades 9 - 12. The students are very excited about their first year on the competition circuit. This young choir is a public relations ensemble. Choraliers performs in the community, at school concerts, contests, and festivals. The 2013 show consists of a wide array of musical numbers including: Ain't No Mountain High Enough, The Joint is Jumping, Turning Tables, and Firework.

Kokomo Karisma

Kokomo High School Karisma Singers is a 34 member mixed Concert/Show Choir, grades 9 -12. Karisma a public relations ensemble and is in demand for performances at community functions, as well as performing at school concerts, contests, and festivals in and out of the state of Indiana. . The 2013 high energy show consists of a wide array of musical numbers including: New Dawn, Viva La Vida, December 1963, Who Loves You, Sunday, Brand New Day, Holiday. Karisma was named 2008 Grand Champion Show Choir at the 34th Annual Bishop Luers Midwest Show Choir Invitational.

HIGH SCHOOL GROUPS



Lawrence Central Central Sound

The Central Sound is the top mixed choral ensemble and show choir from Lawrence Central High School. The group is comprised of 46 singer/dancers, 15 band and 8 crew members. During their 30 year existence, the Central sound has captured numerous Grand Champion Awards as well as caption awards for Outstanding Vocals, Visuals, Band and Soloists. In 2010, they had the great opportunity to be featured on MTV's "Made" series. Last Season's highlights include Grand Champion at both Center Grove's "Best of the Midwest" and Shelbyville's "Singing Sensational." The Central Sound is under the direction of Milo Ellis, choreographed by Ron Morgan, and the back-up band is directed by Randy Greenwell.



Lawrence Central Sweet Sensations

The Sweet Sensation is the top women's choral ensemble and show choir from Lawrence Central High School. The group is comprised of 44 singer/dancers, 10 band and 8 crew members. Sweet Sensation is comprised of ladies who excel at many different things at LC. The girls participate in band, orchestra, drama, sports and academic clubs. The Central Sound is under the direction of Milo Ellis, choreographed by Ron Morgan, and the back-up band is directed by Randy Greenwell. This year, "Sweets" have put together a show based around strong female artists. The ladies hope that you enjoy their high-energy and fun performance and wish the other Unisex groups luck today!



Pendleton Heights Pendletones

The Pendletones of Pendleton Heights High School are in their fourth year of competition. They are comprised of 25 singers and dancers in grades ten through twelve. The Pendletones have had the privilege this year of performing at Christmas at the Zoo and at a Butler men's basketball game, as well as several community events. They are supported by a stage crew and an instrumental ensemble under the direction of Michael P. Snyder. They are directed by Jenni Westman and choreographed by Eric J. Hayes.



Pendleton Heights Starlite Serenades

The Starlite Serenades of Pendleton Heights High School are in their first year of existence. They are comprised of 21 singers in grades nine through twelve. Serenades is an extracurricular choir that meets once a week to focus on their competition music. Many of the students are also in choirs that meet during the school day. They are the first concert choir that Pendleton Heights has had in over 20 years.

HIGH SCHOOL GROUPS



Shelbyville Synergy

Synergy is the award-winning show choir from Shelbyville High School in Shelbyville, Indiana. Synergy is a very active ensemble that performs regularly at high school concerts and special events, show choir competitions, and various community functions in the Central Indiana area. In addition to performing for local engagements, the choir has been a featured performance ensemble at the Indiana Music Educators Association State Convention. Credits for this award winning show choir include: Best Vocals, Best Instrumental Ensemble, Best Technical Crew, and the choir has been named Grand Champion at numerous show choir competitions.



Southmont Panache

Panache is the advanced mixed show choir from Southmont HS in Crawfordsville, Indiana. In their 27th year of existence, they are a talented group of musicians and performers whose members are involved in nearly all areas of scholastic and extra-curricular achievement at SHS. They have a storied history of performance excellence with numerous Grand Championships and caption awards throughout the years. The group is choreographed by Michael Talamonti, Jennifer Toney, and Aaron Childress and under the direction of Aaron Childress, assisted by Pam Isenberg, and accompanied by Amy Demlow and the Vim Caprice Show Band.



Southmont Sudden Impulse

Sudden Impulse is the all-girls show choir at Southmont High School. Since 1990, the group has been entertaining audiences throughout the Midwest and across the country. They also perform regularly throughout the community as outreach ambassadors for SHS. Each November, they serve as proud hostesses for the annual Southmont Show Choir Invitational. Sudden Impulse is choreographed by Michael Talamonti, Jennifer Toney, and Aaron Childress and under the direction of Aaron Childress, assisted by Pam Isenberg, and accompanied by Amy Demlow and the Vim Caprice show band.



Triton Central T.C. Singers

The Triton Central Singers consists of 27 singers and dancers from Fairland, Indiana. During past competitive seasons the show choir won the 1st place trophy in the Small Choir Festival Division at North Central and the 1st runner-up trophy in the Small School/Small Choir Division at Center Grove. Under the direction of Christie Miller-Leaser and assistant director Bridget Parker, with choreography by Lee Sakellarides and Zac Weidler, the TC Singers are proud to present their 2013 competition show "Today's Forecast" to you today.

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Warren Central Chamber Singers

Chamber Singers is a select group of singers, and is one of three advanced choirs at Warren Central High School. This talented group sings a varied repertoire of music from classical to rock, and has previously been named Grand Champion at Pike, Lawrence Central, and Danville. Comprised of 36 talented singers from freshman to seniors, they will be competing at Center Grove, Franklin Central, North Central, Lafayette Jefferson and ISSMA Organizational this year. Chamber Singers is directed by Dustin Podgorski and accompanied by Justin Stahl.



Warren Central Connection

Connection is a select group of singers and dancers, and is one of three advanced choirs at Warren Central High School in Indianapolis, IN. This talented group is comprised of 34 young men and women, ranged in grade from freshman to senior, accompanied by a show band with 8 instrumentalists. This year they will be seen competing at Center Grove, Franklin Central, North Central, Lafayette Jefferson, and ISSMA Organizational. Connection is directed by Dustin Podgorski and choreographed by Dayquan Vance, Eric Benson, Tony Weatherington, and Destiny Yarbrough,



Warren Central Expressions

Expressions is a select group of singers and dancers from Warren Central High School in Indianapolis, IN. This talented group is comprised of 33 young women, ranged in grade from freshman to junior. This year they will be seen competing at Center Grove, Franklin Central, and ISSMA district contest. Expressions is directed by Sheila Sermersheim and choreographed by Dayquan Vance and Allison Young, with accompaniment provided by Justin Stahl.



Warren Central Hi-Lites

Hi-Lites is a select group of singers and dancers, and is one of three advanced choirs at Warren Central High School in Indianapolis, IN. This talented group is comprised of 38 fabulous young women, ranged in grade from freshman to senior, and accompanied by a show band with 8 talented musicians. This year they will be seen competing at Center Grove, Franklin Central, North Central, Lafayette Jefferson, and ISSMA Organizational. Hi-Lites is directed by Dustin Podgorski and choreographed by Ashley Chandler and Dayquan Vance, with the show arrangements and band directed by Justin Stahl.

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Whiteland Rhythm Masters

The Rhythm Masters are proud to represent Whiteland Community High School in Whiteland, Indiana. Committed to excellence and entertainment, the 24 singer/dancers represent all four grade levels and are involved in football, baseball, soccer, swimming, golf, National Honor Society, PEER helpers, and Freshmen Mentors. This year the group will compete at Fishers, Pike, Center Grove, and Franklin Central and is assisted by the Rhythm Makers band and the Rhythm Movers tech crew. Rhythm Masters is under the direction of Erica Colter, choreographed by Marty DeMott, and accompanied by Christine Pfiester.



Zionsville Choralaires

Zionsville Choralaires is a women's show ensemble from Zionsville, Indiana, a village just northwest of Indianapolis. They have a 20+ year competition history that includes being finalists at competitions at many local show choir competitions throughout the Midwest. They have received awards for "best vocal sound" and "best visual effect" numerous times in their history. In 2012, the Choralaires were Grand Champions at Franklin Central, North Central, and Jefferson High Schools. In 2013, the ensemble cast includes 50 singers, 14 instrumentalists, and 12 crew members. Choreographed by Damon Brown & Jason Johnson, they are under the direction of Deana Broge and Aaron Coates.



Zionsville Royalaires

Zionsville Royalaires represent Zionsville Community High School which is located just northwest of Indianapolis, Indiana. Throughout their 48 year history, this choir has entertained school and community audiences and has competed throughout the Midwest. They have been named grand champions and caption award winners at many times throughout the last ten years. In 2012, the Royalaires were Grand Champions at Franklin Central, North Central, and Jefferson High Schools. In 2013, the ensemble cast includes 47 singers, 14 instrumentalists and 12 crew members. Choreographed by Damon Brown & Jason Johnson, they are under the direction of Deana Broge and Aaron Coates.



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PAST CHAMPIONS 2004-2012

2012 Champions

Mixed Grand Champion Lawrence Central HS
1st Runner-up..... Norwell HS
2nd Runner-up Kokomo HS
3rd Runner-up Shelbyville HS
4th Runner-up Southmont HS
Women's Grand Champion Norwell HS
Small Mixed Champion Nortwell HS
Junior High Champion..... Edgewood Jr. HS

2011 Champions

Mixed Grand Champion Zionsville HS
1st Runner-up..... Lawrence Central HS
2nd Runner-up Pike HS
3rd Runner-up Norwell HS
4th Runner-up Churubusco HS
Women's Grand Champion Norwell HS
Small Mixed Champion Nortwell HS
Junior High Champion..... Edgewood Jr. HS

2010 Champions

Mixed Grand Champion Lawrence Central
1st Runner-up..... Fairfield HS
2nd Runner-up Huntington North HS
3rd Runner-up Zionsville HS
4th Runner-up Norwell HS
Women's Grand Champion Norwell HS
Small Mixed Champion Nortwell HS
Junior High Champion..... Fairfield Jr High

2009 Champions

Mixed Grand Champion Lawrence Central
1st Runner-up..... Norwell
2nd Runner-up Mundelein
3rd Runner-up Danville (Illinois)
4th Runner-up Shelbyville
Women's Grand Champion Mundelein
Small Mixed Champion Norwell
Junior High Champion..... Edgewood

2008 Champions

Mixed Grand Champion Mt. Zion
1st Runner-up..... Huntington North
2nd Runner-up Waubonsie Valley
3rd Runner-up Lawrence Central
4th Runner-up John Hersey
Women's Grand Champion Lawrence Central

2007 Champions

Mixed Grand Champion North Central
1st Runner-up..... Huntington North
2nd Runner-up Lawrence Central
3rd Runner-up Warren Central
4th Runner-up Danville (Illinois)
Women's Grand Champion Norwell

2006 Champions

Mixed Grand Champion Huntington North
1st Runner-up..... Lawrence Central
2nd Runner-up Brownsburg
3rd Runner-up John Hersey
4th Runner-up Whiteland
Women's Grand Champion Columbia City

2005 Champions

Mixed Grand Champion Huntington North
1st Runner-up..... Lawrence Central
2nd Runner-up Ben Davis
3rd Runner-up Homestead
4th Runner-up Danville (Illinois)
5th Runner-up Norwell
Women's Grand Champion North Central

2004 Champions

Mixed Grand Champion Lawrence Central
2nd Place..... Zionsville
3rd Place..... Dekalb
4th Place..... Carroll
5th Place..... Anderson Highland
Women's Grand Champion Chesterton

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