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NIMITZ MIDDLE SCHOOL  VARSITY TREBLE CHOIR



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IN CONCERT FOR THE  
2021 NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE  
AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

ANNE SIELOFF, DIRECTOR  
KEEGAN FENTON AND DEREK FLETCHER, ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS



MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021

7:00 PM

WAGNER NOEL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

ODESSA, TEXAS

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021

3:15 PM

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

NATIONAL ACDA



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in  
SONG*

**Let All the World in Every Corner Sing**.....Andrea Ramsey  
Alliance Music Publications, Inc. 0891

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King, my God and King!  
The heavens are not too high,  
His praise may thither fly,  
The earth is not too low,  
His praise may thither grow,  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King, my God and King!  
Praise ye the Lord! Praise Him for His mighty acts.  
Praise ye the Lord! According to His excellent greatness.  
Praise ye the Lord! Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King, my God and King.  
The church with psalms must shout,  
No door can keep them out;  
But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.  
Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet.  
Praise Him with the timbrel and dance,  
Praise Him with the strings and organ,  
Praise Him upon the cymbals,  
Praise Him! Praise ye the Lord!  
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord,  
Praise ye the Lord!

**Wau Bulan**.....arr. Tracy Wong  
Cypress Choral Music 1537

Ewah buleh teraju tigo  
Alah ewah teraju tigo

Wow, the three-cornered moon  
Wow, the three-cornered moon

**O Love**.....Elaine Hagenberg  
Beckenhorst Press 2170

O Love, that will not let me go,  
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.  
O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,  
O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain  
And feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

**A Million Dreams**.....arr. Mac Huff  
Hal Leonard Corporation 00345805

I close my eyes, and I can see a world that's waiting up for me that I call my own.  
Through the dark, through the door, through where no one's been before, but it feels like home.  
They can say it all sounds crazy. They can say I've lost my mind.  
I don't care, so call me crazy. We can live in a world that we design.

'Cause every night I lie in bed, the brightest colors fill my head  
A million dreams are keeping me awake.  
I think of what the world could be, a vision of the one I see  
A million dreams is all it's gonna take.  
Oh, a million dreams for the world we're gonna make.

There's a house we can build, every room inside is filled with things from far away.  
Special things I compile, each one there to make you smile on a rainy day.  
They can say it all sounds crazy. They can say we've lost our minds.  
I don't care if they call us crazy. Run away to a world that we design.

However big, however small, let me be part of it all.  
Share your dreams with me.  
You may be right, you may be wrong, but say that you'll bring me along to the world you see.  
To the world I close my eyes to see.









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January 1, 2021

To the members of the American Choral Directors Association:

It is an honor to introduce the Varsity Treble Choir from Nimitz Middle School, under the direction of Anne Sieloff. Ector County Independent School District is grateful to the American Choral Directors Association for the opportunity to share with you the music of these talented students at the 2021 National Conference. To be chosen by ACDA to perform before outstanding musicians, directors, and other professionals is a privilege that few music teachers and their students ever achieve. We are delighted to be among such a group of passionate professionals who change the lives of our students through music education.

The ECISD Fine Arts Department is proud of the many achievements of our students and staff, and we strive to continue providing superior opportunities for all ECISD students while constantly adapting and improving our programs. We want to give the very best education to the students of ECISD, and a part of any true quality education is participation and knowledge of fine arts.

I congratulate the Nimitz Middle School Treble Choir on their perseverance and dedication in these unique months of preparation. Their discipline attests to their love of music and performance and to the commitment of their instructors, Anne Sieloff, Derek Fletcher, and Keegan Fenton. This dedication is the key to the excellence of our Fine Arts programs. Ladies, we are proud of your accomplishment, and we are excited to share your performance with the membership of ACDA.

We thank the parents, school board, and administration who have supported arts education in ECISD. We are very proud of these students and hope that the membership of ACDA will enjoy their performance.

Sincerely,




Dr. Aaron Hawley  
 Director of Fine Arts,  
 Ector County ISD



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December 17, 2021

To the Members of the American Choral Directors Association:


The Ector County Independent School District is extremely honored to have our Nimitz Middle School Varsity Treble Choir perform at the 2021 National Conference for the American Choral Directors Association. This gifted group of young ladies, under the direction of Anne Sieloff, exemplifies the high standard of fine arts education that positively impacts the lives of students throughout ECISD.

ECISD is committed to providing its students with opportunities for quality music education and enrichment through its fine art programs, to achieve goals and experience personal growth. We believe a quality education is one that includes a balanced curriculum that recognizes, supports, and encourages student development in the arts.


The choral music program of Nimitz Middle School has flourished under the direction of Ms. Anne Sieloff, Mr. Derek Fletcher, and Ms. Keegan Fenton in every area of individual and group achievement. Its members represent the exemplary standards of performance that all students of various academic, athletic and music organizations of our district strive to achieve. Thank you to our students, teachers, parents, and administrators for coming together during these past several challenging months to make this opportunity a reality for our students.

Being invited to perform for the ACDA National Conference is one of the highest honors that any musical organization can achieve. Thank you for the opportunity to showcase this fine ensemble and to perform for such a prestigious audience. I know the students will give you their very best!

Sincerely,



Dr. Scott Muri  
 Superintendent of Schools



**DR. SCOTT MURI**  
 Superintendent of Schools

Believing OUR Students are THE Future, the mission of Ector County Independent School District is to prepare our students to be prepared for success to be adaptable.

**NIMITZ ADMIRALS**

Nimitz Middle School 4900 Maple Ave Odessa, TX 79762 432.456.0469

December 16, 2020


To the members of the American Choral Directors Association,

It is with great Admiral Pride that our Nimitz Middle School Varsity Treble Choir has been honored with an invitation to perform at the 2021 National ACDA Conference. The opportunity for our choral program to perform at such a prestigious event is a tribute to our choir's perseverance and dedication to excellence.


Nimitz Middle School is delighted to have Head Director, Anne Sieloff, and Assistant Directors, Keegan Fenton and Derek Fletcher, leading our choral program. As these young ladies represent Nimitz Middle School, I challenge them to perform in a manner that exemplifies their determination to stand shoulders above the rest. This performance and their hard work leading up to it, will become a cherished memory of their choral experience while in middle school.

I would like to thank the ACDA Performing Choir Selection Committee for allowing Nimitz Middle School the honor of performing at the National ACDA Conference.

With kindest regards,



Mrs. Teresa Willison  
 Principal  
 Nimitz Middle School



**MRS. TERESA WILLISON**  
 Principal  
 Nimitz Middle School



**ANNE SIELOFF** is in her seventh year as a music educator and currently serves as the Head Choir Director at Nimitz Middle School in Odessa, Texas. Anne earned her Bachelor of Music Education degree from Michigan State University in 2014.

Anne directs Nimitz Middle School's Varsity Treble and Varsity Tenor-Bass Choirs, and she led the 2020 premiere of Nimitz Choir's newest ensemble, Admiral Singers – a select mixed choir. Choirs under Mrs. Sieloff's direction have consistently earned superior ratings and Sweepstakes at UIL Concert and Sightreading Evaluations.

In 2018, Anne took part in piloting and organizing Ector County ISD's 5th Grade Honor Choir, which she took the lead role in organizing in 2019 and 2020. Anne has been invited to present at several professional conferences, including the Texas Music Educators Association conference in 2018 and the forthcoming Texas Choral Directors Association Conference in 2021. Mrs. Sieloff's article "Creating an Environment for Success in Middle School Choir" was published in the August 2018 issue of Southwestern Musician. In 2019, Mrs. Sieloff served as the soprano section leader for the Texas Choral Directors Association JH/MS All-State Choir. Anne currently serves as the MS/JH Coordinator for TMEA Region 6 Choir and the Secretary for TMEA Region 6 Music.

Mrs. Sieloff has been married to her greatest fan and loving husband, Ken Sieloff, for nearly three years.



**KEEGAN FENTON** is in her second year of teaching choir at Nimitz Middle School in Odessa, TX. She graduated from West Texas A&M University in Canyon, TX with a bachelor's degree in Music Education after studying music therapy for her first two and a half years. During her freshman year of college, Miss Fenton performed at the 2016 TMEA convention with the WTAMU choir. Miss Fenton has her wonderful secondary choir teachers to thank for cultivating her love and passion for music. She loves singing with her colleagues, spending time with family and friends, and being outdoors. Miss Fenton is looking forward to creating even more music and memories with her students.



**DEREK FLETCHER** is currently in his second year as an associate choir director at Nimitz Middle School. Growing up in Odessa, Texas, Derek has always been surrounded by wonderful and inspiring music educators. During his time at Permian High School he was a member of the TMEA All State Mixed choir two times before graduating in 2014. Derek earned a bachelor's degree in music education from the University of North Texas. During his time at UNT he was able to sing under and learn from many incredible conductors and teachers. Upon graduating he was recognized with a TMEA Collegiate Music Educator award. He was very happy to return to his hometown after graduating. At Nimitz Mr. Fletcher leads the 6th Grade Boys Choir and Intermediate Tenor-Bass Choir. His hobbies include watching very dramatic reality TV shows and Mamma Mia Karaoke.





STEPHANIE CARTER enjoyed the travels associated with growing up in a military family during her elementary and secondary school years. Stephanie Carter attended Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, where she met her husband, J. D. Carter. She finished her degree in Music Education at the University of Texas Permian Basin after her husband accepted a teaching position with ECISD in Odessa.

She has taught both general music at the elementary level and choir at the middle school level with Ector County Independent School District and now enjoys accompanying choirs at both the middle school and high school level.

She currently owns and oversees two companies, Fresh Home Services and Fiber-Seal of West Texas.

## NIMITZ MIDDLE SCHOOL VARSITY TREBLE CHOIR

### SOPRANO 1

Allyson Bee  
Ava Bowen  
Dylan Chavez  
Caitlyn Cody  
Rayna Gillen-Rojas  
Miranda Gutierrez  
Madelyn Linville  
Emma McAnear  
Miley Minyard

### SOPRANO 2

Kailynn Adams  
Mia Bermea  
Essie Cox  
Clarissa Galindo  
Victoria Jimenez  
Maggie McQuatters  
Deavyn Neal  
Camila Ovalle  
Braelynn Pugh  
Anaceli Sanchez  
Bella Valencia

### ALTO 1

Stormy Bass  
Brookelynn Bland  
Mya Champagne  
Presley Christopher  
Alexandra Crissinger  
Noa Espluga-Zarate  
Olivia Fulbright  
Genell Garcia  
Kianna Hignojos  
Brianna Luna  
Lily Lynch  
Elleyna Martinez  
Audrie Ronquillo  
Caidence Searcy

### ALTO 2

Londyen Bell  
Adaly Brito  
Adamari Brito  
Lacy Clark  
Kadence Cornelius  
Jenesis Paget  
Alayna Rios  
Alexandra Rubio  
Addison Sheehan  
Jencee Thompson  
Keira Turnbull-Hernandez  
Lily Windham

### ABOUT ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ector County Independent School District is dedicated to four non-negotiable principles – Academic Excellence; College & Career Readiness; Safe & Supportive Learning Environments; and Purposeful, Timely, 2-way Communication. ECISD operates two comprehensive 6-A high schools, Odessa High School and Permian High School; two early college high schools which give students the chance to earn up to 60 hours of college credit by the time they graduate; a New Tech high school that specializes in project-based learning with an emphasis on the use of technology and student-directed learning; and Advanced Technical Centers offering electives for students to embark on college- and career-focused education. With 43 campuses and record enrollment of more than 33,000, ECISD reflects the thriving energy industry and growth of the Permian Basin region.

Finally, we are proud to note, for the past six years ECISD has been named one of the Best Communities for Music Education, a prestigious distinction from the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation. The fine arts have a rich tradition in Odessa, one that is carried on by our current generation of students and directors!

### ABOUT NIMITZ MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR

Nimitz Middle School holds a long-standing tradition of choral excellence, boasting over 250 singers in seven performing ensembles. The Varsity Treble Choir is an auditioned ensemble that consists of 50 singers in grades seven and eight. Under the direction of Mrs. Sieloff, the members of the Varsity Treble Choir have received consistent UIL Concert & Sightreading Evaluation Sweepstakes Awards, Superior ratings at Solo & Ensemble, and numerous positions in the Region 6 JH/MS All-Region Choir. The Varsity Treble Choir is committed to a message of finding female strength in unity and sharing our passion for rooting this sisterhood in song.







*ACDA has been such an amazing experience; allowing me to grow as a singer but also as a friend for others in the choir. – Brooke Bland*

*The friendships I have built this year are unbreakable because when you go through something like this, the people whom you call your friends will stick forever. You may not see it, but just know our masks are hiding our smiles. – Jenesis Paget*

*I have learned to work harder for dreams I want to achieve in life and that more things are possible if you work hard for it. – Camila Ovalle*

*It was a hard emotional journey, but at the end it all paid off. – Noa Zarate*

*Even in difficult times we can still make beautiful music. – Lily Windham*

*ACDA has meant so much for me. It has boosted my confidence, knowing that through all the difficult factors we faced this year, we still managed to do our best. – Genell Garcia*



*Music brings people together, and it has strengthened my choir family. – Ava Bowen*

*I always feel happy when I sing, so choir always makes me happy. It's a place for me to be myself. – Brianna Luna*



*ACDA has made me stronger as a singer. I have made stronger relationships with some of my older friends, and it means so much to me that I get to sing with all my friends. – Braelynn Pugh*

*I feel like this concert is the time for all of us to shine and let everyone hear our beautiful voices and the songs we've worked so hard on. This is one night I'll never forget. To all my sisters, love Anaceli Sanchez*

*This is a once in a lifetime experience that brought me out of my comfort zone. – Elleyna Martinez*



To My Girls...

How can I even put into words what this adventure has meant to me? I have adored every moment spent with you this year. You have tirelessly faced every hurdle and barrier in your way and conquered the massive and unique challenges of this year with grace. You have done what some would say is impossible, and you did it with joy and passion. I am in awe of your fierce spirits and your hearts that never tire in their ability to love. As you grow and go your separate ways, remember our time together this year and the strength and loyalty that you have found in your choir sisters. Remember that you are beautiful, you are enough, and you each have something unique and important to share with the world.

I hope you continue to find strength and purpose in the voice that music gives you. Bare your souls in this performance and wear your hearts on your sleeves because you are sharing a message that the world needs to hear – a message of joy, love, and a desire for making the world a kinder and better place. I love you.

Love,

Mrs. Sieloff



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Nimitz MS Choir Parents

Nimitz Choir Booster Club

Nimitz MS Fine Arts Department

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Ken Sieloff, Keegan Fenton, and Derek Fletcher – *My heart, my rocks, and my constant source of inspiration*







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*2021 National Conference of the American Choral Directors Association*