



JANUARY 25, 2025

THE CENTRE FOR ARTS AND LEADERSHIP
FLOWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

WARM-UP START END		PERFORMANCE START END		GROUP #	GROUP SCHOOL	GROUP NAME	DIVISION
8:35	9:00	9:05	9:35	1	Madison Middle	Kadence	Single Gender
9:10	9:35	9:40	10:10	2	Northwest Rankin	Accord	X-Large
10:10-10:20 BREAK							
9:50	10:15	10:20	10:50	3	Madison Middle	Kaleidoscope	Middle
10:25	10:50	10:55	11:25	4	Jackson Academy	Showtime	X-Large
11:00	11:25	11:30	12:00	5	Jackson Prep	Fusion	Exhibition
12:00-12:15 AWARDS CEREMONY							
12:15-1:25 LUNCH BREAK							
12:55	1:20	1:25	1:55	1	Northwest Rankin	Allure	Single Gender
1:30	1:55	2:00	2:30	2	Morton High	One A'Chord	Small
2:05	2:30	2:35	3:05	3	Northwest Rankin	Ambitions	Single Gender
3:05-4:05 BREAK							
3:35	4:00	4:05	4:35	4	Spain Park High	Rhapsody in Blue	Large
4:10	4:35	4:40	5:10	5	Northwest Rankin	Ambassadors	Large
4:45	5:10	5:15	5:45	6	Jackson Academy	Encore	Large
5:20	5:45	5:50	6:20	7	Jackson Prep	Reveillon	Exhibition
6:20-6:50 AWARDS CEREMONY - Finals Placement Determination							
6:50-7:45 SUPPER BREAK							
7:45-7:50 Solo Comp Winner - Female							
7:20	7:45	7:50	8:20		Group 1		
8:20-8:25 Solo Comp Winner - Male							
7:55	8:20	8:25	8:55		Group 2		
8:30	9:55	9:00	9:30		Group 3		
9:05	9:30	9:35	10:05		Group 4		
10:25-10:45 AWARDS CEREMONY							

PLEASE NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY. NO VIDEOGRAPHY IN THEATRE. NO FOOD OR DRINK.
 Any schedule changes will be displayed on screens around campus.
 First two rows reserved for family of performing groups.

SHOW CHOIR MASTERS JUDGES

DARREN DALE grew up in Clinton, MS, where he honed his love for music and performing arts. He earned undergraduate degrees in both marketing and music education from Mississippi College and a master's in music education from the University of Southern Mississippi. While in college, Mr. Dale performed in many operas, musicals, and performing ensembles. Darren feels fortunate to have served as a music educator for the past 17 years. Many of Mr. Dale's former students are now pursuing careers in music and entertainment. He has judged show choir and choral music contests across the country. As an educator, Mr. Dale firmly believes in the potential of every single student, and he hopes to provide a place where all students feel heard, valued, and appreciated. Mr. Dale loves game shows, and he appeared on *Let's Make a Deal* with host Wayne Brady. He also appeared on *Good Morning America* to accept a donation to the arts programs at his school. This past year, Darren contributed to a special project titled Teaching with Primary Sources. Through this project, he worked with a representative from the Library of Congress to use their online resources to create a lesson on the Mississippi Blues. Mr. Dale recently made his professional theatre debut in *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* as Righteous Brother #1, Neil Sedaka, and Lou Adler at New Stage Theatre in Jackson, MS. Darren currently teaches choral music at Forest Hill High School in Jackson, MS.

HELEN HOUSE is a Jackson, MS, native and a 2014 graduate of Jackson Preparatory School. She furthered her education at the University of Mississippi (class of 2028), where she continued to cultivate her passion for performing. Following her time at Ole Miss, Helen pursued her dance career by training at the EDGE Performing Arts Center in Los Angeles, CA, beginning in 2019. Upon her return to Mississippi, Helen established House Studio: Commercial Dance, bringing her expertise in commercial dance back to her home community. She has enjoyed dancing and teaching here in Jackson for the last 5 years.

DAVID MOELLENKAMP is a celebrated educator and visionary leader, marking 33 extraordinary years in education. As the director of choral activities at Los Alamitos High School, and formerly the assistant principal of the Visual and Performing Arts Department, he has redefined excellence in choral music and performing arts education. With a Bachelor of Music Education from Millikin University in Illinois and a Master of Administration from National University, David has combined academic rigor with boundless creativity to inspire generations of students. David's illustrious career is adorned with a dazzling array of accolades. He was honored as the Kennedy Center Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher of the Year, the Orange County Department of Education Secondary Music Educator of the Year, Los Alamitos Unified Teacher of the Year,

PTSA Teacher of the Year, and the Outstanding Leader in Performing Arts by the Seal Beach Arts Council. He also received the prestigious Fame Aspire Choir Director of the Year award, was recognized for Excellence in Special Education by SELPA, and was celebrated by *Playbill* as one of the most influential educators shaping Broadway's next generation. For 14 unforgettable summers, David brought his magic to the renowned Stagedoor Manor in New York as a director and choreographer. Currently, he shares his expertise as an adjunct professor at Cal State Long Beach. His choirs have achieved an awe-inspiring record of over 200 Grand Champion titles—a testament to his unparalleled dedication and artistry. When he's not transforming lives through music, David embraces life's adventures. A passionate surfer and CrossFit enthusiast, he thrives on challenges that match his dynamic energy and commitment to excellence.

GARY PACKWOOD is a distinguished figure recognized for his inspirational and motivational contributions as a conductor, pedagogue, and lecturer. His influence has reached audiences across North and South America, Europe, and Asia, showcasing his global impact in the realm of music education. Dr. Packwood's extensive teaching career spans over 30 years, marked by notable engagements conducting all-state and honor choirs, leading large festival choirs across three continents, as well as preparing back-up singers for Grammy Award winners Bob McGrath & Sesame Street, Celine Dion, Shania Twain, and The Chieftains. His leadership as the director of choral studies has left an indelible mark on schools in Alabama, Louisiana, Florida, and Mississippi. In addition to his prowess as a conductor and educator, Dr. Packwood is an active composer with a notable presence in the choral music scene. His compositions and series can be found with reputable publishers such as Gentry Publications, Santa Barbara Music, Alliance Music, and MusicSpoke. His dedication to advancing the field is further evident in his written contributions, including articles in the *Choral Journal*, *Teaching Music*, the 2nd Edition of the *AmeriGrove Dictionary*, and book chapters in GIA's *Conducting Men's Choirs* and Hal Leonard's *Choral Reflections: Insights from American Choral Conductor-Teachers*. A lifetime member of the ACDA (American Choral Directors Association), Dr. Packwood has served in leadership roles, including the presidency of the southern region of the ACDA. This attests to his commitment to the professional development and advancement of choral music on a regional and national level. Originally from Baton Rouge, Gary Packwood commenced his teaching career with general music for K-5th grades before achieving success as a high school choral director in the Palm Beach School District in Florida. While not retired, Dr. Packwood returned to his hometown in 2024, where he continues to lead an active career as a conductor, clinician, composer, and educational consultant.

VERDA SLINKARD taught at Edgewood High School for 38 years where she started the show choir Music Warehouse. The relocated to Lafayette Jefferson in 2012, where she was the director of the First Edition and Expressions. In 2020, Verda moved back to southern Indiana, where she grew up, to teach at Salem Schools. Upon the completion of 50 years of teaching choral

music, Verda retired in 2023. Her groups have long been regarded as major trendsetters in the nation. Many innovations in the show choir idiom originally began at Edgewood High School. She was on staff at Show Choir Camps of America for 36 years and loves judging and doing clinic work all over the country. Many of Verda's closest friends are people she met through show choir over the years.



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CONCESSIONS

Powerade.....	\$4.00
Soft Drinks.....	\$3.00
Water.....	\$3.00
Popcorn.....	\$3.00
Candy.....	\$3.00

DINING COMMONS

10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

ANY TIME SNACKS

Bottled Soda	\$4.00
Bottled Water	\$3.00
Giant Cookie	\$3.00
Chips	\$3.00
Candy	\$3.00
Fruit	\$3.00

GRILL ITEMS

Hamburger.....	\$5.00
Cheeseburger.....	\$6.00
Chicken Tenders.....	\$7.00
French Fries.....	\$3.00
Pizza Slice.....	\$5.00
Entrée Salad.....	\$10.00

ROLLING BEANS

AVAILABLE 7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

SHOUT OUTS (\$2.00)

SOLD IN THE LOBBY OF THE THEATRE

PHOTO BOOTH

LOCATED IN THE LOBBY OF THE THEATRE